

		Contribution agreements		
Country	Partner Name	Contact Person	Work ongoing	Accomplishment in 2023
	Africa			
Botswana	National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI)	Dr Odireleng Molosiwa odireleng@nardi.org.bw	Two advocacy workshops are being organised, focusing on Open and Distance Learning (ODL), ICT, and Lifelong Learning for Farmers (L3F), in conjunction with the developed National Oil Crop Strategy. One workshop involves 20 Cabinet members of Botswana, while the other engages 30 representatives from 'Friends of Botswana' organisations, including bilateral donors, international agencies, and NGOs working in agriculture and development partnerships within the country.	A national oil crop strategy has been developed and is ready to be shared with Cabinet members of Botswana and the Friends of Botswana group.
Cameroon	Institute of Agricultural Research for Development (IRAD)	Dr. Okolle Justin okollejustin@yahoo.com	Sensitising vegetable farmers in six divisions, comprising up to 1,000 farmers, about the environmental, health, and economic advantages of organic fertilisers and pesticides.	IRAD provided training to five women's groups and associations in ICT, focusing on the cultivation, processing, and marketing of vegetables. They achieved this by offering subsidies for ICT devices or developing public ICT centres that farmers can use to access information and resources.
Gambia	Global Youth Innovation Network Gambia Chapter (GYIN)	Mr. Mamadou Edrisa Njie edrissanjie@gyin.org	Create training materials and provide training to 3,000 farmers involved in the LINDEP programme.	A Learning, Innovation, and Development Platform (LINDEP) was established to disseminate training materials on chilli pepper production to 2,000 returnee migrants, as well as women and youth farmers.
Ghana	Presbyterian Agriculture	Mr. Obed Asunka garuagric@gmail.com	No new CA in this FY	Collaborated with five organisations in Ghana on the sorghum project, which aimed to reduce the import of

	Station – GARU			barley in the country. As part of this project, 11,138 farmers were profiled and trained in sorghum production.
Ghana	Gindabo Area Sorghum Farmers Union	Ms. Josephine OFORI-ATTA josephineoforiatta7@gmail.com Gindabo Area Sorghum Farmers Union	No new CA in this FY	Collaborated with five organisations in Ghana on the sorghum project, which aimed to reduce the import of barley in the country. A total of 10,005 farmers were profiled and trained in sorghum production.
Ghana	Jirapa Sorghum Farmers Union	Mr. Achulo Saaka Prosper prosper.achulo@gmail.com Jirapa Sorghum Farmers Union	No new CA in this FY	Collaborated with five organisations in Ghana on the sorghum project, which aimed to reduce the import of barley in the country. A total of 10,228 farmers were profiled and trained in sorghum production.
Ghana	Presbyterian Agriculture Station – Sandema	Mr. Azaayam Joseph azaayam.joseph@yahoo.com	No new CA in this FY	Collaborated with five organisations in Ghana on the sorghum project, which aimed to reduce the import of barley in the country. A total of 3,209 farmers were profiled and trained in sorghum production.
Ghana	Presbyterian Agriculture Station – Tamale	Mr. Moses Neindow neindowmosespresbyagric.tamale@gmail.com	No new CA in this FY	Collaborated with five organisations in Ghana on the sorghum project, which aimed to reduce the import of barley in the country. A total of 5,035 farmers were profiled and trained in sorghum production.
Ghana	Presbyterian Agriculture Station – Langbinsi	Mr. James Kwame jameskojukwu@gmail.com	No new CA in this FY	Collaborated with five organisations in Ghana on the sorghum project, which aimed to reduce the import of barley in the country. A total of 3,101 farmers were profiled and trained in sorghum production.

