

NIRAS Agribusiness Development



Uganda. aBi Trust and Programme (2010-2014) is a four year programme under Danida, Sida and EU where advisory support is provided to a newly established Trust and the implementation of technical activities. The purpose of the Trust is to promote growth within Agribusiness in Uganda through channelling of funds; innovative means of financial services and technical support to development of Business Development Services (particular support to service providers) and Micro Small Medium Enterprises.



Nepal. PPTA for Nepal Highland Mountain Agribusiness And Livelihood Improvement Project (Himali) 2009-2010 supports the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives in preparing an investment project proposal. The main focus looking at potential high mountain niche products and their value chain to develop livelihood packages including agribusiness and livelihood related infrastructure. And develop natural resources management options for improved sustainable livelihoods in the light of Climatic Changes



Mali: PAPERPRIM (component B) aims to support the building up of a favourable environment for small scale entrepreneurs in two rural regions of Mali. Support is given to the Regional Councils in their effort to adopt and implement a private sector development plan, to regional and local business associations in their effort to defend the interests and improve the skills of their members, and to small scale entrepreneurs in selected value chains in their effort to develop their business and create local employment.



South Africa: Institutional and Implementation Support in SMME Development in RSA (2006-2009): Strategic level technical assistance for the institutional development of Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA). The focus of the project was to clarify SEDAs role, structure and products as a service provide for quality business support services for rural and urban SMMEs. By the end of the programme targeted quality business support services has been made available through SEDA in provinces of SA and great outreach to smaller towns.



Zambia: The aim of the PROFIT Smallholder Dairy Industry Development Program (2007-2011) is to increase productivity and competitiveness of the Zambian dairy value-chain through 1) improvement of inter firm cooperation and 2) development of support markets of critically important services and products. Since project start the processors collection of milk from small holders has quadrupled, average productivity at targeted farms has increased by 28 percent and animal health has significantly improved through services provided by private veterinaries.



Vietnam: Preparing the Quality and Safety Improvement in Agricultural Products Loan Programme in Vietnam 2008-2009, under the Asian Development Bank. In this project technical assistance was provided to design a 100 mill USD loan. The loan is for a national programme to promote and support a nation wide system for the appliance and compliance with food and quality safety standards in agricultural products and production with a particular focus on SMEs. The design involved evaluation of the legislative and institutional framework as well as information flow and demand by SMEs



Cambodia. The Tonle Sap Technology Demonstrations for Productivity Enhancement in Cambodia (2010-2013) is a three year programme under the Asian Development Bank. The aim is to promote of the use of IT communication tools as information vehicles for improved agricultural practices and marketing: of agricultural produce. Activities on improved and innovative production practices will be coupled with market information and made available to various stakeholders including farmers via small e-kiosk (small shop with a computer) and mobile phones. This way updated information and guidance can be accessed easily and cheaply by a large group of multiple stakeholders.



Ukraine: Services for managing two Agro-based value chains in Ukraine ((2010-2013) is a three year programme under Danida to support selected value chains within Dairy and Fruit & Vegetables. Through a facilitating office local Service providers are capacity build to support local agribusiness; linkages are promoted between various actors in the chain e.g. contracts between producer groups and processors; and competitive grants are provided to improve investment. Last but not least information sharing is supported to ensure better integration among all actors involved and public private partnerships are supported to overcome legislative obstacles.



Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. The Support to Seed Industry Development projects supports the development of seed industries that work according to internationally accepted standards, enabling it to produce and market high-quality seed of modern varieties for the farmers. Component 1, Seed, develops legislation and organisations, systems and mechanisms for variety registration, catalogue, quarantine, seed production in the field, handling, processing and marketing and promotion of priority crops. Component 2, Plant Breeding, develops plant breeding programs for important crops, sustainable structures for plant breeding and assists a new generation of breeders.