#### **CHAPITRE III**

# Youth Entrepreneurship Programs of International Organizations and Foreign Countries

The following programs support technically and financially local individual entrepreneurs, cooperatives and agricultural specializations in SSA countries.

# The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), EU

CTA is a joint universal organization of the African, Caribbean, and Pacific (ACP) Group of States and the European Union (EU) (cta site).

Its main goal is to propel food security, flexibility and economic growth in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific through developments in durable agriculture. CTA operates under the system of the Cotonou Agreement and is supported by the EU.

CTA advances youth entrepreneurship and employment through access to business development services and ICT policies. CTA operates legitimately through incubators and established employment development specialist coops, agrarian organizations, NGOs, employment affiliations, agriculture, and ICT firms. Herewith few programs propelled by CTA for youth.

### AgriHack process

The AgriHack process supports young e-farming (ICT4Ag) and start-ups (cta.int site). The goal is to help develop business services offered by young ICT4Ag new companies, which will add to the transformation of agricultural value chains in ACP countries, improving profitability and market access in the agrifood area. Up to 2018, 700 young entrepreneurs have partaken in Pitch AgriHack and around 26 ICT hubs or foundations from 20 nations have been included.

#### Manioc21 program

The urban household demand for traditional cassava processed products (e.g. cassava cake, chips, flour, etc.) is growing with the increase in middle-class income.

This potential was confirmed by numerous of small grants ventures propelled by CTA in April 2017 in Cameroon, the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Manioc21 program expects to quicken inventive and new plans of action that make showcase linkages and elevate added-esteem activities to be scaled-up at the regional level.

The support is given to five cooperative in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and five in Cameroon, a total of about 10,000 members, under a detailed audit, needs analysis, training of 50 leaders, development of business plans, budget allocation for processing equipment, coaching for commercial development and financial intermediation.

### EMPRICE, West African rice value chain

CTA together with the Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice site) and the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture, has propelled EMPRICE that support youth entrepreneurship, reinforce market ties, and upgrade jobs in the rice areas of Mali and Senegal. The project intends to build incomes for up to 2,500 smallholder farmers in its two-year lifetime. 15,000 rural youth are targeted via ICT channels with information on opportunities for entrepreneurship in the sector.

### iDEAL, Burkina Faso

iDEAL aims to accelerate access to markets for young people in the country and strengthen the development of agricultural entrepreneurship among young people through the use of ICT.

CTA and the Yam Pukri organization, spent significant time in ICT for financial development, assemble experienced e-farming specialist organizations, such as Afrique Verte and its SIMAgri or Manobi services.

400 young Burkinabe benefit from iDEAL , specifically using market information services. The project plans to benefit to more than 25,000 professionals.

In 1998, a small group of youth established Yam Pukri, as an ICT organization with the command of helping youngsters better comprehend innovation fuelled changes in their environment (yam-pukri website). It began as an ICT training center devoted to making communication technologies accessible to underprivileged youth in rural and urban Burkina Faso.

Yam Pukri is now a social and entrepreneurial hub for youth in Ouagadougou. Yam Pukri has developed to over 200 computers, 12 salaried positions and up to 50 contract representatives and partnership agreements with several European organizations.

#### CTA Vijabiz in Kenya

CTA Vijabiz project has chosen 166 youth groups to get financial support. The participation of the chose youth groups complete 2,373 young farmers, who will be the recipients of the undertaking being actualized in Kilifi and Nakuru regions in Kenya somewhere in the range of 2018 and 2020.

Kibao Kiche Fish Farmers in Kaloleni, Kilifi province, have a fish lake where they acquire fingerlings from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (MOALF) and breed fish. The Umoja Youth Group in Kilifi North and Dundori Stars Youth Group in Bahati, Nakuru, produce and sell yogurt locally. Speak Youth Group, from Kilifi province, has cooperated with Equatorial Natural Millings Company to process braced maize flour. The Group at that point bundle the maize flour, which is blended with rice, wheat, cinnamon, amarathus and pumpkin seeds, before selling it at nearby local market.

#### Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth

In October 2014, the United Nations High-Level Committee on Programmes selected youth employment as a prototype for an issue-based initiative that would mobilize the capacity of the United Nations and global actors committed to more and better jobs for youth.

