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ENABLE-TAAT in Brief



Introduction

ENABLE-TAAT is one of 15 Compacts comprising the Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation Program (TAAT), funded by the African Development Bank (AfDB) and led by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) through its youth in agribusiness initiative. It links the ambition and enthusiasm of youth to the planned modernization of several strategic commodity value chains; rice, wheat, maize, sorghum and millet, cassava, sweet potato, bean, fish and small livestock, in a manner that reduces food imports, increases value addition, and achieves nutritional security in Africa. It connects youth to the process of agricultural transformation necessary to secure economic prosperity through youth-led agribusinesses. The project operates in 19 African countries with a goal of reducing the economic marginalization of African youth through the introduction of modernized agricultural technologies in a way that leads to new agribusinesses and greater employment opportunities.





Objectives of ENABLE-TAAT

- Expand agribusiness opportunities, which will identify and realize the opportunities for agribusiness and employment available to youth through TAAT's priority value chains and proven technologies. This will be achieved through the agribusiness incubation and completion activity of the compact.
- Provide agribusiness support in the form of advocacy, ICT and agribusiness support Services to over 5000 youth and link them to the parallel efforts of other TAAT Compacts. This will be implemented through the advocacy and communication activity.
- Improve human nutrition which will raise awareness and access to improved nutrition in rural areas through the promotion of nutrient-fortified TAAT commodities. The food basket outreach has been designed for this purpose.
- Advance youth empowerment mechanisms which develops the project coordination and management structure and advances TAAT interventions related to youth empowerment into the future through IYA coordination and management.

Compact Operations

There are four major activities under the compact and they are structured to meet the objectives of the compact

■ Agribusiness Incubation

■ Food Basket Outreach

■ Youth Advocacy

■ Youth Registration





Agribusiness Incubation

Agribusiness Incubation expands experiential learning across all TAAT Value Chains. Agribusiness incubation is the bedrock of experiential learning and agribusiness skills development within the Agripreneur Movement. During Year 1 of the project, this pathway engages eight new Agripreneur youth groups in seven countries, and a system of agribusiness orientation and mentorship in support of these actions. Each new agribusiness incubation will operate across a fairly narrow set of TAAT Value Chains based upon special advantage. Each incubation will consist of 12-20 or more interns at any time, divided into sub-groups with their own value chain preferences and task assignments.



Youth Advocacy

Youth advocacy assumes a number of forms. It collaborates with other youth empowerment projects and fora. It documents the achievements of youth and presents them in an inspirational and replicable fashion. It mobilizes resources so that ENABLE TAAT can be expanded. The countries scheduled for advocacy campaigns are Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, and Zambia. Its activities include participation, presentation, and exhibition in a series of youth fora. It is intended to guide others toward agribusiness incubation and youth-led enterprise development. It also crafts partnership with other agencies including the donor community. These activities are targeted towards reaching 5000 youth.





Youth Registration

This involves a documentation of the target 5000 youth through a verifiable database. Under this, activity, a database that provides information on these youth and what sort of benefits they receive along the value chains will be developed. The result, which will be made available online, will form the basis of recommendations on improved operations of groups and individual youth agribusiness operators.



Food Basket Outreach



Food Basket Outreach mobilizes the commercial opportunities emerging from the release of new bio-fortified crop varieties. Great opportunity exists to advance community nutrition through business incubation and outreach related to TAAT priority interventions. Food Basket Outreach is a major mechanism that links ENABLE TAAT and its partner groups to advances among the nine TAAT Commodity Value Chains. This particularly relates to Germplasm Acquisition and Good Management Practice. Our approach is to develop a network of nutritional food basket demonstrations and promote them through outreach actions that both disseminate TAAT's improved varieties to vulnerable persons and offer them to the youth-led agribusiness community. This activity will be implemented at 19 locations in 11 countries during 2018 and later be extended to seven additional countries through advocacy and agribusiness support.

Target Crops

The ENABLE-TAAT compact will align with nine TAAT commodities

- Rice
- Wheat
- Maize
- Cassava
- Sorghum and Millet
- Small Livestock
- Fish Farming
- Orange Fleshed sweet potato
- Iron fortified Beans



Countries of operation

The ENABLE-TAAT project will operate in 19 African Countries;





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