

Following years of civil war, poverty has increased dramatically in Burundi and today an estimated 68% of the population is on the threshold of food supply insecurity. Agricultural production has been decreasing since 1988. For many cultures, the quantities harvested could be doubled thanks to some measures of agricultural intensification. Since 1993 war has made access to cultivable land difficult and lack of inputs has reduced agricultural production.

In the town of Gisuru, several local groups are already in the process of exploiting the land and a seed center is being rehabilitated in agreement with the government. These groups may continue to multiply seeds after the project ends. After working with leaders, associations and local authorities, local stakeholders have established the following targets:

- *To increase agricultural production by the multiplication of improved seeds and the linkage of agriculture and raising livestock.*
- *To augment soil fertility through organic fertilizers and agroforestry.*
- *To strengthen the capacities of producers through training and agricultural consulting .*



Main activities :

- Rehabilitation of the seed center at Nyabigozi and its seed storage facility
- Production of improved seeds of sorghum, corn, groundnuts and sunflower
- Production of leguminous plants for agroforestry and reforestation
- Training in use of organic fertilizers (composting/manure), seed production, agroforestry, and raising goats
- Ongoing consulting with producers

Project monitoring

Indicators of outcome and impact have been identified and will be measured. Midterm and final evaluations will be undertaken.

Number of beneficiaries of this program : **4500 families (agroforestry portion), 1000 families (storage portion), 600 families (seed and livestock portion)**

Project budget total amount and duration : CHF 241'416 for two years

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