Around the globe, many organizations, institutions and groups are working hard to provide decent jobs for young people.

However, with a problem of this scale, better coordination is needed. The partners include governments, social partners, youth and civil society, parliamentarians, the private sector, the media, United Nations entities, academia, foundations and regional institutions.

Decent Jobs for Youth is an alliance of multiple partners both within and beyond the United Nations. The partners include several agencies, funds and programmes of the UN system, and a growing number of governments, social partners, businesses, youth organizations, foundations, academic institutions, media outlets and more (decentjobs site).

The International Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth includes organizations such as FAO, ITC, ITU, UNCTAD, UNDESA, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNRWA, UN-WOMEN, UNWTO, WIPO, and the World Bank Group driven by ILO (2017).

A three-year partnership between INCLUDE, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) include researches on, research on soft and digital skills for youth and research to foster workbased learning programs and mentorship.

Mentoring young agricultural graduates for decent jobs in the Benin labour markets is led by Université d'Abomey-Calavi in collaboration with DagriVest. The impact of a national apprenticeship-based entrepreneurship strategy in Nigeria is led by the National Centre for Technology Management, Connecting young, vulnerable women in Mozambique is led by Associação Académica de Nutrição e Segurança Alimentar in collaboration with Oxford Policy Management.

#### Better Utilization of Skills for Youth (BUSY), ILO

Regularly, young students become employees in the undertaking wherein they have been trained (Barlet and d'Aiglepierre, 2016).

These adolescents try to be employed where they are able to acquire 'start-up' capital. Filmer and Fox (2014) estimates that this group represents 5% only of the African employment power.

BUSY is a pilot ILO activity that supports in Africa, the trial of abilities training and youth employment development scheme for vulnerable and minimized youth ages 16 to 24, and especially young women and youth ages 16-17. (ilo.orgafrica site).

The general objective of the BUSY project is to expand respectable job creation and employability of youngsters, thereby contributing to reduce unemployment, vulnerability and poverty.

Program intercessions have seen almost 62,000 youth the nation over access training to improve employment aptitudes and more than 32,000 accesses new or better employment.

The program empowers youth through financial inclusion trainings; drills on entrepreneurships; convening career counseling and placement stints with trainees; and striking partnerships with

relevant entities to enhance collaborative support, learning and sustainability.

# USAID Kenya Youth Employment Support through Skills (K-YES)

K-YES fosters partnerships between young people and the private sector to design and develop mutually beneficial vocational training for increased economic competitiveness and better jobs. The activity offers a fast-track to employment for youth (ages 18-35) who do not have a high school diploma. K-YES program objectives include improved technical and vocational skills training, targeted opportunities for entrepreneurship and increased access to financial services.

Since 2015, K-YES has offered to 173.342 youth access to youth financial services, market-relevant job and business skills. Herewith four cases bolstered by this program in participation with K-YES (youthpower website).

#### Rose Luturian

A garage in the edges of Bungoma town in Western Kenya is an apiary of action. Workers go about their business - assembling stuff, oiling engine parts, fixing tires; and so on.

Thirty years old Rose Luturian was supported by K-YES Program at the office for a three-month competency-based training and was later extended to an employment opportunity because of her exemplary performance.

In spite of dropping out of school and concentrating on her job as a housewife; she opted for the training - a move that baffled her family and friends.

Her energy and criticism from customers later won their regard. Word spread quicker in the community of a woman specialist exceeding expectations in a field ruled by men.

Her progress is a part of the Program's Behavior Change Communications Strategy that tries to demystify negative perceptions towards vocational training and blue collar jobs. The Program has empowered her to take advantage of her new found stature to motivate and inspire others.

Because of her enthusiasm the program office has seen 70% by and large increment in enlistment and 80% ascent of potential students of female sex looking to seek after the mechanical course.

#### Sheila Cherop

Many couldn't accept she would contact her dream of a major venture back when she began off with 20 indigenous chickens, enthusiasm for the activity and an innovative attitude.

After four years, Sheila Cherop is an endeavor in herself. Similarly significant, she is changing lives in her West Pokot County in Kenya on account of her joint effort with USAID Kenya Youth Employment and Skills Program (K-YES).