Kenya	Msamaria Women Group	Rev. Kennedy Onyango msamaria@mail.com	<p>Creating the Learning, Innovation, and Development Platform (LINDEP) to help increase farm yields and enhance the marketing of cassava and wax beans produce is a key focus of the project. This support will also involve providing training on wax beans crop management to increase the capacity of 100 and 1,500 farmers, respectively.</p>	<p>Msamaria Women conducted training for 7,130 farmers, forming 233 groups that were institutionalised into 21 mega farmer groups. They sensitised participants on the L3F model, fostering sustainable and collaborative agricultural practices. These 7,130 farmers were linked to the Learning, Innovation, and Development Platform, connecting them to domestic and international markets that would purchase their products.</p> <p>Five advocacy meetings were organised to sensitise 100 stakeholders in agri-business, emphasising the pivotal role of the Learning, Innovation, and Development Platform (LINDEP) model for farmers, seed suppliers, marketers, and transporters to spur regional development. Collaborative opportunities, knowledge sharing, and technological advancements were discussed to optimise agri-business growth in the region.</p> <p>Training materials covering 13 different topics related to the planting and management of wax beans, such as site selection, seed selection, and land preparation,</p>
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				were developed and disseminated to learners.
Kenya	Siaya Seed SACCO	Ms. Victorine Owino seedsacco@gmail.com	No new CA in this FY	Following consultations with non-governmental and governmental stakeholders, a strategy to achieve self-sufficiency in sunflower and soybean production in Kenya has been developed and endorsed by the County Government of Siaya. The County Government of Siaya is committed to engaging with the Council of Governors Committee on Agriculture to secure national endorsement.
Kenya	Ugunja Community Resource Centre (UCRC)	Mr. Charles Ogada charles.ogada@gmail.com	No new CA in this FY	Ugunja Community Resource Centre (UCRC) has profiled 2,714 cassava farmers, training them to produce high-quality and healthy cassava products that align with market demands. Additionally, UCRC developed two training manuals focusing on Business Skills Training and Organisational Development Training for the leaders of the commercial centres associated with these farmers.
Malawi	Bvumbwe Agricultural Research Station (BARS)	Mr. Charles Malidadi charlesmalidadi@yahoo.com	No new CA in this FY	Following consultations with the Cabinet in Malawi and a session with 40 District Executive Committee members, a strategy titled "Collaborative Action for the

				Attainment of Self-Sufficiency in Tomato Production in Malawi” has been developed and endorsed by the Government of Malawi through the Ministry of Agriculture.
Nigeria	Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute (ARMTI)	Prof. Adeolu Ayanwale aayanwa@yahoo.co.uk	A proposal has been made to develop a mobile application to enhance the capacity of 10,100 farmers (100 through direct training and 10,000 via electronic means). The app will provide access to information, weather updates, market price updates, farming training materials, and a farmer community platform. It is expected that, following the development, dissemination, and use of the app, farmers will be better equipped to enhance their knowledge and skills in farming. This initiative aims to consolidate the progress made with the cumulative farming population of 200,000 women farmers cultivating indigenous vegetables.	<p>A total of 3,250 learners have been trained through step-down training conducted by farmer leaders who previously attended a workshop. These learners are linked to financial opportunities available for farmers through the Bank of Agriculture.</p> <p>Three training materials have been developed for the workshops, covering the following topics: 'Nursery Process and Agronomy of Fruit and Leafy Vegetables', 'Digital Tools for Improved Marketing of Vegetables', and 'Financial Literacy - Savings Culture and Opportunities at the Bank of Agriculture'.</p>
Nigeria	National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN)	Professor Olufemi vc@noun.edu.ng	Implementing four AgMOOCs covering the topics of Poultry Production, Rabbit Production, Green Learning, and Digital Agriculture to reach 5,000 participants.	Implementing four AgMOOCs covering the topics of Poultry Production, Rabbit Production, Green Learning, and Digital Agriculture to reach 5,000 participants
Nigeria	Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU)	Professor Oyediran Kayode Owoade oowoade@oauife.edu.ng	No new CA in this FY	A total of 108 participants, primarily from Osun, Oyo, and Kwara States, attended the capacity-building workshop. The workshop aimed to

				enhance participants' capacities in the application of digital technology to various aspects of vegetable production, marketing, and business financial management.
Sierra Leone	Camp Women Multi-Purpose Organisation (CWMPO)	Mr. Prince Kamara kapen2013@gmail.com	Profiling 5,000 maize farmers and engaging training experts in Financial Literacy, Business Skills, and Good Agricultural Practices. This includes developing training materials on these topics and disseminating training content in the form of short audio clips, videos, SMS messages, or pictures to the profiled farmers. The subsequent step involves monitoring and evaluating the utilization of these messages by the farmers.	Seventeen government officials were sensitised on Lifelong Learning for Farmers (L3F) as well as the National Poultry Program. There was political buy-in from the Ministers of Education, Agriculture, Gender and Children's Affairs, Youth Affairs, and other relevant government departments and agencies.
Tanzania	Matumaini Mapya (MM)	Dr. Gosbert B. Kaserwa kagde2002@yahoo.com	No new CA in this FY	<p>A total of 1,025,669 farmers (527,510 males and 498,159 females) completed training on the commercial cultivation of maize and beans offered by Matumaini Mapya, utilizing real-time telephone messages with audio and visual training materials.</p> <p>Additionally, 11,333 farmers (4,247 males and 7,086 females) completed training on good banana agronomic practices, also provided by Matumaini Mapya. The training materials were disseminated through telephone-based texts, audio messages, and videos.</p>

