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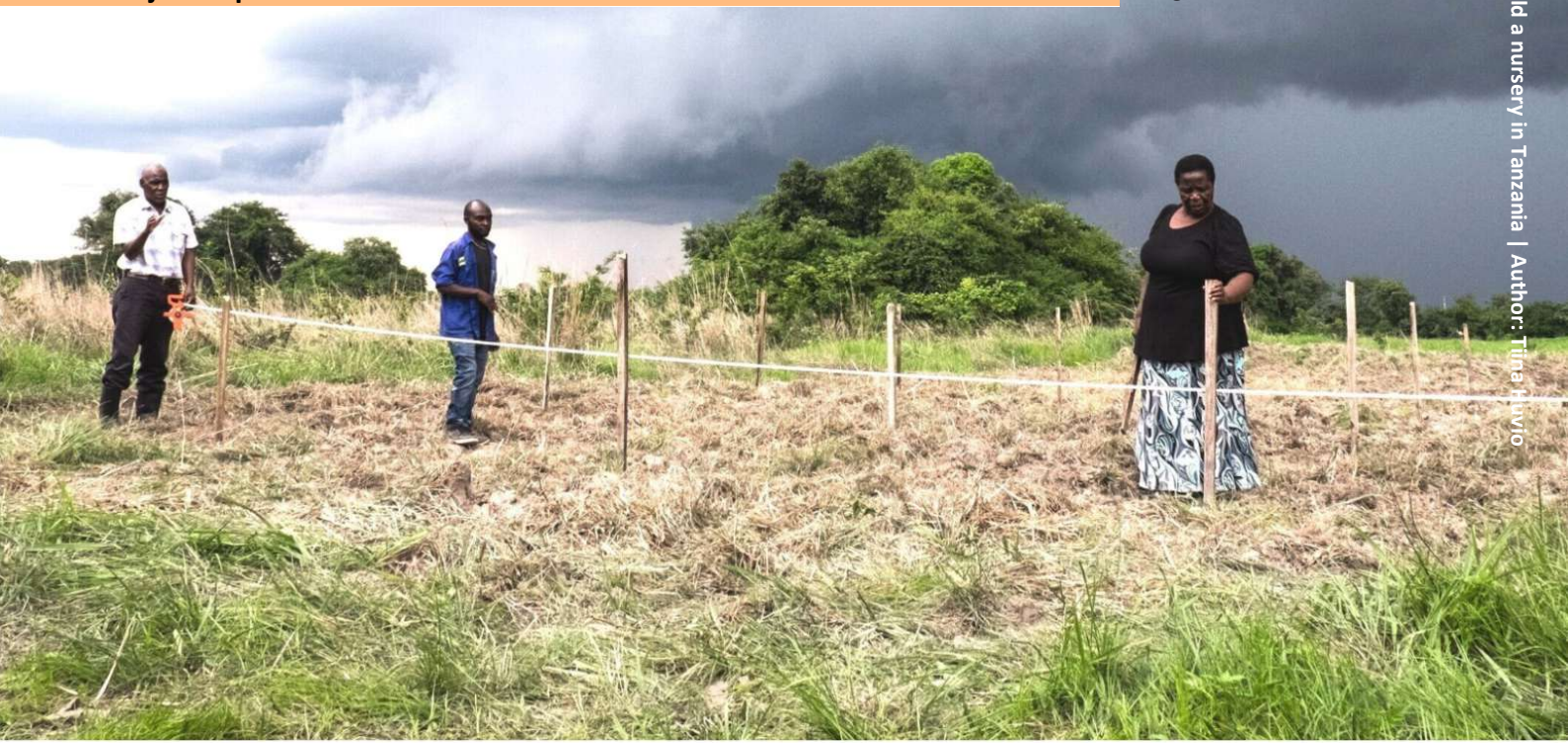
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WHO WE ARE

We are FFD, Food and Forest Development Finland, a non-profit organization improving the livelihoods of small-holder farmers and farm forestry producers in Asia, Africa and Latin America since 2012.

“Wealthy and resilient rural areas where men, women and youth can develop their future sustainably, free of hunger and poverty.”

Our roots are in the Finnish farmers’ and forest owners’ movement, represented by our four member organizations: The Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners of Finland (MTK), the Central Union of Swedish-Speaking Agricultural Producers in Finland (SLC), the Association of ProAgria Centres and the Pellervo Coop Center.

Our projects build on the Farmers Fighting Poverty (FFP) programme implemented by AgriCord Alliance and its member organizations. Our projects support a variety of rural livelihoods in developing countries, focusing on agriculture, silviculture, agroforestry, aquaculture and apiculture. Results are achieved through training and capacity building, organizational strengthening, improving value chains and improving market connections. The project partners are always Farmers’ Organizations, namely agricultural producer organizations, forest owners’ organizations, cooperatives and cooperative unions.

