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Smallholder Safety Net
Upscaling Programme



IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY IN SESAME FARMING THROUGH TRAINING IN GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES IN NIGERIA



Africa



Latin America



Asia



Financial services



Non-financial services



Market building



Internal management

CONTEXT

Nigeria accounts for about half of West Africa's population with approximately 202 million people and one of the largest populations of youth in the world. Nigeria is a multi-ethnic and culturally diverse federation. Agriculture remains a major sector of the Nigerian economy, accounting for up to 35% of total employment in 2020. Nigeria's sesame sector operates within a complex ecosystem of smallholder farmers, aggregators, processors, and exporters. Despite the sector's potential, key challenges include limited access to traceability frameworks and sustainable farming practices.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

The beneficiary organisation operates in Nigeria, engaged in the procurement, processing, and export of agricultural commodities, with a particular focus on sesame. The beneficiary organisation has built a robust supply network, sourcing directly from smallholder farmers and cooperatives to enhance traceability and sustainability of sesame that has significant export potential, particularly to markets in Europe, Asia, and North America.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The project aims to provide training, resources, and market support for smallholder farmers producing sesame in Nigeria, strengthening sustainability, competitiveness, and market access.

The expected results of the project are:

- Improve adoption of sustainable farming practices among 5,000 farmers
- Increase market access for 5,000 farmers
- Increase of 5% in selling for farmers

IMPACT INVESTOR



TARGET

5,000 smallholder households

AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN

Sesame

STARTING DATE

May 2025

DURATION

12 months

TOTAL TA BUDGET

€ 290,061

Including € 50,000 (17%)
contribution from SSNUP



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