She is a system-level mentor who has persuaded 50 social groups in her town centering on youth development. This was in the wake of encountering undertaking getting ready supported by K-YES Program in 2017.

With membership ranging 16 – 20 individuals and mostly youth, the groups convene meetings frequently to review progress and share experiences. All things considered, the young groups possess almost 5,000 birds – an accomplishment that produces salary makes prospects for other people and compliments other K-YES program mediations in the County bringing about 2,400 youth increasing new or better employment.

Further employment aptitudes training by the program have additionally empowered the groups to diversify their income sources by investing venturing in goat rearing and fruit farming. They have additionally shaped investment funds and advancing relationship for helpful access and treatment of credit.

As her chickens developed in number, she required materials to shield the young ones from gnawing cold. The expense of a cutting edge introvert was restrictive, so she designed a protective chamber akin to a traditional cook stove, made from locally available earthen material.

The apparently entertaining thought went to a money making adventure — it helped the development of her chicken from the underlying number to 500 and was later received by different groups in the town.

### Sharon Chepkoech

Hailing from a family of six, Sharon tried to be an architect. Her dream was anyway conceded when she dropped out of elementary school because of financial issues.

A mother of three and a proud author of a successful constriction company - Jemily

Constructions; she reviews how she used to embrace humble jobs at building destinations uninformed that the exertion would bit by bit lead to satisfaction of her youth dream.

Despite the fact that she buckled down and delighted in it, the absence of formal training frustrated her development. Like other young businessmen in the district, she earned less because of absence of formal capabilities.

Short competency-based training guided by K-YES in September 2017 was fastened in time. Aside from increasing fundamental learning and abilities on stone employment, she profited soft skills training, entrepreneurship drills; and information on financial access.

The bundle helped her rebrand and bundle her organization; made her more aggressive in her search for jobs; and rebuilt her focus as an employer for young people. Presently, 16 youngsters are on Jemily's payroll – two among them being women. The organization has likewise embraced successful ventures in the territory adding up to a great many shillings and as of late won the profound respect consideration through an honor to assemble a water tank in a foundation in the region.

#### Benard Kabuu

At the point when Benard Kabuu went to business training supported by K-YES, he only expected to learn how to manage his business.

The first born from a family of four had dropped out of school to help his family. He had attempted his turn in numerous things before discovering his specialty as a promising entrepreneur As a beneficiary of the Coca Cola Company activity supporting youth by encouraging them to sell the organization's items, Kabuu yearned to expand his business.

In June 2016, K-YES led a three-day training in Nairobi, outfitting more than 30 youth with abilities for accounting, investment funds, customer relations, marketing and advertising registering businesses as formal entities, and raising capital through Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA).

He gathered similarly invested youth in his general vicinity after the preparation and shared shaping their own VSLA. He is right now the proud author and group pioneer of a 17-part VSLA situated in the

edges of Nairobi and is resolved to collect capital for their organizations. A loan from the group enabled him expand his business—in addition to his Coca Cola kiosk, he supplies water to a nearby garage and also has invested in raising chickens.

# International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Youth Programmes

African youth in rural areas continue to engage in farming, and the absolute numbers of rural youth participating in farming are expected to continue rising as the youth bulge occurs in the coming decades (Mabiso and Benfica, 2019). More than half the youth aged 18-24 years are in farming. Most of the adolescents who are not in farming are in the non-farming agrifood framework (AFS). Investing in mechanisms and policy reforms that enable land rental markets to function efficiently is likely to result in improved access to land for rural

general (Chamberlin and Ricker-Gilbert, 2016; Deininger et al., 2017). Improving access to land for rural youth would probably cut rural-urban migration that is caused by the push factor of lack of access to land (Kosec et al., 2017).

youth and in turn lead to increased efficiency in

#### IFAD interventions in Guinea.

#### Salya garden

Established in 2018, the Salya garden is among 20 nurseries supported by IFAD and the National Program to Support Agricultural Value Chain Actors - Lower Guinea and Faranah extension (PNAAFA-LGF). The support in equipment, technologies and training are changing the lives of smallholder farmers and improving the food value chain crosswise over Guinea. The nurseries are supported by Farmer Field Schools (FFS) through which technical counselors give regular training sessions on agricultural techniques, business skills and group association. To avoid food losses and waste, PNAAFA-LGF has engaged beneficiaries in food transformation activities, delivering training sessions on canning to 204 farmers - of which 173 are women - contributing to preserve vegetables for longer.

