

Project Name: Learn for Agribusiness (L4AB)

Organization(s): Heifer Nederland, Edukans Foundation

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Country: Uganda

Partner(s): Heifer Uganda, Heifer Nederland, Edukans, Subcounty Dokolo, TVETs Dokolo

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Website: www.heifer.nl/L4AB

Project description: L4AB is a program designed to enable uneducated and unemployed youth who have grown up suffering from the civil war, to make decent living in agricultural sector. Target youth are trained in sustainable agriculture, entrepreneurship and soft skills. Training curricula for the sunflower, groundnut, maize and soy value chains are developed, and community facilitators and commercial extension workers are capacitated to advise youth farmers.

Target Population: Vulnerable, rural youth (aged 18-30) with 50% of women, who might have been affected by the civil war in Northern Uganda.

Results to-Date and/or Target Results:

Agribusiness curricula based on sunflower, groundnut, maize and soy value chains have been established and two agribusiness hubs are founded. 3881 youth have enrolled as students in the project, organized in 135 youth groups linked to the two agrihubs.

- 2400 trained youth (75%) have their income increased by 70%
- 2400 youth stating to be (self)employed 1 year after finalizing skills training
- 2400 youths have increased access to business opportunities and market linkages
- 3200 disadvantaged youth have gained adequate working skills for decent (self)- employment in agribusiness
- Accessibility of micro-loans for youth
- Value of communities traded by agri-hubs
- Agri-hubs that can run break-even within 3 years
- Various indicators on gender equality (women managerial positions, control over income)
- Sustainable partnerships between training providers, private sector and government enable enhanced relevant and quality skills training

Interesting Features & Innovations:

-Using Financial, Institutional, Environmental, Technical and Social sustainability (FIETS) model that ensures the project sustainability.

-Curricula is designed for agricultural value chains, the choice of which is made based on intensive consultations with the targeted youth and the market opportunities in the area.

-Large potential in scaling with collaboration between Edukans and the international Heifer network. This collaboration allows Heifer to enhance its agricultural training programs, learning from the 7-steps approach to bring in market requirements and improving didactic approaches. It can use these learnings in the 24 countries where it has programs.