“To improve smallholder farmers’ and forest owners’ livelihoods by creating jobs through strong farmers’ organizations.”

Our focus is on strengthening the capacities of these member-based farmers’ organisations, which also form an important part of the civil society in rural areas. We have a strong emphasis on downward accountability, participation, representativity, and inclusiveness. Approximately half of our projects support forest-based livelihood systems. Support for gender and vulnerable groups and climate sustainability are priorities in all our projects. In recent years we have increasingly invested in results orientation and learning to improve the quality and sustainability of our results.



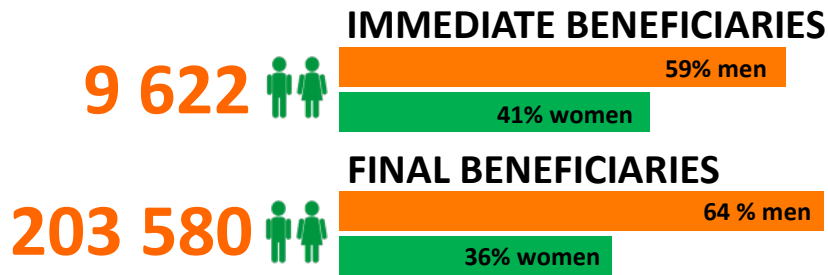
Maalta maalle,

Metsästä metsään.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS



Improving livelihoods in rural areas



- 37%** Average increase in income of farmers and forest owners.
- 4 746** Farmers with improved production skills
- 6 732** Farmers with improved value chain development skills

10 PROJECTS IN 6 COUNTRIES

Supporting farm forestry, silviculture, forest management and forest product marketing in Ethiopia, Nepal, Tanzania and Vietnam; agricultural production and horticultural production and marketing of products in Mozambique and Tanzania; preparatory work and starting a new horticultural project in Tanzania; preparatory work for a new farm forestry project in Kenya



Around 40 000 members benefitted from various services by the FOs and turnover of FOs increased, e.g. in Nepal by 18%. Several climate change adaptation measures were implemented e.g. agroforestry, forest fire management, improved irrigation efficiency, crop diversification and soil improvement through compost use. In Vietnam 26 cooperatives implemented climate smart practices and in Tanzania 491 potato farmers adopted climate smart production in just one season. In our projects in Tanzania, horticulture productivity increased by 31-39% (depending on the crop) in Zanzibar and potato yields were doubled in Njombe. Our project in Vietnam has been able to integrate forest

services into farmers' cooperatives, strengthen the role of small farmers as an important player in the forest sector, develop farmers' income generation opportunities and increase the area under sustainable forest management.

The outcomes of the projects have led to improved and more resilient livelihoods for the FO members. In all projects with full-year implementation farmers' income increased: the income increases in forestry projects ranged from 8% (Tanzania) to 10% (both Vietnam and Nepal forestry) to 57% in horticulture project in Tanzania. Land under sustainable agricultural / horticultural production and sustainable forest management was 3 694 ha at the end of 2019.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

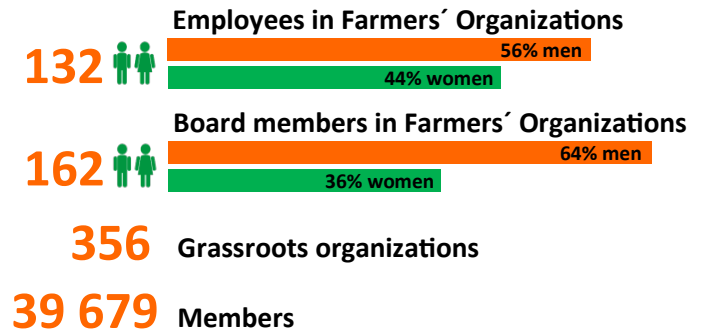


Bringing positive changes for civil society

During 2019 Farmers' Organizations (FOs) improved their service delivery and enhanced their members' capacity in climate smart, sustainable agricultural production and Sustainable Forest Management as well as value chain development.

FO staff's capacity to provide timely and appropriate advice to farmers in climate change adaptation and mitigation increased in six FOs.

Our activities, e.g. trainings and advisory support provided by our team and the twinning partners have strengthened the civil society by improving the functioning of grassroots farmers' organizations in all project locations. In Mozambique where the project started mid-2019 after cyclone Idai, the activities were focused on rehabilitation. The support provided to local cooperatives encouraged producers to maintain and strengthen their organizations as a way out of the challenging situation. In Ethiopia community leaders were capacitated on functional value chains and marketing which improved the operating environment. In Nepal the community forest user groups learnt and understood their roles and responsibilities as group members. In Tanzania, farmers and forest owners benefitted from extensive lobbying and advocacy to improve the sector and operating environment. In Vietnam, cooperatives increased the skills of smallholder farmers while promoting and preparing to achieve a certified wood production. In all projects, inclusion of women and youth yielded results with increased participation by these groups.