Saran Condé is a 30-year-old smallholder farmer in Guinea's Faranah district (Gravelli, 2019a). She has improved her cultivating aptitudes and expanded her profitability since joining the IFAD bolstered community garden in Salya town.

Because of IFAD's help, Saran presently relies on adequate fertilization, organized row planting, stronger fences to divert animal intrusions and increased access to water provided by a solar-powered system. She produces peppers, eggplants, and lettuces, making higher salaries to improve her family's business.

Saran has gotten support from her partners from makers' affiliation, Kankelen. It has 450 individuals, of which 350 are women, who employment in three nurseries.

#### Food processors of the Kankelen association

One can be awesome in cultivating or canning however incompetent in marketing. To fill this gap IFAD has provided marketing guidance to farmer associations across Guinea, fostering sustainable fair trade of agricultural products.

In Faranah, Food processors of the Kankelen affiliation have scaled up their deals and are being perceived by the nearby community, consistently visits the storage facility where vegetables are canned. Shoppers can simply go in and buy what they need, dealing directly with the artisans at the atelier. As the word of mouth spreads fast, the business has expanded, and their cans and jars are also available in local fairs in the region Mamah Samoura is among 45 Farmers of the Kankelen affiliation who have gone to such training in Faranah. Because of the sessions, she has grown new abilities and now she produces vegetables, yet additionally forms 25 kinds of yields developed independently from anyone and else accomplices, for example, tomatoes, peppers, onions, and eggplants. Vegetables that before were spoiled in a couple of days or weeks are keep going for even a half year inside glass containers.

Food processing can drastically reduce the waste of fresh ingredients as well as diversifies food use and consumption over year-round instead of just seasonally. It similarly reinforces smallholders' accounts given the additional value and time-successfulness of the procedure. For example, around two kilos of tomatoes, that would somehow or another be squandered, can be saved as tomato sauce and sold for three times the price.

IFAD's interests in Guinea likewise benefit the retailing division, for which young provincial entrepreneurs have gotten budgetary help to build up their own organizations. Aissatou Lamarana Bah is a multi-year-old undergrad understudy who

opened a small shop in Faranah that sells seeds and composts because of an IFAD advance. She routinely incomes it back and inside seven months will have paid it off.

As well as studying, Aissatou has gotten training on exchange and promoting. Her business is doing great and she begun to make a benefit in the initial three months, getting to be known for spearheading the main shop of its sort in Upper Guinea, selling in Faranah and even in Sierra Leone.

# Programme d'Appui au Développement Agricole et à l'Entrepreneuriat Rural (PADAER),

PADAER-I and II contribute to reducing poverty among the households in Kédougou, Kolda, Matam and Tambacounda regions by integrating them with profitable and diversified value chains (ifad.org site).

PADAER II (2016-2018) develops production and marketing of rice, maize, fonio and small ruminants, and helps improve poultry breeding.

The program invests also in infrastructure by improve hydro-agricultural systems, pastoral infrastructure and markets. It provides training to producers' organizations to enable them to provide sustainable services to their members.

Over 43,700 vulnerable rural households in Senegal will benefit from a US\$72.4 million.

In 1992, Khadim Thiam established a small workshop in Tambacounda, Senegal, to produce farming equipment, for example, hoes, seed drills, ploughs and animal-traction carts (Gravelli, 2019b). For quite a long while his business had just a couple of periodic customers. The workforce was limited to five employees who operated in an office excessively small and insufficient to extend. In 2014 Khadim gained new showcase opportunities through the PADAER program.

The program gave him specialized direction on financial related issues and business administration. Following this joined help, his incomes expanded, enabling him to reinvest benefits. Khadim expanded the size of this workshop to a small production line and fabricated a shed where laborers could manufacture more equipment. From that point forward, his staff has expanded almost multiple times, arriving at 24 employees, the greater part of whom are young and with permanent contracts.

The production has expanded in accordance with a significant interest for horticultural hardware in

Senegal and neighboring nations. Khadim's items are in numerous regions in Senegal and furthermore to Gambia, Mali and Mauritania.