				<p>Furthermore, 64 learners (32 males, 27 females, and 5 persons with disabilities) have started businesses through the L3F programme.</p> <p>These 64 farmers have received an approximate total of CAD 10,334 (TZS 19,294,490) in loans to support their business ventures.</p>
Uganda	Digital Woman Uganda (DWU)	Mr. Pinno Ivan Louis pinnoivan2000@gmail.com	No new CA in this FY	A total of 8,000 farmers are being trained in best agricultural practices for coffee production, including harvesting and marketing, as well as market prices and other relevant agricultural business-related information.
Uganda	Makerere University (MU)	Prof. Charles Muyanja ckmuyanja@gmail.com	The new project aims to mobilise at least 200 fruit and vegetable farmers in the Kabale and Rubanda districts to join the Table Bank initiative. This includes providing training on financial literacy, savings, and loan management to all participants. Additionally, a structured platform will be created for regular savings and loan disbursement to meet the financial needs of the members. It is anticipated that following these activities, farmers will be able to expand their agricultural enterprises through access to small, affordable loans.	A total of 101 participants from the Bakiga-Bafumbira communities were trained in vegetable nursery bed establishment, crop management, and the role of vegetables in household management. Makerere University developed two training materials (Fruits ODL Training Materials and Vegetable ODL Training Materials) aimed at improving the quality and postharvest handling of produce. Additionally, Makerere University created 133 audio training messages as part of a MobiMOOC on agronomic practices, postharvest

				<p>handling, and marketing of fruits and vegetables for farmers registered in the L3F database in the Kabale and Rubanda districts.</p> <p>Furthermore, Makerere University partnered with four governmental organisations—namely, the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS), Operation Wealth Creation (OWC), and Kachwekano Agricultural Research Institute—as well as nine private organisations, including Self Help Africa, Bubaare Multi-Purpose Cooperative Ltd, Joyrow Innovation Farm, Kabale Regional Market, Uganda Fruits and Vegetables Exporters Association (UFVEA), Africa Innovations Institute (AfrII), AgriProFocus Uganda, TechnoServe Uganda, and Kigezi Highlands Coffee Company, to provide farmers with high-quality seeds and agricultural extension services.</p>
Uganda	RUFORUM	Dr. David Martin Amitu d.amitu@ruforum.org	No new CA in this FY	<p>A total of 3,571 learners completed six courses developed by the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), which include AI Applications in Agriculture, Precision Farming, Data-Driven Decision Making, Agro-Informatics, Scientific</p>

				Data Management, and Climate-Smart Agriculture and Sustainable Agricultural Practices.
	Asia			
India	Tamil Nadu Grama Bank (TNG B)	Mr. CG Kaarthikeyan credit@tngb.co.in	Organising capacity-building workshops on Lifelong Learning for Farmers (L3F) and Open and Distance Learning (ODL), setting up a mobile network, and conducting Focus Group Discussions in the districts of Theni, Madurai, Virudhunagar, and Dindigul. This project also includes developing voice messages and video clips to support small-scale farmers and staff of TNGB.	<p>A total of 46 Tamil Nadu Grama Bank (TNGB) branch managers attended the L3F pilot project meeting, with 21 from Kallakurichi district and 25 from Thanjavur district. Additionally, 20 TNGB managers from the Villupuram district were sensitised on the L3F model.</p> <p>The outcome has been a positive shift in the mindset of the managers, highlighting the need for them to move beyond their conservative roles, create awareness, and better understand the learning needs of farmers.</p> <p>Furthermore, 25 TNGB managers and officials from the Thanjavur district were also sensitised on the L3F model. Discussions focused on the necessity of learning for farmers, identifying the target farmers, and the role of bank managers in facilitating learning for borrowers.</p>
India	Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS)	Dr. N.K.Sudeep Kumar hodextmvc@tanuvas.org.in	No new CA in this FY	<p>The AgMOOC 'Current Trends in Treatment and Control of Parasitic Diseases of Livestock and Poultry' course was developed.</p> <p>4636 learners enrolled in the 'Current Trends in Treatment and</p>