10 FARMERS' ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTED

- 8** Climate risk assessment and management plan
- 10** Democratic decision making
- 10** Providing improved advisory services to members
- 6** With production related quality systems
- 9** With a business plan
- 9** With a result based M&E system functioning
- 8** With market information systems in place



Supporting wealth creation

375 940€
CHANNELLED TO
FARMERS

1,87 € GENERATED PER 1€

	Funds managed by FO (€)	FO* turnover (€)
Ethiopia	89 989	209360
Nepal	25 859	25321
Tanzania (TAHA)	74 068	121774
TOTAL	189 916	356 456

* FOs that shared their turnover for 2019



Addressing the challenge of climate change

2 500 000
SEEDLINGS PLANTED

3 694 hectares
SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT

LOCAL

In 2019 we supported all our partner FOs to address smallholder farmers' adaptation to climate change and opportunities for mitigation in several ways. We facilitated participatory climate risk management in FOs, linked FOs with locally relevant climate actors and processes, strengthened smallholders' technical capacities to confront climate change and to offer context-specific solutions. During the year, five FO partners were trained in climate risk assessment and/or preparation of mitigation plans. Eight FOs produced and approved a climate risk assessment, management and recovery plan for themselves. In addition, three Community Forest User Groups in Nepal incorporated climate change adaptation and mitigation into their revised Forest Management Plans.

We work in countries where the demand of wood is increasing year after year. Therefore, we focus on increasing the productivity of managed forests, plantations and agroforestry systems to provide the necessary resources contributing to reduce deforestation of natural landscapes. In all the forest projects, we support the establishment of nurseries to produce seedlings of useful tree species and extension for sustainable forest management. Biodiversity has been promoted by including some indigenous species to be grown in nurseries. Certification of sustainable forest management through smallholder cooperatives is being tested in Central Vietnam.



Members of the board of UWAM/MA | Author: Tiina Huvilo

GLOBAL

At the global level, we coordinated development of an AgriCord climate vulnerability assessment methodology tool for FOs. The tool was tested with our FO partners in Nepal and Tanzania.

The tool '**AgriCord Building Resilience Toolkit 1, FO Members Assessing Climate Risks and Designing Adaptation. Step-by-Step Guidance for a Farmers' Organization and its Members**' is now finalized to be further tested by the members of the AgriCord alliance thereby enhancing not just our own work but also the work of 12 other agri-agencies across the world. In 2019, a new phase to coordinate the climate work within the AgriCord alliance was launched and one of the first activities was to participate in the Climate funding event by EIB in Luxemburg and in the COP25 in Madrid.

In our role to coordinate the AgriCord collaboration with FAO's Forest and Farm Facility (FFF), we contributed to the resilience assessment of farmer organizations and for the organizational assessment of FOs. FFF emphasises the role of the forest and farm producer organisations in action against climate change and in increasing livelihoods especially for women, youth and indigenous peoples, all of which we strongly support.



Author: Tiina Huvilo

Kastory Timbula teaching how to assess climate risks in Matembwe

Compensate Support adaptation Combat poverty

FFD-HOPE slogan

13 CLIMATE ACTION

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Assessing options for mitigation

FFD-HOPE

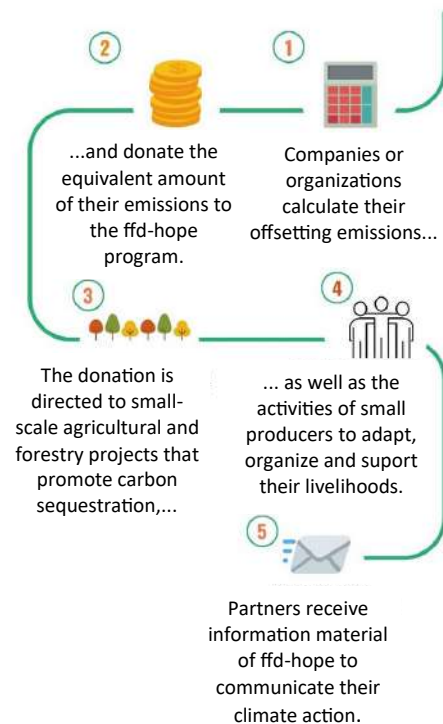
In 2019, we assessed opportunities for carbon sequestration and emission reductions through FO projects using internationally known certificates and established direct contact with e.g. Gold Standard. Recognizing that the present carbon sequestration schemes are rather exclusive and their verification system is managed from top-down, we set up an inclusive carbon compensation scheme, **FFD-Hope**.