Khadim's equipment has a critical impact in the fields, improving the production that is generally made by hand. By providing many farmers, Khadim is in a roundabout way adding to the development of food production and profitability in the area, thus profiting farmers, their families and communities.

So as to grow his business, Khadim relies on his 26-year-old child Moussa and two other staff individuals who have taken an interest in an escalated training on metallurgical production, supported by IFAD and given by the Senegalese Institute of Agricultural Research (ISRA).

Over a time of a month, Moussa and his partners went to every day learning sessions held in Kedougou and Saint Louis. The course was conveyed to 26 for the most part young members. They got their certificates in February 2019 and are currently able to develop specifically machines that help decrease post-collect misfortunes and increment ranch incomes.

#### **Boost Africa, AfDB and EIB**

Boost Africa, a joint initiative between AfDB and EIB launch in 2017, aims to create opportunities on the ground through enabling and enhancing entrepreneurship and innovation across Africa and creating new and quality jobs for young Africans (AFDB, 2017, 2019c).

The Investment Programme spans the whole venture segment, including seed funds, incubators, accelerators and follow-on funds. It is a partnership between EIB and AfDB, who will each commit up to €50 million. Third-party investors from the public and the private sector will be invited to co-invest. The focus is on sectors where innovations can improve quality of people's lives such as ICT, agribusiness, financial services, health, education and renewable energy

The E-Lab, a component of the Bank's 'Boost Africa' strategy, provides innovative young entrepreneurs with financing, technical assistance and broader ecosystem support through incubators, accelerators, fund managers and others. Five countries have been identified to pilot the E-Lab:

Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa.

The overall target size across the various components of the initiative is expected to be around €250 million, leveraging €1 billion in investments, supporting 1,500 SMEs, and creating 25,000 direct jobs and at least 70,000 indirect jobs. In 2019 the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of the Government of the Swiss Confederation (SECO), joined the program and invest in it US\$ 3 million. Herewith some programs supported by Boost Africa:

- -Botswana INTERNATIONAL HOUSING SOLUTIONS FUND II Urban development,
- -Côte d'Ivoire OASIS AFRICA SME FUND Financial Services,
- -Ethiopia LEASING AND LENDING FOR SMES,
- -Ghana OASIS AFRICA SME FUND Financial Services Private
- -Nigeria DEVELOPMENT BANK OF NIGERIA Financial Services Private 16.9 Regional -ACP ACCESS MICROFINANCE,
- -Regional Africa AGRI-VIE FUND II Agriculture, fisheries, forestry

# Challenge Fund for Youth Employment (CFYE), Netherlands

The aim of the Challenge Fund for Youth Employment (CFYE) is to improve economic prospects for up to 200,000 young men and women in the Middle East, North Africa, Sahel, and Horn of Africa. Private sector, civil society and knowledge institutions can submit proposals geared to scalable solutions for creating more and better jobs and income generating opportunities for youth. The USD 171 million funds will run for at least seven years (2019-2025).

### **Towards Africa Agenda 2063, NEPAD**

NEPAD seeks to train 15,000 African youths/women along strategic agricultural value chains from 2017 to 2020. Target groups will include youth from rural areas, under-privileged background with specific focus on young women. NEPAD Agency will mobilize financial and technical resources from African Union, its member states, and partners such as GIZ, FAO and others.

#### Youth Empowerment Project (YEP!)

The Gambia Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) addresses the economic root causes of irregular migration by supporting youth employment and entrepreneurship. The four-year project started in January 2017 and is funded by the European Union (EU) Emergency Trust Fund for Stability.

### **UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)**

Since 2010, UNCDF has been successfully attempting to build youth financial inclusion related incorporation by supporting the development of relevant and accessible financial products for youth combined with integral non-non-financial services in LDCs.

UNCDF tried its methodology by propelling YouthStart Pilot Program, which more than tripled the original target of providing Access to Finance (A2F) to 200,000 youth. UNCDF is currently growing this way to deal with LDC's in Africa and Asia with the target to build the quantity of youth (specifically girl, youth living in country territories and out-of-school) occupied with entrepreneurship, better than average employment, school, or further education and training.

In Benin, UNCDF is presently executing its Mobile Money for the Poor (MM4P) program, supporting and coordinating with banks, mobile network operators and regulators and controllers to help arrive at a huge number of as of now unbanked inhabitants (uncdf website).

