



CARD Uganda Agribusiness Center

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Background

CARD Uganda is an indigenous Non government Organization that is legally formed and registered with the National Board for Non-Governmental Organizations and has been mandated to carry out development oriented activities in Eastern Uganda with an office located at Nabuyonga rise in Mbale District.

The organization is providing Agribusiness and value chain development services to local, regional and international organizations as well as private sector companies. It offers a wide range of services in Agribusiness, Value Chain Analysis and Development, Market Information Services; all its services are designed to enhance capacity development and poverty reduction through strengthening the private sector.

1.1 Legal Status

CARD Uganda is an indigenous Non-Governmental Organization registered with the National Board for Non-Governmental Organizations. Its registration number is 11876 and has been mandated to carry out development oriented activities in Eastern Uganda.

1.0 Vision

A transformed Uganda, with empowered and economically self reliant rural and urban residents including vulnerable children, girls, and women easily accessing essential education and health services

2.1 Mission Statement

To empower rural residents and the urban poor to become economically self reliant while enabling vulnerable children, girls, and women to gain better access to essential education and health services

3.0 Goal

Contribute to an improved Household living standard of the enterprising, economically productive communities in Uganda by empowering the Agricultural Value Chain Actors through participatory Production push and Market pull approaches

4.0 Organization's Strategic Methods and Approaches

Building on its experience and professional background, CARD Uganda uses models for business development and livelihood improvement to enhance service provision using Value Chain Development, Capacity building, Information Sharing, Networking and Partnerships and Research as key approaches and strategies to generate sustainable development.

5.0 Core Services and Core Competence

To date, CARD Uganda has specialized in technical back stopping of local farmers through Training and capacity building in specialized fields. These include: -

- Facilitating Multi-stakeholder platforms: We bring relevant stake holders together to discuss and deliberate on key issues affecting the sector and find solutions
- Business to Business linkages: We bring businesses together and support their development
- Market Research: to understand specific factors in a market influence
- Linkage to financial institutions: We link investors, farmers' institutions and SME's to financial institutions to access funds for development in specific Value Chain
- Export Coaching Development: We support companies in accessing the European Union market on specific enterprises.

- Sensitization of Farmers DLGs, NGOs and Business Development service providers on the above topics and other National policies like, PMA, NAADS and others.
- Institutional strengthening of internal management system of farmer groups.
- Specialized training of farmers' forums
- Specialized training in management, development plans through farming as a business and participatory monitoring and evaluation.
- Other services offered include consultancy in agri-business, market development and linkage, micro-finance development, and entrepreneurial skills development, crops and animal husbandry.
- Specialized decision making Research
- General Agricultural Research

Our key Business and Development partners

- International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
- SNV Netherlands Development Organization
- International Fertilizer Development Centre

- District Local Governments (28 in Eastern Uganda)
- District Farmers Associations / Producer groups (28 Districts)
- Vegetable oil Development Program 2 (VODP 2) under the MAIF
- Eastern Private Sector Development Centre
- Nassari / Serere research institutes/ ZADI Buginyanya
- Agri profocus Uganda
- PIKWI Farmer cooperative

Key projects implemented To date

Time	Project	Partner
2014 to date	Vegetable Oil Development Project – Phase 2 (VODP2) - Service provision in Oilseeds agricultural extension services and business partnerships Development for Mbale hub	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) through Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF)
2019 to 2020	Support of Local Seed Businesses in Eastern region through strengthening the development of a vibrant, pluralistic and market-oriented seed sector that is able to address key challenges that hamper the seed sector development in Uganda	Wageningen UR Uganda / ISSD
2015 – 2018	Science based “research-in-development” project focused on putting nitrogen fixation to work for small holder farmers growing legume crops in Africa. (Eastern and South Western Uganda) Its vision of success is to build sustainable, long term partnerships to enable small holder farmer’s benefit	International Institute for Tropical Agriculture, Wageningen University Netherlands, Makerere University, NARO-Namulonge research

	from symbiotic N ₂ fixation by grain legumes through effective technologies (including improved seeds, inoculants and fertilizers) and market linkage value chains.	
Oct 2017 – Dec 2017	Training of Farmer Business Groups in Financial literacy and Business Skills	International Fertilizer Development Centre (IFDC)
2014 to Dec 2017	Private Sector led Agricultural Value Chain Development project -4P (Producer, Private, public Partnership in Oilseed Value Chain)	SNV- Netherland Development Organization
May - Dec 2015	Agri financing Uganda Program (Building the Capacity of Agribusinesses (Cooperatives, Area Cooperatives, High Level Farmer Organizations, Farmers Associations and Companies in Financial Pillars) for effective linkages to formal Financial Institutions	SNV Netherlands Organization & Agri Finance Uganda, Bank of Uganda
Mar 2012 - Dec 2017	Facilitating the Oilseed sub sector platform (Mbale hub). A platform that brings all actors in the regional hubs to unlock oilseeds value chain potentials.	IFAD /SNV
Jan -Dec 2015	Uganda Domestic Renewable Energy	SNV/Bio Gas Solutions
May 2015 – June 2016	Agribusiness Cluster Coaching in Rice Value Chain (Pallisa, Iganga, Namutumba, Kibuuku)	International Fertilizer Development Centre (IFDC)
Jan -Dec 2015	Promotion of Striga control in Maize	African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AAFT) Kenya – Nairobi
Recent Projects		
2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016	Oilseed sub sector platform	SNV / IFAD
Aug - Dec 2014	Provision of support in implementing The Uganda Domestic Renewable Energy service initiative in Mbale	SNV Netherlands Development Organization
Oct - Dec 2014	Development of Leadership and Governance for Mbale Dairy Farmers Association	SNV
	Organising Market place event in Eastern Region and support West Nile	Agri Profocus Uganda
Sep - Dec 2013	Inclusive Business Promotion of sunflower production and marketing	SNV
Feb - July 2013	Assessment of the Milk value chain in Mbale, Sironko, Kapchorwa and Kamuli	SNV
10/1/2012	Agri Profocus Finance fari survey impact survey	Agri- Profocus Uganda
2011	Promotion of access to Credit – VSLA	Consultancy assignment with Agency for Sustainable Transformation - Lira

About us

CARD Uganda is a non profit organization that uses actor business approaches to reduce poverty

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Our work

See how CARD Uganda works through different actors to improve livelihoods

We help communities tap into the available opportunities to improve their livelihood through developing and improving their skills

How we work

For over 8 years, CARD Uganda has employed various strategies that are demand driven and worked with communities to open their minds to entrepreneurship in the different communities that has changed their lives

1. Empower small scale producer organizations and private sector with skills and knowledge to increase their incomes
 - Train farmers in recommended agronomy practices
 - Organize producer organizations in Higher level farmer organizations and business groups
2. We link businesses to better markets