FFD-Hope provides an opportunity for individuals and organizations to compensate their carbon footprint and support adaptation and resilience of farmers in developing countries. FFD-Hope helps small farmers to adapt to climate change and mitigate climate change by channelling more resources that will directly benefit the Farmers' Organizations. FFD-Hope was launched to the public in May at the World Village Festival in Helsinki.

The foundation for FFD-Hope activities in Vietnam using smallholder forest producer cooperatives in Central Vietnam was created in 2019, and the administration of the voluntary emissions compensation scheme was officially approved in November 2019.

The methodology for the baseline study was designed to be launched in 2020.

HOW FFD-HOPE WORKS?



OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

We assessed our own carbon footprint in 2019 preparing a path to reduce it further. FFD experts also trained and assisted other Finnish NGOs on carbon footprint calculations. In addition, FFD participated actively in the climate coordination group of the Central Union of Finnish Farmers and Forest Owners (MTK).

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Farmers in Marang'a Kenya | Author: Noora Simola



Improving a unique approach

QUALITY AND RESULTS CONTENT

In 2019 we continued to invest in strengthening both our own and our partners' capacities on Result Based Management. We adopted an updated **'Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Policy and Guidelines'** (FFD 2019) and continued to further develop our result-based planning and monitoring tools. One of the tools was an improved risk assessment and management matrix that helps both us and our partners to assess and manage better both external and internal risks during planning and implementation of the projects. The tools were piloted in MFA Finland financed forestry and agriculture projects in Ethiopia, Mozambique, Nepal and Tanzania.

PEER-TO-PEER

In our projects we apply a unique approach of enlisting twinning partners from Finland to support their Southern colleagues. We channel the expertise and experience of Finnish agricultural and forestry organizations and farmers' networks to accompany our partner Farmers' Organizations by harnessing appropriate expertise on technical, extension and management.



Pirkko Suhonen with a Tanzanian farmer in Zanzibar
Author: Riikka Nieminen

GENDER EQUALITY POLICY

The gender policy solidifies principles that we have long practiced. We work to strengthen gender equality to achieve resilient and sustainable farming livelihoods. On the one hand, we work to empower women to raise their voice and express their needs. On the other hand, we work with other stakeholders to make sure they are listened and respected.

In some value chains like in horticulture, the role of women is more accentuated and their inclusion in trainings and activities is evident. In forestry projects, women normally take part in nursery management and production of non-timber forest products, while the management of forest plots is mainly handled by men. It is encouraging to see that in Tanzania, women have started to invest in forest management and through small grants to enhance inclusiveness, some women have started producing saw logs instead of selling their forest as standing trees.

AFRICA

Ethiopia

- 1 project
- 1 cooperative union
- 21 local cooperatives
- Amhara Region



FORESTRY— ZENBABA COOPERATIVE UNION*

July 2018 – December 2020

The expected outcome of the project is *“Improved service delivery of Zenbaba Cooperative Union and capacities of its members in sustainable forest management and forest value chain development”*.

The project supports both Zenbaba Union and its primary cooperatives to increase their income by participating in forest products marketing and forest management activities. The aim is to improve livelihoods of farmers and reduce poverty.

In 2019 the main thrust of work supporting the cooperatives was on business development, forest value chain development and institutional development activities. Products marketed include poles, charcoal, honey and tree seedlings.

715 immediate beneficiaries**

158 ha* under Sustainable Forest Management**

1 578 109 seedlings planted in woodlots

Twining partner:

Forest Management Association Central Finland

Project funded by:



*Zenbaba Bees and Forest Products Development and Marketing Cooperative Union

* Aniwana Kanvanhiana

** 85% men
15% women

***158 ha only in 2019, the total number is 281 ha.

**** 45% men
55% women

Mozambique



1 project

1 cooperative

70 farmers' groups

Zambezia province

AGRICULTURE —AKA COMERCIAL*

June 2019-June 2021

AKA is the Mozambican partner for the project *‘Enhanced livelihoods and value chains for farmers’ organizations in Mozambique and Tanzania’*.

AKA operates in the province of Zambezia and is a secondary cooperative union formed by 11 cooperatives. AKA seeks a stronger market position and aims to provide its members with opportunities to use better cultivation techniques and more efficient production planning tools. The main products are corn, beans, peanuts and sesame seeds.

The project aims at improved and resilient livelihoods of Farmer Organizations’ members in Mocuba. This is achieved through improved service delivery of AKA and capacities of its members in climate-smart agricultural production and value chain development.

The project area suffered heavily from the tropical cyclone Idai in March 2019. This led into revision of the project plan with an emphasis in supporting the farmers in recovering from crop loss and other damage caused by the cyclone. Since the yield of the previous year was already poor and practically the whole yield of 2019 was lost, the activities have focused on getting some income to the AKA members to allow them to continue farming.