UNCDF is also implementing its Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility (LoCAL) programme, enabling local governments to cope with the increased costs of building resilience to climate change and natural disasters.

The Finance for Food (F4F) activity puts resources into the foundation for improving food security in Benin and causes the legislature to make Food security a focal piece of nearby arranging and spending plans.

UNCDF present in Burkina Faso since 1981, is actualizing the Program d'Appui au financement adapté à l'Agriculture familiale (AgriFinance) to improve access to financial services explicitly adjusted to the requirements of small makers or entertainers of the significant value chain of rice, tomatoes, and cowpea. By encouraging access to

financial services adjusted to the necessities of partners in the three streams, the program is improving food security, self-employment of youngsters, and verifying income in country zones, particularly for women.

### Jobs for Youth in Africa (JfYA)

The African Development Bank (ADB) established in participation with the African Union Commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, and the International Labor

Organization, the program Jobs for Youth in Africa (JfYA) to address the continent's childhood employment challenges.

The policy is to make 25 million jobs and impact on 50 million youth over 10 years utilizing three programs in agriculture, creating new rural microenterprises, equipping skilled youth to launch larger-scale agribusinesses, providing human capital for agro-industrialization and ICT.

ADB additionally gives spending support to approach change, for example, the Rwanda Skills, Employability, and Entrepreneurship Program, focused on reducing skills mismatches in the labor market.

During the main year of the JfYA methodology usage, 1.6 million operates were made and 652,000 individuals trained; the vast dominant part was women and youth (Adler 2017; reserveafricafund site).

### **UN Youth-to-Youth Fund (Y2Y)**

Y2Y Fund is a competitive award and capacity building scheme that empowers youth-drove non-profit organizations to steer and reproduce imaginative undertakings that make employment for youngsters by helping them established small scale ventures in specialty markets (UN, 2018). Since 2008, Y2Y has served more than 500 youth-drove organizations with direct grants or training and has connected with more than 3,000 youth. Assessment of the ventures demonstrates that 8

Assessment of the ventures demonstrates that 8 out of 10 young recipients are successfully set in self-employment or employment.

In West Africa, the Youth Employment Community (YEN), related to UNIDO actualized the Y2Y Fund in

Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Sierra Leone. In East Africa, YEN has banded together with UN-Habitat to convey joint educations for the grantees of the Youth-to-Youth Fund and the UN-Habitat Urban Youth Fund. In 2013, with help from the Canadian International Development Agency and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, YEN propelled the Y2Y Fund in Morocco and Togo.

To decrease youth joblessness in Central Africa by structure young graduate's abilities to look for employment, the Sub-Regional Office for Central Africa of UNECA established an electronicemployment venture utilizing the web and other ICT offices in urban Congo in Brazzaville, Pointe Noire. UNECA additionally established a knowledge platform to share its employment and best rehearses on social policies including youth issues. Youngsters and policy makers utilized the platform to encourage peer learning, information sharing and knowledge creation among ten nations including Uganda, Kenya, Zambia, Egypt, the Gambia, Ghana, Mauritius, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe on how their nations were tending to youth joblessness issues.

#### Southern Africa Innovation Support (SAIS)

SAIS was initiated in 2011 to generate regional innovation cooperation in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region (saisprogramme site).

The first phase of SAIS (2011- 2015) funded projects initiating new models supporting innovation.

The second phase, SAIS 2, (2017-2023), started in June 2017, places special emphasis on youth and innovative entrepreneurship through three result areas: Institutional development for regional innovation cooperation, Innovation in enterprises and Inclusive innovation.

SAIS 2 is managed by the Programme Management Office (PMO), based in Windhoek, Namibia and executed in Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, and Tanzania.

One of the initiatives is ITTHYNK Smart Solutions and Apps and Girls which have developed a 12-month Skills Development Programme "SDP" to train 30 unemployed ICT graduates from South Africa and Tanzania. Graduates receive 4 months training on Microsoft Technologies such as Azure

and will become Microsoft Certified Solution Developers. At the end of the programme, at least 50% of the graduates should find employment opportunities within ITTHYNK/Apps and Girls or with partner companies and clients. IT is expected that 50% of the graduates will build and operate their own startups after the programme.

