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Smallholder Sustainability
Upscaling Programme

ENHANCING DAIRY AND BEEF PRODUCTION RESILIENCE THROUGH SUSTAINABLE FEEDING PRACTICES AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION IN WESTERN UGANDA



Africa



Latin America



Asia



Financial services delivery



Capacity building for end
beneficiaries



Market access and
product development



Management systems
improvement

CONTEXT

Uganda is a landlock country located in East Africa with a population of around 50 million people. Its dairy industry has experienced remarkable growth over past years. According to Uganda's Dairy Development Authority, the dairy production increased by 37% from 2.81 billion liters in 2021/2022 to 3.85 billion litres in 2022/2023. However, smallholder dairy producers continue to face seasonal supply fluctuations in raw-milk supplies, due to droughts affecting their production and disease outbreaks.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Rushere Co-operative Savings and Credit Society Ltd (Rushere) is a microfinance institution based in the Western region of Uganda. It provides loans and savings products and services to its members engaged in agricultural production. Rushere works with 30 cooperatives and about 4,500 clients including more than 3,000 smallholder farmers.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The objective of this project is to increase the living standard of small household dairy and beef farmers by improving the quality of milk and beef through hay and silage making. As part of the project, Rushere will support up to ten cooperatives with around 1,500 farmers.

The expected results of the project are:

- Train 100 field trainers, 10 staff members of Rushere and 1,500 dairy farmers on hay/silage production, milking procedures, post-harvest handling of milk, and financial literacy.
- Improve business and entrepreneurial skills of 1,100 smallholder farmers.
- Establish 10 demonstration dairy farm sites.

IMPACT INVESTOR

Sidi Solidarité Internationale
pour le Développement
et l'Investissement

BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Rushere Co-operative Savings
and Credit Society Ltd (MFI) –
Uganda

TARGET

1,500 smallholder farmers

AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN

Dairy

STARTING DATE

December 2024

DURATION

18 months

TOTAL TA BUDGET

€ 54,875
Including € 47,575 (87%)
contribution from SSNUP



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