1 730 immediate beneficiaries***

1 new training nursery

15 000 cashew seedlings distributed

3 staff members trained in CC adaptation and mitigation

1 climate risk assessment, management and recovery plan

Twining partner:

Central Union of Swedish-Speaking Agricultural Producers in Finland (SLC)

Project funded by:



AFRICA

Tanzania

4 projects

4 producer organisations

260 grassroots organisations

Zanzibar, Iringa & Njombe Regions



AGRICULTURE (POTATOES) - NADO*



Ulkoministeriön
Ulkoasiainministeriö
Ministry for Foreign
Affairs of Finland

July 2019- June 2021

We have supported potato producers in the Southern Highlands since 2015. As a result, the quality of seed potatoes has improved, the farmers have adopted climate-smart potato cultivation methods and a quality system for seed potato production has been developed. Our partner NADO has become a well-networked FO in the potato sector in the region (Tanzania and Uganda), applies a seed potato quality system and negotiates contracts on behalf of its members.

Currently, NADO is the Tanzanian partner for the project *‘Enhanced livelihoods and value chains for farmers’ organizations in Mozambique and Tanzania’*.

The project aims at improved and resilient livelihoods of Farmer Organizations’ members in Njombe Region. This will be achieved by improved service delivery of NADO and capacities of its members in climate-smart agricultural production and value chain development.

In 2019 the focus of the new project was on enhancing NADO and its members capacity in climate change adaptation and mitigation, and deepening the farmers’ knowledge and adoption of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) particularly with the aim of ensuring high potato quality through quality verification and subsequent quality certification. Better potato quality contributes to increased yields.

729 immediate beneficiaries**

491 farmers adopted Climate—Smart Techniques***

50% increase in yields

17 staff members trained in CC adaptation and mitigation

1 climate risk assessment & management plan

Twining partner:

ProAgraria Southern Ostrobothnia

A RURAL STORY

GROWING POTATOES—GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

The Faidika Farmer’s group in Kanani Village used to sell their potato harvest individually incurring high costs and being overpowered when negotiating with buyers. Today, they are organized, stronger and skilled, which gives them a stronger position in negotiations. The Kanani Village group is one of the groups who are involved in FFD’s project supporting Njombe Agricultural Development Organization in Njombe Region.

The combination of improved seeds, training in Good Agricultural Practices and reduction in post-harvest losses due to improved storage techniques and storage infrastructures provided farmers with higher potato quality. In addition, proper potato grading, collective marketing and networking strategies provided regular buyers, more revenues and reduced costs.

“After harvesting we find a buyer together and collect our potato in the centres. Our cost of transportation has reduced because we share costs. Everyone contributes 10,000 TSHs. When we used to sell individually each farmer paid 200,000 TSHs alone. Also, profit has increased because we sell potato direct to buyers at a price of 5000TSHs/TIN. We have more profit than when selling to middlemen at a price of 4000 TSHs/ TIN”- explains the chairman

*Njombe Agricultural Development Organization

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53% men

47% women

***such crop rotation, use of raised beds, use of improved quality seeds, proper soil and crop management.

AFRICA

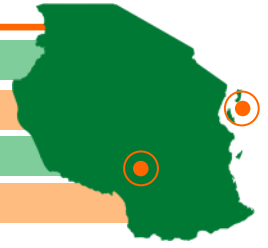
Tanzania

4 projects

4 producer organisations

260 grassroots organisations

Zanzibar, Iringa & Njombe Regions



FORESTRY—UWAMIMA & TTGAU*

FARMERS
FIGHTING
POVERTY



Belgium
partner in development

May 2018-February 2020

The project implemented by UWAMIMA aims to increase smallholder tree grower's income by selling their timber and other forest products through a Market Center. Furthermore, it aims to increase the number of smallholder tree growers selling their timber collectively through the Market Center.

During 2019 project activities continued developing timber and timber products value chain and promoting income generating activities. The main focus of the project was on operationalization of the Market Center, originally established in a previous project phase. This included e.g. equipping the Center with basic office equipment, training the board and staff on business management, and maintaining surrounding road networks for ease of transport of the timber. Member farmers were trained on woodlot data management as well as production and income diversification through fruit tree cultivation.

A climate workshop was organized with 20 participants (10 men and 10 women); during the workshop the Resilience Tool was piloted and feedback collected for its further development. The tool demonstrated its value to empower farmers to understand how climate change is impacting lives and furthermore, their possibilities to fight back and become climate actors.

969 immediate beneficiaries**

8% increase of income from Market centre profits**

1 new tree nursery

40 000 Eucalyptus seedlings produced and planted in woodlots

20 participants in a Climate workshop

Twinning partner:

FMA Päijät-Häme

The part of the project implemented by Tanzania Tree Growers Association Union—TTGAU aims to spur a common Tanzania tree growers' voice to address forestry and related value chain issues with the aim of enhancing inclusiveness, competitiveness and resilience of the sector.

