

**NAKASONGOLA DLG QUARTER 4 IMPLEMENTATION PERFORMANCES FOR
2024/2025 FY FOR UGANDA CLIMATE AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION
PROJECT - UCASTP**

**UGANDA CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT
(UCSATP)**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the effort to implement the UCSATP, Nakasongola District Local Government heavily participated in engagements for the roll out and implementation of key interventions of the Uganda Climate Smart Agricultural Transformation Project – UCSATP.

Awareness and training sessions were conducted in the 15 sub-counties and town-councils involving leaders of government and non-government institutions, farmers and representatives of special groups like PWDs, Women and youth.

284 farmer groups were mobilised and presented for verification. 156 farmer groups were approved to participate in UCSATP project interventions, aiming to boost agricultural productivity and enhance resilience to climate change. Trainings were conducted to 143 verified farmer groups from the 15 LLGs to enhance their capacity and skill in group administration, developing a business idea, assessing technical and financial feasibility of a business idea and developing a production, marketing and operation plan.

PROJECT DATA TABLE/BASIC INFORMATION

	Description
Reporting period	Q4 (April – June 2025)
Subregion	Buganda
District	Nakasongola
Value Chains Promoted	Coffee, Dairy, Beef, Fisheries, Apiculture and BSF
Number of Subcounties covered	15
Number of Parishes covered	56

Number of Groups in Districts (Per value chain)	Crop – Coffee (120) Livestock – Beef (30) - Dairy (45) Fisheries - Mukene (12) - Nileperch (12) Beneficial Insects - Apiculture (45) - BSF (10)
Main Value chains Implemented	All the four Value chains – Mobilised and raised awareness for implementation of UCSATP value chains
Appropriated Budget	151,592,580=
Amount of Funds received	75,796,290=
Date of Receipt of Funds	
Funds Spent	74,106,472=

BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Uganda Climate Smart Agricultural Transformation Project – UCSATP is a transformative initiative aimed at integrating climate-smart agricultural approaches to boost production and productivity, improve market access, and strengthen resilience across Uganda's key agricultural enterprises.

Agriculture is the backbone of our economy, employing the majority of our people and contributing significantly to food security and livelihoods. However, the sector faces immense challenges due to climate change, which continues to threaten our crops, livestock, fisheries, and the very ecosystems that sustain them. Unpredictable rainfall, prolonged droughts, pests and diseases are just some of the realities we face daily.

In response to these challenges, MAAIF came up with strategies to address such challenges and the UCSATP has been designed as a comprehensive program of such strategy to promote Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA). MAAIF implements its strategies, programs and projects through the District local Governments. In this effort, Nakasongola District Local Government participated in engagements for the roll out and implementation of key interventions of the Uganda Climate Smart Agricultural Transformation Project - UCSATP

1.1 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE

The project development objective is to increase Agricultural productivity, market access and climate resilience of the selected value chains in the project area for improved livelihoods of the small holder farmers in Uganda.

1.2 IMPLEMENTATION

The project is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry, and fisheries (MAAIF), with support from World Bank and other development partners.

1.3 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- **Increased Agricultural productivity.** The Project aims to increase crop yields and improve Livestock productivity through climate resilient practices.

- **Enhanced Climate Resilience:** UCSATP seeks to enhance the resilience of smallholder farmers to climate related shocks and stresses.
- **Improved Livelihoods:** The project aims to improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and their households through better access to markets, increased incomes and better food security.

