

EU KUWAKI project

Since 2012 to 2014, HELVETAS Tanzania implemented a three years project called KUWAKI (in Swahili: **Ku**wezesha **Wa**nawake katika **Kilimo**), or “Empowering Women through Irrigated Vegetable Production and Marketing” in Singida Region, specifically in the district of Mkalama, Ikungi, Iramba, Singida Rural and Urban. The project reached more than 800 households organized into 40 women farmer groups.

Based on the notable achievements obtained in the first phase, HELVETAS Tanzania has managed to secure funding from European Union to scale up the KUWAKI Project now known as **EU KUWAKI** project or “Strengthening Smallholder Producers’ vegetable Production and Marketing”. The project is implemented in 15 wards of Iramba, Mkalama and Singida Rural districts from January 2015 to December 2017.

Project Overall goal

To increase agricultural production, development and trade in view of economic development and reduction of rural poverty in Singida Region and at national level.

Specific objective

Strengthening value chains linking smallholder producers to markets, in view of increasing productivity, postharvest management, competitiveness and income in the horticulture subsector, with focus on tomato, onion and green leaf

Issues Addressed

- Small scale vegetable producers especially Female and youth capacitated in Good Agricultural Practices

- Small scale vegetable producers (and value chain actors (trader and agro-dealers) capacitated in marketing (business development, market linkages and processing).
- Small scale vegetable producers have access to financial services.
- Small scale vegetable producers and value chain actors are capacitated in cross-cutting issues contributing to improving linkages between vegetable value chain actors.

Core Activities

- Support the training on the Tanzania Horticultural Development Strategy (THDS) 2012 – 2021 to key partner, associates, Local Government Authorities, top regional officials & farmers.
- Facilitate the formation of 100 vegetable producer groups from 2,500 households. Support training on Good Agricultural Practices for vegetables to lead farmers.
- Support training on small scale irrigation and supply concrete pedal pumps to demonstration plots and producer groups.
- Support training to farmers on processing tomatoes, onions & green leaf. Support training to master trainers and traders on Post Harvest Management.
- Support training to 100 ToTs on business management, entrepreneurship, networking, market and market linkages.
- Support construction of 3 collections, selling and processing centers for tomatoes, onions

& green vegetables in Singida, Iramba and Mkalama districts.

- Training community groups and community resource persons on Village Saving & Lending.
- Support the training of vegetable producers on cross-cutting issues (gender & HIV/AIDS, ICT in Agriculture & Environment)

Expected Results

- Small scale vegetable producers especially female and youth capacitated in Good Agricultural Practices.
- Small scale vegetable producers) and value chain actors (trader and agro-dealers) capacitated in marketing (business development, market linkages and processing).
- Small scale vegetable producers) have access to financial services.
- Small scale vegetable producers and value chain actors are capacitated in cross-cutting issues contributing to improving linkages between vegetable value chain actors.
- More than 2,500 small scale farming households with above 15,000 population, vegetable traders and agro-dealers will be reached by the year 2017.

Approaches/Strategies used

- Making markets work for the poor
- Good Agricultural Practices
- Women and Youth Economic Empowerment.

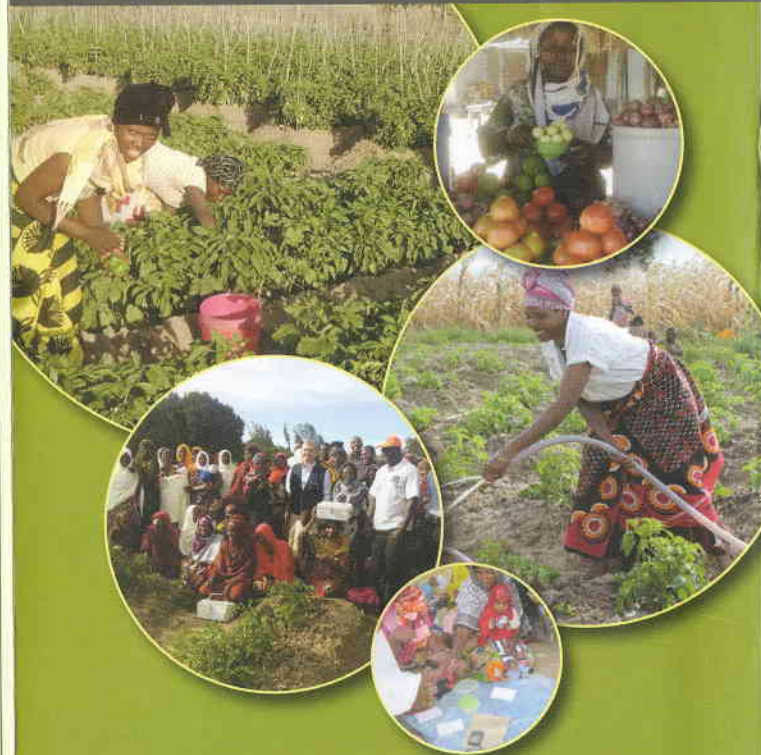


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- Village Saving & Lending model.

Project Partner/Associates

- **Community Development Relief Trust Fund (CODERT)**, a partner local NGO, conducts trainings and facilitates the establishment of community based credit and saving groups
- **HORTI-Tengeru**, a governmental horticultural research and training institution, provides training on good agricultural practices for vegetables
- **Water for the Third World (W-3-W)**, a Swiss NGO, supplies the concrete pedal pumps for irrigation
- **Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO)**, trains women and men farmers on vegetable (tomato, onions and green leaf) processing, business management and marketing
- Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives. Facilitating training on Horticulture Strategy.
- **Local Government Authorities (LGAs)**. Sensitize the communities so that community members become fully involved in the project and provide technical support to the farmers.

Sustainability

- Full community participation and commitment in the project

- Participation of LGAs in planning, implementation, monitoring & evaluation and provision of continuous support
- Trained lead farmers/community resource persons ensure regular provision of advisory services
- Trained community technicians (local fundis) ensure regular repair and maintenance of concrete pedal pumps.
- LGAs and SIDO provide continuous support to the formed farmers groups.
- The women groups have been registered and or are in process for registration at the district level in order to become officially recognized and facilitate access to funds.
- Willingness of donors/development partners to support small holder farmers.

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