In 2019 the focus was on increasing the visibility of TTGAU among members and sector stakeholders and to increase the membership, smallholder forestry inclusion and simplified levy and permit system for timber trade recognized by the Tanzanian Government.

TTGAU has solidified its position as a genuine representative of small-scale tree growers in the national networks and has made its first commercial tree growing contract on behalf of its members. In 2019 TTGAU became member of International Family Forest Alliance (IFFA) and the Tanzania Forestry Working Group (FWG.)

10 072 beneficiaries

136 Tree Growers Associations

Twinning partner:

Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners of Finland

*UWAMIMA—Matembwe Tree Growers Association
Umoja wa Wakulima wa Miti Matembwe

**TTGAU—Tanzania Tree Growers Associations Union

**



61% men

39% women

*** UWAMIMA's timber market centre started its operations in May 2019 and was able to make profit from the beginning.

AFRICA

Tanzania

4 projects

4 producer organisations

260 grassroots organisations

Zanzibar, Iringa & Njombe Regions



HORTICULTURE—TAHA*



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Affairs of Finland

July 2018-December 2020

The project is implemented in Zanzibar where the cooperation started in 2014. The project aims to improve service delivery of TAHA and capacities of its members in horticulture value chain development and improved production, processing and marketing thereby contributing to improved livelihoods of farmers.

The support focused on quality assurance and the development of a quality system. The aim is to diversify crops, promote the use of vegetables and pave the way for processing, as the increased production has caused an oversupply of tomatoes, peppers and watermelons. Horticultural extension services remain at the heart of the project with TAHA providing a lot of training and advice on climate-smart farming practices, crop production and quality, and marketing. TAHA is currently developing the Local GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) quality system, to be piloted in Zanzibar.

TAHA is becoming one of the key actors in increasing Zanzibar's food self-sufficiency through its contribution to decision-making and advocacy in addition to increased quality and yields of horticultural products.

The success is based on TAHA's competent staff and operational capacity. In 2019, five women were promoted to managerial positions. Furthermore, the application of Good Agricultural Practices (853 ha) and investments in drip irrigation and greenhouses has brought more than 50% increase in sales, 40% in yields and 57% in income. Hotels are realizing the good quality of local product and sales agreements are increasing.

2 961 immediate beneficiaries**

57% increase of income of members

31-39% annual increase in crop productivity

853 ha of farm land under sustainable agricultural practices***

20 participants in a Climate workshop

*TAHA— Tanzania Horticultural Association

**  62% men
38% women

*** Cumulative 1 374 ha

Twinning partner: Finnish Garden Women Association

HORTICULTURE—TAHA* - VALUE FOR WATER

December 2019-June 2023

The 'Value for Water' project promotes environmentally friendly access to water for horticultural farmers through a business model that reduces risks related to irrigation investments. The concept aims at testing modern applications to optimize water usage and modalities for corporate structure, financial flows, and operational model aiming at creating a social entrepreneurial initiative.

The recently started project aims at establishing a business entity for social water management.

The project has three expected outcomes: i) TAHA improves technical and economic services along the fruits & vegetables value chain, ii) TAHA influences policies and business environment for the development of sustainable farmer-led enterprises, and iii) TAHA is an accountable organization able to effectively perform its institutional functions.

In 2019 the activities consisted of planning work, developing a workplan and budget, and organizing a kick-off meeting.

Twinning partner: Finnish Garden Women Association

1500 Beneficiaries in Arusha Region



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NEW PROJECT |

AFRICA

Kenya

1 project

1 producer association

8 regional associations

Murang'a and Kiambu Counties



FORESTRY—FF-SPAK*



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NEW PROJECT

January 2020-2023

'Sustainable and profitable smallholder Forestry in Kenya' project aims to contribute to the vibrant and resilient domestic forestry and economic development through strengthening smallholders' organization, increasing smallholder's capacity to manage productive forests and agroforestry assets, and to facilitate farm forestry-based entrepreneurship.

Sustainable and resilient smallholder plantation forestry for income generation and livelihood improvement in rural areas will be achieved through improved services of FF-SPAK to its members. Furthermore, the project aims to foment cooperation between farmer's organization in the region in order to activate policy discussion and innovation related to smallholder relevant forest certification, and to capture good practices for inclusion of smallholders to sustainable forest management programmes and forest certification schemes.

*Farm Forestry Smallholder Producers Association of Kenya

The project will strengthen farm forest producers' organizations in Kenya. The support will be channelled through the national level Farm Forestry Smallholder Producers Association of Kenya (FF-SPAK) to two affiliate associations in counties of Murang'a and Kiambu.

In addition, related to the forest certification, the proposed project covers cooperation with certification actors and the South African partners, African Environmental Services (AES) and NCT Forestry Cooperative.

Project preparatory work took place in 2019 in collaboration with FF-SPAK and its members in Kenya.