1.4 SELECTED VALUE CHAINS FOR NAKASONGOLA DISTRICT

- ❖ Crop - Coffee
- ❖ Livestock - Dairy, Beef
- ❖ Fisheries (Mukene&Nileperch/Tilapia)
- ❖ Beneficial Insects (Beekeeping & Black Soldier Fly Rearing)

Selected sub-counties for the various Value chains

S/N	Sub-county	Coffee	Dairy	Beef	Fisheries		Apiculture	BSF
					Mukene	Nile perch / Tilapia		
1	Nabiswera		✓				✓	
2	Wabinyonyi	✓		✓			✓	
3	Nakitoma	✓	✓				✓	
4	Kalungi	✓		✓		✓		
5	Kakooge	✓	✓				✓	
6	Migeera TC		✓					✓
7	Kalongo	✓		✓			✓	
8	Kakooge TC	✓						
9	Katuugo TC	✓					✓	
10	Lwampanga			✓	✓			
11	Lwabiyata			✓	✓		✓	
12	Lwampanga TC					✓	✓	✓
13	Kazwama TC	✓					✓	
14	Mayirikiti TC	✓					✓	
15	Nakangola TC	✓	✓					✓

1.5 Project Targets

Value Chain	Enterprise	Number of Sub-counties	Parishes/ sub-county	Number of Farmer Groups / Parish	Total
Crop		10	3	4	120
Livestock	Beef	5	3	2	30
	Dairy	5	3	3	45
Fisheries	Mukene	2	2	3	12
	Nileperch	2	2	3	12
Beneficial Insects	Apiculture				45
	BSF				10
Total					274

2.0 PROGRESS NARRATIVE

On January 6th, 2025 Nakasongola District Local Government mobilised and held a district level stakeholder orientation for implementation of UCSATP. The district stakeholders were equipped with knowledge and tools needed to implement the project. Also selected the sub-counties and town-councils for the project and assigned a focal person for the project

The selected project focal person with the District implementation team spearheaded the implementation of key project interventions as:

1. Mobilized, identified and submitted sites for:
 - ✓ Road chokes
 - ✓ Community watering points
 - ✓ Valley tanks
 - ✓ District laboratory
 - ✓ Small irrigation systems
2. Selected Parishes and Farmer groups, With the leaders at the district and sub-county level:
 - ✓ Mobilised and Raised awareness about the project at the LLGs through community meetings especially burials, weddings etc
 - ✓ During the STPC, Selected parishes for the UCSATP value chains
 - ✓ With the Field extension staff, selected and submitted the farmer groups to participate in UCSATP
3. Verification, In conjunction with MAAIF teams conducted quick verification of locations or sites for :
 - ✓ Road chokes (20km)
 - ✓ District laboratories
 - ✓ The farmer groups for participation in UCSATP.
 - ✓ Community watering points,
 - ✓ Valley tanks,

- ✓ Fish ponds and Small irrigation systems. However approved sites are not yet communicated for further engagements.
4. Developed a District work plans and budget: With the indicative planning figures (151,592,580=) and templates developed and successfully submitted the work plan and budget for 2024/2025 FY. The supplementary budget was successfully approved by DEC and Council. Accessed 50% of the funding (75,796,290=), warranted and utilized to implement planned activities for 2024/2025 FY.
 5. Project implementation structure: The district Implementation team with the district leadership identified and submitted persons for the project implementation structure. i.e
 - ✓ The sub accountant / finance officer for the project
 - ✓ The Environment and social safe guard team for the project (DEO,DCDO, Labour officer, DFO, DWO, DEHO)
 - ✓ The Technical implementation team (CAO, DPO, DFO, DVO, DAO, DEO, DE, DCDO, DCO, Forestry, Labour)

2.1 IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

A1: Mobilization, Targeting, Supervision and Training

Nakasongola District Local Government implemented various UCSATP activities to enhance agricultural productivity. Climate resilience, market access and improve livelihoods of smallholder farmers targeting small holder farmers.

