

# SAFE-World Project/Initiative Summary

**Country: Uganda**

Project/Initiative Title: Uganda Co-operative Alliance

Nos. farmers: 40,000

Hectares: 20,000

Improvement types

1x	2	3	4	5x	6x	7x	8x	9
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Success and Limits to spread

Success	Limits
1b, 3e	2a, 3a, 5b

## A. Key Impacts

### ***A1 – Productivity***

	Before/Without	After/With	% change
Sunflower	250 kg/ha	700 kg/ha	180
Milk	1-3 l/day	8-10 l/day	300

### ***A2 – Impacts on natural capital***

?? Under CAAS Project Rhizobium was used in soya beans for Nitrogen fixation

### ***A3 – Impacts on local community (social capital)***

Rural Savings Mobilization - U.shs 92,222.486 mobilized from 74 societies of average membership of 200.

130 societies had their turnover increased from US. 3.266 billion to US 7.152 billion in 1994-95. Profits increased from US 171 million to US 387 million in 1994-95.

41.431 members were trained in market operations legal awareness and gender.

### ***A4 – Impacts on households and individuals (human capital)***

Under the Cooperative Reform and Development Program:

Members were trained in market forces and business calculations and can now compete in the liberalized market.

Members were trained in legal awareness and can now control their businesses. They have been empowered.

Women participation in economic activities has been enhanced.

Gender awareness has increased.

### ***A5 – Key changes in farm / regional system***

?? Ox-cultivation under marketing Grant of CAAS Project. Reduced land opening costs \$20 to \$2.5 per acre.

?? Livestock - Zero grazing cows in areas where there is shortage of land increased milk yields from 1-3 litres to 8-10 litres per cow per day.

?? Improved sunflower seeds under CAAS and CFOSP Projects. Increased productivity from 250 kgs per ha. to 700 kgs per ha.

- ?? Improved storage under CAAS - reduced post harvest losses.
- ?? Agro-processing grinding mills - increased income and saved labour for women.
- ?? About 41431 farmer members have benefited from the activities of the project.
- ?? Methods used in CRDP are being adopted by other societies not participating. Women participation in economic activities has increased, those members are now contributing share capital to their societies.

### **B. Types of Sustainable Agriculture Improvements**

- Type 1: Better use of available renewable natural capital
- Type 2: Intensification of single sub-component of farm system
- Type 3: Diversify by adding new productive natural capital and regenerative components
- Type 4: Better use of non-renewable inputs and technologies
- Type 5: Social and participatory processes leading to group action for making better use of natural capital
- Type 6: Human capital building through training-learning programmes
- Type 7: Access to Finance
- Type 8: Add value by processing to reduce losses and increase returns
- Type 9: Add value by direct or organised marketing of produce to consumers

	Yes/No	Narrative
Type 1	x	Legumes. Improved varieties of seeds. Improved breeds of livestock
Type 2		
Type 3		
Type 4		
Type 5	x	Methods of active participation have been used at all stages of the projects.
Type 6	x	Introduction of vision workshops in societies have helped members to do self criticism and assessment which led them to proper planning.
Type 7	x	
Type 8	x	
Type 9		

### **C. Key Lessons: Success, Spread and Constraints**

#### ***C2 – Aspects of local/national context contributing to success***

- ?? Participatory decision making.
- ?? Flexibility in planning.
- ?? Constant Monitoring and Evaluation.
- ?? Networking with other collaborating Agencies.

#### ***C3 – Limitations preventing spread***

- ?? Structural Adjustment Policies.
- ?? Unstable market prices.
- ?? High debt burdens.

- ?? Narrow agricultural research focus.
- ?? Inequitable/inadequate and inappropriate land tenure.
- ?? Lack of human/financial resources.
- ?? Lack of local labour.

***C4 – Policy issues***

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- ?? Unstable market prices.
- ?? Inequitable/inadequate and inappropriate land tenure.

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