2 000 beneficiaries

Twinning partner:

Forest Services of the Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners of Finland (MTK)



Agroforestry landscapes in Kiambu | Author: Noora Simola

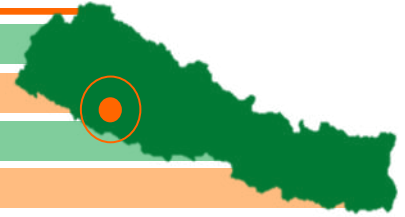
Nepal

1 project

1 cooperative

10 Community Forest User Groups—CFUGs

Dang region



FORESTRY —ASEC*



July 2018 – December 2020

The aim of ASEC is to develop improved forest management and forestry as a livelihood in community-managed forests. The project aims at improved service delivery of ASEC and capacities of its members in sustainable forest management and forest value chain development thereby contributing for Improved livelihoods of FO members.

The project has identified and promoted women's income opportunities, and at the same time trained them on women's rights. Mushroom growing and entrepreneurship training have been useful in promoting income generation.

Silviculture and forest management planning is developed in close co-operation with local authorities,



Mushroom Entrepreneur in Nepal | Author: Riikka Nieminen

e.g. in thinning plots and in updating the Forest Management Plans for the CFUGs (Community Forest User Groups). The aim is to integrate climate change and sustainable use into forest planning.

In 2019, the project is enhancing women's rights as well as their livelihoods. Three women were elected in Navadurga CFUG's executive committee. Five women started their own mushroom business and 14 new entrepreneurs were trained and are ready to start their business. Workshops in gender-based violence continued, reaching 220 participants. Now, women look at the future with hope. Plans have been developed to start leaf plate production (a traditional Nepalese plate for serving meals, especially at festivals) and organic fertilizer production.

As regards climate risks, plans for climate adaptation and climate risk management were included in three forest management plans. This was done by using the Building Resilience—tool of AgriCord. Furthermore, herbs and forage seedlings have been planted in community forests to support sustainable non-timber production.

1 234 immediate beneficiaries**

18% increase in ASEC turnover

10% increase on income from members

39 participants in a Climate Change workshop

3 Forest Management Plans include CC adaptation & mitigation

120 new ha of Forest under Sustainable production***

Twining partner:

Forest Management Association Savotta

*Amritpur Social Entrepreneurs Cooperative

**

46% men
54% women

***of a total of 1 136 ha

Vietnam



1 project

3 cooperative alliances

28 local cooperatives

Thua Thien Hue, Quang Ngai & Phu Yen regions

FORESTRY —TTHCA, QNCA & PYCA*



FFP/ASEAN is co-financed by the European Union with the technical support of the International Fund For Agricultural Development



November 2016 – August 2020

The project seeks to support the creation of member-based organizations to provide services to smallholder forest owners and promote PEFC's certification model to increase value of wood products.

The project supports three provincial cooperative alliances in Central Vietnam. The project works in several complementary areas: organizational development and capacity building, efficiency of forest production, forest certification and forest business development through workshops, training courses, studies, exchange visits and model plots.

In 2019 the cooperatives supported by the project were able to provide services to smallholder farmers and increase their skills while promoting and preparing to achieve a certified wood production.

The project has been able to integrate forest services into farmers' cooperatives, strengthen the role of small farmers as an important player in the forest sector, develop farmers' income generation opportunities and increase the availability of quality seedling material and sustainable forest management practices.

1 284 immediate beneficiaries**

5 new certified tree nurseries

525 000 grown trees

Climate risk assessment and management plan

*TTHCA—Thua Thien Hue Cooperative Alliance
 QNCA— Quang Nam Cooperative Alliance
 PYCA— Phu Yen Cooperative Alliance

**  73% men
 27% women

All members of the cooperatives have received training in forestry and seedling production. To support the competence, permanent experimental fields and model plantations have been established.

Forest certification procedures (PEFC system) has been enhanced through the establishment of 20 Chain of Custody -certification groups in project provinces. Five functioning and profitable nurseries have been established in the cooperatives, which produce high quality planting material and also sell certified seedlings outside the cooperative. Phu Bai Cooperative has focused on developing the environmental friendliness of nurseries, e.g. improving water use and investing in biodegradable seedling bags.

Forests are more productive as in several cooperatives the amount of wood per hectare has increased and wood is also sold for a better price. As a result, the income of many forest farmers have also risen. Cooperatives have started to make contracts to sell wood for wood suppliers. 3 512 cooperative members benefited from improved market arrangements for their forest products in 2019.

The carbon sequestration potential of the planted acacia forest has been mapped in Hue and Quang Ngai. Climate risk assessment and management plan produced and approved for the three participating cooperatives.