Table 1: District Targeting

Variable	Description	Target	Achieved	Reason for Variation
Number of Subcounties	Selected for the UCSATP value chains	15	15	NA
Number of Parishes Targeted	Selected for the UCSATP value chains	56	47	The parishes don't yet have verified farmer groups for the project
Value chains Covered	Crop	1	1	Conducted Infrastructure Site Verification, yet to
	Livestock,	2	2	

	Fisheries,	2	2	have designs.
	beneficial Insects,	2	2	
	Infrastructure	6	6	
Number of Farmer groups	Crop	120	29	Group co-funding by some farmer groups is still a challenge
	Livestock	75	19	
	Beneficial Insects	55	10	
	Capture Fisheries and Aquaculture	24	17	
Number of Farmers mobilized, targeted and Trained	Male	365	372	Few women involved in production of the selected UCSATP enterprises
	Female	120	136	
	Youth	95	82	
	Persons with disabilities	20	19	
Technical officers deployed	Male	7	7	Inadequate staff hinders effective service delivery
	Female	2	2	
Strategy used	Radio talk show	2	2	Mass mobilisation and awareness raising conducted through Radio talk show and spot messages
	baraza,	0	0	
	flyers, etc.	0	0	
	Radio spot Messages			

Key issues.

- ❖ Delayed access of manuals – FID implementation manuals, and check list
- ❖ Delayed onset of activities as a result of delayed access of Funds for 2024/2025 FY.

Key accomplishments.

Nakasongola District Local government has made significant accomplishment during the quarter

- **Community mobilisation:** Nakasongola district local government started community mobilisation, identification of farmer groups in January 2025 and with the leaders raised awareness for the project through the community meetings and functions.
- **Beneficiary selection:** The district implementation team with the sub-county implementation team, mobilised, identified and submitted farmer groups to benefit from the various value chains of the project.
- **Awareness Creation:** Awareness and training sessions were conducted at the 15 sub-counties and town-councils involving leaders of government and non-government institutions, farmers and representatives of special groups like PWDs, Women and youth.

Plans for next quarter.

- The technical and extension staff to support and train farmers for crop, beneficial insects, fisheries, livestock, and infrastructure value chains.

A2. Establishment of Project Structures

Table 2: District Coordination Structures

Variable	Description	Status	Reason for Variation
Structures formed	Establishment of the District and Sub-county coordination structures	District coordination structure established	Due to inadequate funds, the sub-county meetings were not held to establish and train the sub-county structure
Member Lists	Names and Roles captured	The District Technical coordination team (CAO, DPO, DFO, DVO, DAO, DEO, SAE, DE, DCDO, EO, DCO, Forestry, Labour)	Yet to conduct trainings
Member List	Documents/ Lists, Minutes of meeting (Yes/No)	The coordination team: ➤ Developed the annual workplan for 2024/2025 FY	

		➤ Trained TOTs for the subcounty level engagements	
Representation	Sectors Represented in structure	The following sectors were represented in the structure: ➤ Administration ➤ Production ➤ Engineering ➤ Community development ➤ Commercial Trade ➤ Environment	The Planner and the Procurement officer need to participate in the coordination meeting for better integration in the district processes.

A3. Farmer Institutional Development

Table 3: Farmer groups supported

Variable	Description	Target	Achieved	Reason for Variation
Capacity building	Number of farmer groups trained	156	143	
Business groups supported	Number supported with market linkages	0	0	Not Planned for
Market linkages facilitated	Number and types (dealers, buyers)	0	0	Not planned for

Key issues.

- ❖ High farmers expectations, especially the coffee farmers expected seedlings during 2025A season
- ❖ Lack of guidance for management of the Farmer Co-funding i.e where to deposit /bank, to which account and how the co-funding should be utilized?

Key accomplishments.

Nakasongola District Local government has made significant accomplishment during the quarter

- **Beneficiary reach:** The project expected to directly benefit 274 farmer groups, 284 farmer groups were mobilised and presented for verification. 156 farmer groups were approved to participate in UCSATP project interventions.
- **Farmer group registration:** 156 farmer groups are registered to receive matching grant support under the UCSATP, aiming to boost agricultural productivity and enhance resilience to climate change.
- **Farmer group training in Farmer institution development:** Nakasongola District Local government provided trainings to 143 verified farmer groups from the 15 LLGs to enhance their capacity and skill in group administration, developing a business idea, assessing technical and financial feasibility of a business idea and developing a production, marketing and operation plan.

