



# CASSAVA

An important food and an agro-industrial crop for Tanzania's agriculture-led industrialization agenda

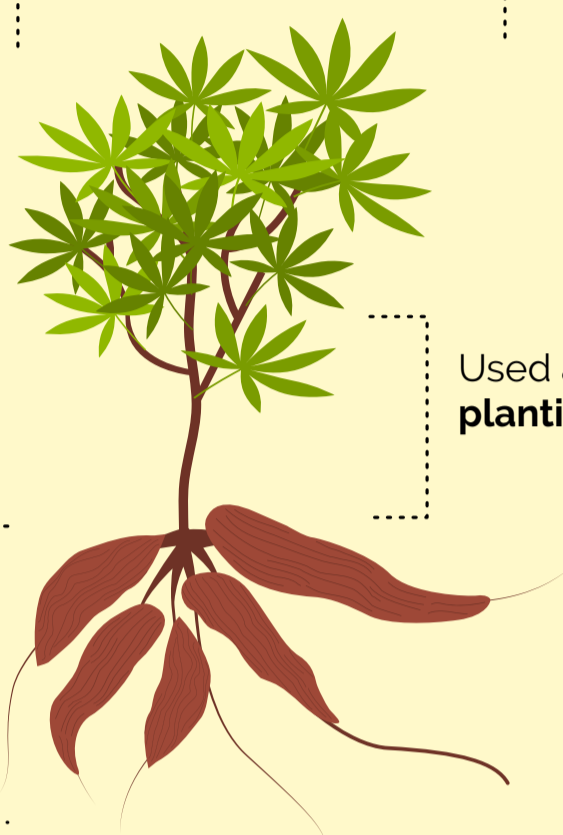


- Tanzania is the **6<sup>th</sup> largest cassava producer** in Africa and **11<sup>th</sup> in the world**
- Important priority crop under the Agricultural Sector Development Program (ASDP II) in Coastal, Lake and South zones

## THE WHOLE CROP IS USEFUL

Leaves, stems, and roots

Rich in **high quality protein and vitamins**



Used as **planting material**

High in **starch content**; provides the much needed **calories** and **high value industrial products**.

## INCOME OPPORTUNITIES

offered by Cassava - both a **food and an agro-industrial crop**.



Cassava is **drought tolerant**

Important **source of food and income**

A crop for **rural agro-industrial development** through processing activities

Important **ingredient for animal feed** formulation and for making **novel food products** such as biscuits, noodles, bread, cakes, and meatpie.

Offers opportunity to **reduce foreign exchange expenditure** on food and imported industrial raw materials such as **starch, sweeteners, adhesive, and ethanol**.



## TAAT PROGRAM

The Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) program seeks to transform cassava sector in Tanzania through:



### Increasing production and productivity



- Close yield gap from current 6 t/ha to over 30 t/ha by using modern technologies: fertilizer, improved varieties, and rapid propagation of planting materials – Semi-Autotrophic Hydroponics (SAH)
- Over 20 improved cassava varieties released and are in research institutes
- Mechanization of cassava production operation to be introduced

### Improving the efficiency of processing and increasing market opportunity for the actors



- Promote the use of modern cassava processing technology and machinery
- Apply quality management procedures to meet international quality standards

### Increasing market opportunity for the actors



- Apply out-grower schemes to link smallholder farmers to market
- Apply ICT platform for business support and technology delivery

### Catalyzing private-sector investments



- Expand rural agro-processing industries through technical assistance
- Improve access to financial credits

**\* Export of intermediate processed cassava products as industrial raw materials can contribute to reducing the current US\$ 1.3 billion trade deficits**

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