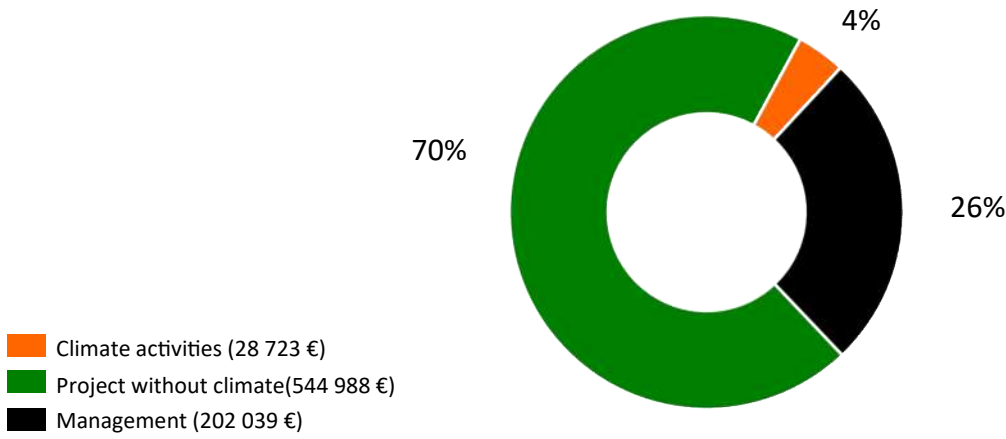
Twining partner:

Forest Management Association Savotta

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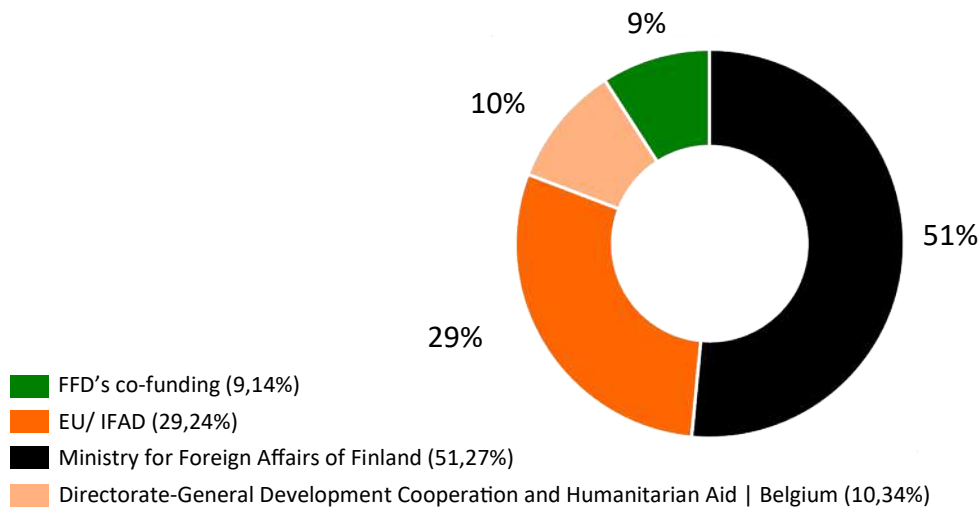
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775 849 €

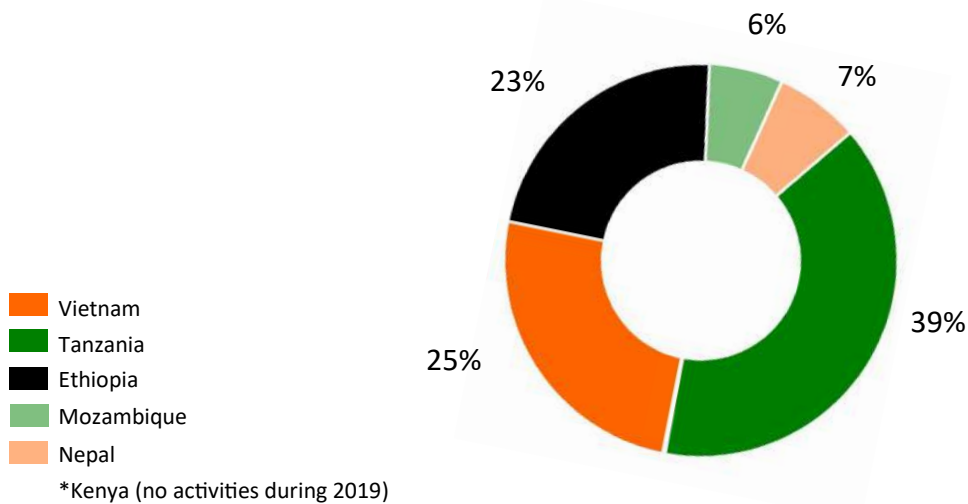


Project expenditures

564 412 €



Per donor



Per country



Forest owner in Tanzania | Author: Kii Runsten

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