				Control of Parasitic Diseases of Livestock and Poultry' course offered through AgMOOCs. 1936 learners completed (received certificates) the 'Current Trends in Treatment and Control of Parasitic Diseases of Livestock and Poultry' course offered through AgMOOCs.
India	The Andhra Pradesh State Cooperative Bank Ltd (APCOB)	Dr. K Mastan Rao mlc@apcob.org	No new CA in this FY	A total of 32 mobile networks have been established to connect 62,076 farmers for continuous learning. From July 2023 to March 2024, a total of 173 training materials were developed by APCOB, including 159 voice messages and 14 videos. Additionally, 4,687 staff members from the District Co-operative Central Bank (DCCB) and Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) across six districts were trained using these audio messages.
India	M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF)	Dr. Rengalakshmi rengalakshmi@mssrf.res.in	MSSRF is enabling learning for 10,000 farmers, which includes 5,000 existing farmers and 5,000 newly engaged farmers, through Mobile Learning Networks and credit linkages. They are conducting capacity-building workshops on the adoption of Lifelong Learning for Farmers (L3F) among stakeholders, including those in government departments, input and output markets, and 7,000 farmers. Additionally, the partners are developing two MobiMOOCs to empower 3,000 farmers and organising a workshop to enhance the business-related skills	A total of 1,027 farmers (529 females, 471 males, and 27 persons with disabilities) received access to credit through the Kisan Credit Card Scheme of the banks, which aims to enhance their cropping area, productivity, and livelihood opportunities. From November 2023 to January 2024, 1,192 farmers (811 females, 355 males, and 24 persons with disabilities) received credit

			of 10,000 farmers. Furthermore, they are hosting an advocacy event for L3F with macro-level institutions that work with farmers and producer organisations.	amounting to CAD 867,125 (532.96 lakhs rupees) from the banks. Additionally, 147 new training voice messages were developed, covering topics such as dairy, agriculture, general information and government schemes, climate, and Farmer Producer Organizations. Nine videos were also prepared, addressing various topics. Furthermore, 1,501 learners enrolled in the MobiMOOC offered by the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) on the topic of eNam (National Agriculture Market), which is a pan-Indian electronic trading portal for marketing agricultural commodities.
India	VIDIYAL	Mr. Kamaraj Keppanan vidiyal386@gmail.com	No new CA in this FY	A total of 150 capacity-building voice messages were shared with 300 shareholder partners of the Theni Consortium of Farmers Producer Company (TCF). Additionally, two MobiMOOC courses were developed: one on the formation and functioning of Self-Help Groups, covering 7 topics and 41 contents, and another on the importance and benefits of millets, encompassing 11 topics and 44 contents. Furthermore, 6,650 farmers from seven Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) received

				financial support amounting to CAD 392,633 (INR 24,316,000) from NABKISAN, Chennai; the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Chennai; and HDFC Bank, Bodinayakanur, following their training on capital mobilisation.
Sri Lanka	The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL)	Dr. Prasad Senadheera dirir@ou.ac.lk	Developing an electronic mobile application (the App) that provides information about the production, processing, and marketing of ten commodities in Sri Lanka and beyond aims to improve the capacity and livelihoods of 300,000 stakeholders involved with these commodities, which include cinnamon, pepper, nutmeg, coffee, ginger, turmeric, betel leaf, cocoa, vanilla, and cardamom.	NA
	Caribbean			
Antigua and Barbuda	Agriculture Extension Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs (MAFBA)	Ms. Petranilla Estreada petranilla.estreada@ab.gov.ag	No New CA in this FY	The Agriculture Extension Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs, has endorsed the strategy for self-sufficiency in poultry meat production.
Jamaica	Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA)	Ms. Alicia Chambers alicia.chambers@rada.gov.jm	Developing and implementing a comprehensive training programme focused on group dynamics for agricultural community-based groups involves creating a detailed training manual that incorporates interactive and visual elements, delivering training on essential skills including	A total of 7 multimedia training contents were developed on Integrated Pest Management, Good Agricultural Practices, Safe Use of Pesticides, and Post-Harvest Management. Additionally, 133

			communication, conflict resolution, and leadership, and evaluating the programme's effectiveness through case studies.	training messages were disseminated via phone-based SMS to 25,564 farmers, resulting in a total of 525,304 message transmissions. Furthermore, 6 audio training messages were created and distributed to 135 Farmers' WhatsApp groups.
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