Plans for next quarter.

- Train Farmer groups in value chain development including Climate resilient practices (such as sustainable agriculture, agroforestry, climate smart Agriculture), post-harvest handling, storage, market access and business skills (like marketing and financial management).

A4. Implementation Support

Table 4: Technical backstopping

Variable	Description	Target	Achieved	Reason for Variation
Trainings conducted	Sub-county level engagements meeting for the roll out and implementation of UCSATP Farmer group trainings in farmer institution development and development of group production plans	15 LLGs for 600 participants 156 verified farmer groups from 15 LLGs	15 LLGs for: - 372 Males -136 Females - 82 Youth - 19 Persons with disabilities 143 farmer groups attended the trainings in Farmer Institutional Development	

Table 5: Training Materials

Variable	Description	Status	Reason for Variation
Training materials	Farmer Institutional Development guide for crop, livestock, Fisheries, and beneficial insects value chains	The guide was photocopied and distributed to both the district and LLG value chain technical staffs, CDOs and Commercial officers	Limited budget for activity implementation by the extension staffs, CDOs and commercial Officers.
Training Reports	Report for the Sub-county level engagements meetings for the roll out and implementation of UCSATP Report for the Farmer group trainings in farmer institution development and development of group production plans	The report was compiled The report was compiled	The report is available The report is available

Key issues.

- ❖ A number of registered farmer groups had expired certificates
- ❖ Low / Limited group savings

Key accomplishments.

- Supervision: Technical teams participated in verification exercises and supervised the sub-county level stakeholder engagements to raise awareness for the implementation of UCSATP and the trainings of the beneficiary farmer groups on farmer institutional development and market linkages for business.
- Infrastructure assessments: The engineers (Technical and Irrigation) participated in the assessment and verification of sites for the district laboratories, community watering points, small-scale irrigation, valley tanks and fish ponds

Plans for next quarter.

- Conduct technical supervision and support to Farmer groups / trainings for crop, livestock, Fisheries, and beneficial insects value chains to aiming to boost agricultural productivity, enhance resilience to climate change and livelihoods of the small holder farmers

A6. Monitoring & Supervision

Variable	Description	Status
Visit dates	<p>Supervision and monitoring conducted between 4th – 12th June 2025 by RDC, CAO and LCV</p> <p>Supervision and support for the implementation of UCSATP started earlier by February – June 2025 especially for farmer group verification, infrastructure site verification, sub-county awareness meetings and then the farmer group trainings</p>	<p>Activity completed</p> <p>The different teams conducted the activity</p>
Representation (Institutions/officials present)	<p>The following sectors were represented in the Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ RDC ➤ LCV ➤ CAO ➤ Value chain leads ➤ Engineering ➤ Community development ➤ Environment 	Successfully conducted the activity
Findings	<p>Issues or strengths identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Farmer groups presented the co-funding as being high ➤ The prices for the inputs in the value chain package were high ➤ Migeera Town council didn't have verified groups to participate in the UCSATP project. 	
Actions	<p>Follow-up actions documented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Issues presented during the Focal point persons zoom meetings 	Minutes for the meetings proving responses to LLG concerns.
Tools used	<p>Scorecards, checklists, etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Used a check list 	Check list provided to the teams

A7. Office Supplies

Table 6: Office supplies

	Description	Detail	Reason for Variation
Supplies received	Procured a projector, box files and reams of paper	Procured 36 box files, 11 reams of paper, a free style portable projector and connected production premises to internet services	Had pending items to procure because only received 50% of the funds
Delivery date	Date received	Projector – 30.6.2025 Box files and paper – 5.6.2025 and internet connection works started on 23.6.2025	

A8. Review and Planning Meetings

Table 7: Review and planning meetings

Variable	Description	Status	Reason for Variation
Meetings held	Number of monthly meetings	Held 5 planning meeting ➤ 2 for Developing a workplan ➤ Preparatory meeting for a TOT awareness for capacity building to roll	Funds were received late to enable project commencement.