#### SCALE2 project

SCALE2 is a venture subsidized by the Dutch government through the Directorate-General for International Cooperation (DGIS, The Netherlands) stage 1 from June 2012 to May 2017. The undertaking is being controlled by a consortium of three organizations: International Fertilizer Development Center, International Center for Development Oriented Research in Agriculture (ICRA) and Base of the Pyramid (BoP).

BoP Innovation Center is an autonomous foundation and was established by a consortium of accomplices, to make a one-stop search for organizations, financial businessmen and consultants with a reasonable enthusiasm for comprehensive employment.

SCALE2 builds up a policy of agriculture groups in nine targeted nations in sub-Saharan Africa (Benin, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, South Sudan, and Uganda). These clusters are defined as a partnership at the local level among actors that share a common ambition to build profitable commodity-based value chains. The agribusiness cluster approach is designed to help rural smallholders move from subsistence farming to farming as a business.

In March 2014 BoPInc contacted Heineken International B.V. As an important purchaser of crops and a maker and brewer in Africa, Heineken assumes a significant job in the economic strengthening of a huge number of farmers, their families, and their communities. The organization centres to source 60 percent of its data sources locally by 2020.

In Nigeria, this objective is grasped by its backup, Nigerian Breweries (NB), the biggest fermenting organization in Nigeria that employment sectors surely understood brands of lagers, malt beverages, and minerals. NB is keen on the local obtainment of cassava-based sources of info. NB distinguished Psaltry, a local cassava processor, as a provider of top-notch cassava starch.

SCALE2 has trained 976 farmers containing 730 male and 246 female ashore use the board, Integrated Soil Fertility Management, Mechanization. The organization obtained an automated grower for pilot and the potential changes have been clear and they incorporate potential decrease of the expense of planting, better practicality, diminished drudgery and expanded plant populace target which will mean more income for the farmers.

The partnership has trained 10 extension/field officers as mentors who thus are building the capacity of the farmers. An hectare in each cluster is used as a learning plot to see the response to transporters are integrated to be part of the value chain where stickers were introduced to them to be identified as Psaltry Transporters and this has reduced the cost of transportation by 20%.

The total spending plan for the following stage SCALE2 from January (2019-2023) is €100 million, including €50 million as an open award from the Netherlands' Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and (at least) €50 million money related commitments from private on-monitor characters engaged with organizations developed under (bopinc website). The objective is to arrive at 750,000 smallholder farmers and 5,000 private organizations in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, Niger and Nigeria as need nations, and Ivory Coast and Ghana as program nations with a more limited scope of activities, concentrated generally on crossoutskirt exchange with the Sahel area.

SCALE, opens public-private partnerships (PPPs) as the core implementation modality to achieve the objectives of the program. SCALE2 established 60 of these PPPs, which prompt the help to 750,000 farmers (min half women and 40% youth) and 5,000 micro-small-and medium enterprises, ultimately reaching one million African low-income consumers.

### "Smart" Adaptive Sustainable Agriculture

Smart is a private public partnership between Dutch agriculture organizations composed through Greenport Holland International, Wageningen UR, TNO, BoPInc and the nearby organizations Klein Karoo, Jomajoco (South-Africa) and Rwanda Best Company (Rwanda).

The undertaking means to present agriculture innovations that are reasonable for and adjusted to

the circumstance of small scale farmers in South-Africa and Rwanda. Besides, Smart proposes customized store community upgrades for instance for transportation and dissemination, training and packaging so as to limit misfortunes.

Sustainable development of the horticultural sector is important to realize food security, reduce poverty and protect the environment. Most smallholder farmers come up short on the required assets. BoP Innovation Center is responsible for knowledge management and dissemination, as well as for the analysis of the local logistics including processing, packaging and transportation.

# The West Africa Food Markets (WAFM), UK AID / DFID

WAFM Program is financed by UKaid. The project underpins organizations to dispatch creative endeavors that expansion production, processing and advertising of staple yields through the cross-outskirt exchange.

WAFM tries to expand the accessibility of staple foods and buying intensity of farmers in food uncertain locales of the Sahel just as increment the strength to craving and ailing health during their hungry seasons and intermittent stuns.

