

Kenya Agricultural Value Chain Enterprises (KAVES)



Photo

Juliet Makumbo's four dairy cows produce 22 liters of milk per day. A liter sells at 38 shillings. That's 25,080 shillings monthly, enabling her to build a brick house.

Funding: \$40 million

Duration: January 2013 – 2018

Activity Locations: 22 counties in high-rainfall and arid and semi-arid areas

Implementing Partners: FINTRAC Inc., with funding to: Kenya Horticulture Exports, Animal Draft Power Program, Allfruit EPZ Ltd, Community Action for Rural Development, Carolina Fresh Produce Ltd, Kenya Fresh, Kandia, Kilimo Biashara Promoters Consultancy, Kenya Promotions and Marketing Company, East Africa Market Development Associates, Global Leadership Institute, Greenforest Foods Ltd., Matengo and Associates, Ukamba Christian Community Services, Upbeat Communications Ltd., Kenya National Federation of Agricultural Producers, African Medical and Research Foundation, and Western Region Christian Community Services

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ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

The Kenya Agricultural Value Chain Enterprises (KAVES) activity works with smallholder farmers, businesses, and national and county government partners to address constraints up and down the value chain (such as agro-processors, input suppliers, transporters, exporters, retailers, financiers) and develop fully-functioning, competitive value chains.

KAVES aims to increase the productivity and incomes of smallholder farmers, and other actors along the value chain, who are working in the dairy, maize (and other staples) and horticulture sectors. The activity works with more than 30 Kenyan government and private sector organizations including: Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, county governments, Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP), Kenya Dairy Board (KDB), Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services (KEPHIS), Kenya Food Security Steering Group, Pest Control Products Board (PCPB), Horticulture Competent Authority Structure, Horticultural Crops Development Authority (HCDA), Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI), public and private sector actors in the dairy, maize, and horticulture value chains.

The activity develops smallholder enterprises that combine maize, high-value horticultural crops and dairy farming to generate wealth, thereby enhancing food security, improving nutrition and increasing economic opportunities for women, youth and other vulnerable populations. Engagement with the private sector in a meaningful, comprehensive way ensures the sustainability of the activity's work.

ACTIVITY GOALS:

- Improve economic stability and food security
- Improve nutritional outcomes, reduce chronic under-nutrition
- Build and diversify sustainable value chains
- Increase the productivity and incomes of 500,000 smallholders

ACTIVITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS (as of June 2015)

- 332,457 total beneficiaries reached by project
- Average milk yield for 44,246 dairy farmers rose from 7.76 to 9 liters per cow per day in this quarter
- 16,207 households received nutrition and WASH training this quarter, bringing the project total to 81,035
- Overall KAVES has surpassed the target set for beneficiaries reached during the quarter by percent.