		<p>out and raise awareness for implementation of UCSATP value chains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preparatory meeting to hold sub-county level meetings ➤ Preparatory meeting for FID trainings 	
Detail	Dates, venues, and agendas	At production hall	
Participants	List of attendees by designation	<p>Attended by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DPO, DFO, DVO, DAO, DEO, SAE, DE, DCDO, EO, DCO. <p>In consultation with CAO, LCV and RDC</p>	
Action points	Summary with deadlines	<p>Workplan – 10.2.2025 TOT Training – Prep SC Meetings – 19.5.2025 Prep meetings FID trainings – 5.6.2025</p>	

A9. Exchange Visits

Table 8: Exchange visit **NOT EXECUTED, Activity for next financial year**

Variable	Description	Detail
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Visits held	Number and locations	
Participants	Profiles of attendees	
Themes	Topics discussed/shared	
Lessons	Key takeaways captured	
Evidence	Attachments: photos, summaries	

A10. Meetings and Workshops

Table 9: Meetings and Workshops

Variable	Description	Detail
Event type	Meeting/workshop/seminar	
Dates & duration	Timeframe of each event	
Outputs	Outcomes, reports, recommendations	Delivered submissions for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Work plan 2024/2025 FY ➤ 20 km Road chokes ➤ Selected sites for Valley tanks, Community water system, small scale irrigation systems and fish ponds

A11. Visibility and Reporting

Table 7: Visibility and Reporting

	Description	Detail
Items distributed	T-shirts, folders, signs, etc.	
Reports submitted	Periodic submissions (monthly/quarterly)	
Media used	Coverage type: radio, print, digital	For the project awareness raising used

		➤ Radio talk show and spot messages
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A12: Environment and Social Safeguard

Table 8: Environment and social safeguards

	Description	Detail
Assessments	Road chokes, Matching grants etc	Submitted ➤ The prioritised 20 km farm access roads for assessment.
Reports	Environment and social safe guard screening reports	The technical officers generated the Environment and social safe guard screening reports for the 10 prioritised farm access roads for construction or rehabilitation of specific chokes under the UCSATP.

CHAPTER THREE: CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND ACTIONS TAKEN

Describe any issues or difficulties your project faced during the reporting period and how they were resolved or addressed

	Challenges	Action Taken
1	Complaints by some sub-counties for not being considered for the	Communicated a requirement to identify and submit prioritised 20km farm access roads for construction / rehabilitation of troublesome road spots.
2	Limited time to implementation project activities	Established implementation teams to implement and oversee execution of various activities for crop, beneficial insects, fisheries, livestock, and infrastructure value chains.
3	A number of farmer groups were not verified	Communicated that group verification was a continuous exercise. And the technical staffs were requested to continue supporting farmer groups to generate documents or evidences required for verification.

Successes and lessons learned

SUCCESSSES

- ❖ Awareness creation: Awareness and training sessions were conducted at the 15 sub-counties and town-councils involving leaders of government and non-government institutions, farmers and representatives of special groups like PWDs, Women and youth.



LESSONS LEARNT

- ❖ Community Mobilisation: The project's success relies heavily on farmer participation which has been a key aspect through community mobilisation at the district, sub-county and farmer group level and then also through the farmer group mobilisation and formation.

- Photos of Activities



CAO making remarks during the District level Meeting The DAO making a presentation of the Crop value chain intervention



The LC3 chairperson of Wabinyonyi SC giving opening remarks The fisheries extension staff of Lwampanga TC educating participants



The crop extension staff of Katuugo Town council educating participants The crop extension staff of Wabinyonyi sub-county training participants



Sub-county awareness meetings



Sub-county FID Trainings

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