Kedan Limited, agriculture operating in Tumu in the Upper West Region of Ghana, has introduced a 7000 metric tons for every annum maize industrial facility that produces maize flour, strengthened maize flour, maize cornmeal and maize wheat for nearby and West African provincial markets (westafricafoodmarket site).

Kedan Limited, established in 2014, began as a rural production, commodity aggregation and trading business. With time the company has wandered into processing and now underpins more than 1,500 smallholder farmers in Northern Ghana with farm inputs, tractor services, training and expansion services to build the volumes of crude maize delivered. At the full activity, the manufacturing plant will give more than 50 direct jobs and furthermore give more than 50 part time jobs as well.

The cooperation will profit more than 2000 smallholder maize farmers as the manufacturing plant will likewise fill in as a trained, solid and manageable market hotspot for the maize.

#### **ENABLE Youth Sudan**

ENABLE Youth Sudan is based on the IITA Youth Agripreneurs model which began in Nigeria in 2012 and has since been steered in a few African nations. The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) is a non-profit organization specialized on agricultural developments improving the living environments in Nigeria and other 15 SSA nations by creating jobs (iita website).

The AfDB Board endorsed the ENABLE Youth program in 2016 with total expense assessed at US \$32.3 million. The AfDB is contributing 90.1% of the undertaking cost, while the Government of Sudan is contributing the staying 9.9%. The program target is to make business opportunities and relevant employment for young women and men along need farming value chains. It is actualized in nine Youth Agriculture Incubation Centers (YABICs) in five states. The program is relied upon to train around 2,000 "Agripreneurs", half are women. Every one of these Agripreneurs is required to utilize five other support workers, generating about 12, 000 direct jobs (6,000 of them for women) in the first five years The ENABLE Youth is a loan facility to help youth to build up their abilities and capacities, plan, launch and manage agribusinesses.

FAO attempts the capacities and involvement of women and youth in agri-food value chains to promote their economic empowerment (FAO, 2018).

A part of the initiatives bolster a few individual entrepreneurs in space, for example, the orange maize in Ghana and soybean seed framework in Malawi.

#### Orange maize, Ghana

Orange-fleshed maize was developed by a group of researchers from CSIR-CRI and proposed to local producers at Amanase close Suhum in the Eastern area of Ghana that is making cultivating more gainful for their family (IITA, 2017).

These new varieties were accepted by the farmers since they could develop in 110 days rather than 130 days, had adequate levels of vitamin A for improved health and food, and they had resistance for every one of the burdens that influence the local variety. Moreover, the new varieties likewise had a yield capability of up to 3 t/ha—multiple times the yields recently acquired from their fields.

The new varieties likewise offered 10-20% more expensive rate over the white varieties.

Food items from orange maize were sticky, so there was no compelling reason to include cassava batter in getting ready local food, along these lines setting aside some money. Orange maize and its items are dynamically spreading all through Ghana and this could be seen on the roadside—bubbled and broiled or in Banku, Kenkey, and Tuosafi.

Notwithstanding the achievement of the new varieties in Amanase, most poultry farmers in Kumasi, Ejura, Kofiase, Nkoranza, and Sunyani where the orange maize has been presented have said that the adequate levels of pro-vitamin A have led to an improvement in the health conditions of their birds. They have additionally communicated trust in the varieties' capacity to improve the shade of egg yolk and furthermore increment egg production.

### Soybean seed framework, Malawi

In Malawi, soybean is the soul of thousands of smallholder farmers (IITA, 2015). Current production levels are low, averaging under 1 t/ha. Farmers have constrained access to better varieties. The Malawi Improved Seed **Systems** Technologies (MISST) project is driven by IITA and upheld by USAID's Feed-the-Future Initiative. MISST is making excellent seeds of three improved varieties (Tikolore, Nasoko, and Makwacha) available. accessible increasingly and undertaking is operating through help for seed production, expanding selection through variety promotion, capacity building, reinforcing of seed partnerships, and by utilizing public-private cooperation for seed production, distribution, and marketing.

The project has trained more than 1279 community-based seed makers, 735 men, and 544 women, bolstered them with essential seeds and encouraged their enrollment with the Seed Service Unit as affirmed seed makers. These farmers are as of now delivering guaranteed seeds of the three improved varieties being demonstrated by the project on 485 ha over the 7 districts.