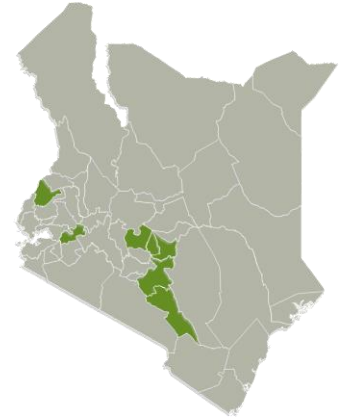


SOLIDARIDAD NETWORK EAST AFRICA

CATEGORY: CSO
CSA PROJECT: Policy and advocacy
SCALE: National
LOCATION (COUNTY): Kirinyaga, Embu, Nyeri, Machakos,
Makueni, Kericho, Bungoma
PERIOD OF THE PROJECT: 2021
GRANT SIZE OF THE PROJECT:



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Solidaridad Network is an international civil society organisation that facilitates the development of socially responsible, ecologically sound and profitable supply chains. The organisation seeks to transform production practices to promote fair and profitable livelihoods, business opportunities, decent working conditions and livelihoods without depleting the landscapes where people live and thrive. Solidaridad works to create sustainable supply chains for 13 of the world's most important commodities from the producers to consumers. Focus commodities in Kenya include; coffee, fruits and vegetables, sugarcane, livestock, tea, and gold. Main activities include vulnerability assessments focusing on commodities, adaptation/mitigation measurements using agreed on tools, implementation of climate smart practices and also convening actors to dialogue on climate change and landscape issues.

CONTEXT

Production of commodities has a two-way impact on climate change, one that the commodities are affected by the impacts of climate change, and also the process of producing this commodities releases a lot of green house gases. This is the reason as to why Solidaridad works to develop, implement and measure climate smart practices within commodities. Solidaridad also works with communities to address climate change vulnerabilities, including supporting diversification of livelihoods.

OBJECTIVE

The main objective is to facilitate integration of climate smart practices across commodities and supply chains.

KEY INTERVENTIONS

FARM LEVEL	TARGET (NO OF FARMERS)	INDICATORS MONITORED
Agroforestry (use of shade trees)	10,000	Number of fields under agroforestry practices.
Promotion of drought tolerant/adaptive varieties.	10,000	Type of adaptive varieties identified Number of farmers changing varieties in response to the changing climate
Climate information services	3000	Number of farmers adjusting practices in response to the changing climate.
Soil management	10,000	Number of farmers acting upon recommendations of soil testing
Water management	3000	Number of farmers establishing water harvesting kits
Integrated waste management	300	Number of cooperatives/processing producers integrating waste management interventions.
Efficient fertilizer use	3000	Number of farmers using efficient fertilizer application techniques.

BEYOND FARM LEVEL	TARGET BENEFICIARIES/SUPPLY CHAINS	INDICATORS MONITORED
Vulnerability assessments	4	Number of commodity vulnerability assessments conducted.
Mitigation measurement	4	Type of GHG emission hotspots identified along the commodity chain
Adaptation measurement	Farmers (4)	Number of farmers undertaking adaptation practices
Waste management	4 pilots	Type of interventions on waste management at factory level
Establishment of landscape actors based on ecosystems	Communities	Number of decisions made at landscape level to protect the environment
Facilitating access to climate finance by SME	Producers (3000)	Number of producers/SME accessing climate finance
Use of digital technologies in collecting adaptation and mitigation data	Farmers (3000)	Number of farmers reached with the digital technologies
Gender (Youth and Women inclusion in CSA)	Youth and women	Number of women farmers reached
CSA based access to markets and value chains	Farmers	Commodity markets accessed

PARTICIPATION IN KEY CLIMATE & AGRICULTURE NETWORKS

The organisation is a member of the following networks; Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Platform ; Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) private sector dialogue platforms and African Fine Coffees Association (AFCA)

INVOLVEMENT IN CSA

- General research
- Policy formulation
- Knowledge dissemination
- Technology transfer
- Financing of climate smart agriculture actions

RELEVANCE OF CSA MSP TO WORK

- Information about CSA
- Networking
- Learning and exchange
- Reporting and showcasing
- Develop new business
- Influence policy environment
- Sharing and testing developed tools

RECOMMENDATION ON WAYS TO SUPPORT MSP

- Developing specific climate smart agriculture policies, legislations, strategies, plans, that are mainly commodity specific.
- Dissemination of climate smart agriculture knowledge and technologies
- Developing capacities of key actors involved in climate smart agriculture implementation
- Mobilizing actors and facilitating dialogue on climate smart agriculture issues/actions
- Conduct research to provide scientific evidence (specify the research)
- Monitoring, evaluation and audit of climate smart agriculture aspects to enhance accountability
- Coordination of CSA actions

LESSONS LEARNED AND CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CSA PROJECT

Finance is key in scaling up climate innovations and continuous engagement of commodity actors could lead to more outcomes in terms of mitigation and adaptation. There is need to collaboratively develop tools for CSA measurements.

RELEVANT LINKS & REFERENCES

<https://www.solidaridadnetwork.org/regions/east-central-africa>

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