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INTEGRATION OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS WITH AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES; *EXPERIENCES OF IMPLEMENTATION OF NAADS/OWC INTERVENTIONS FROM FY 2014/15*

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Background-Who we are?

National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS)

- One of the statutory semi autonomous bodies under the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.
- Established by an Act of Parliament in 2001
- Mandated to facilitate efficient and effective delivery of agricultural services to farmers to enhance production and productivity
- Role and responsibility been evolving since its establishment based on lessons learnt overtime
- Need to support farmers with inputs has been increasing leading to the restructuring of the programme and its mandate



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NAADS Mandate

The new NAADS mandate has the following key out put areas;

- Management of agricultural input distribution chains
- Support strategic interventions for priority/strategic commodities
- Support to promotion of Agribusiness and Value chain development focusing on the upper end of the chain



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- **The overall objective:** To increase access to critical agricultural inputs, agribusiness and value chain services for improved household food security and incomes.



Overview of the process of management of the input distribution Chain

Input distribution cycle; Entails three major steps, namely, Planning, procurement and (contract) management, each of which involves series specific activities (*OWC - SOP 2015*).



Integration of extension services in the management of procurement and input distribution cycle

Point of integration of agricultural inputs with extension services is the District Production Office

The Role of District/Sub county Production/Extension Services

- Identification and selection of farmer commodities
- Spearhead the process of farmer identification and selection
- Undertake farmer mobilization and preparation
- Technical verification/ inspection of materials
- Receipt, quality assurance and distribution of the inputs to prepared farmers
- Oversee/supervise utilization/application of the inputs



Integration of extension services in the management of procurement and input distribution cycle

- Receive, ascertain quantities
- Manage and supervise deliveries, including receipt and issuance of relevant documents
- Oversee distribution of inputs to selected and verified farmers by OWC and the parish chief
- Guide the process of filling the distribution sheets
- Endorse the distribution sheets and submit to the District Production Officer(DPO)
- DPO to submit to CAO for onward submission to NAADS Secretariat



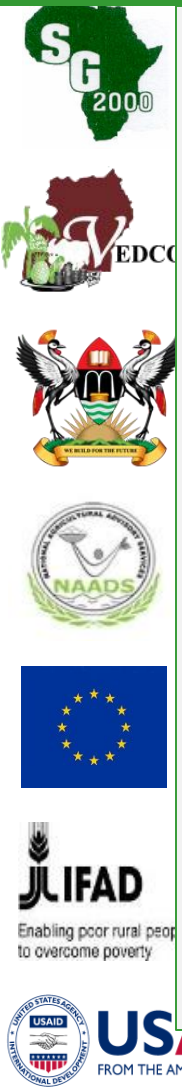
Disruptions in the Management of Inputs Amidst the COVID 19 Pandemic in Uganda

- Delay in submission of priorities by Districts
- Limited outreach and training by extension staff
- Loss of income due to high perishability levels of produce and reduced market sizes/opportunities
- Reduction or fall in prices of food items on the market leading to reduced re-investment capacity of the small holder farmers; hence limited expansion/acreage



Disruptions in the Management of Inputs Amidst the COVID 19 Pandemic in Uganda contd

- Relatively low survival rates (an average of 60%) for seed/seedlings provided due to
 - Inadequate preparation by farmers
 - Poor selection of beneficiaries
 - Lack of follow up support through extension and training related services
 - *Quality of planting material*
 - *Adverse weather conditions*



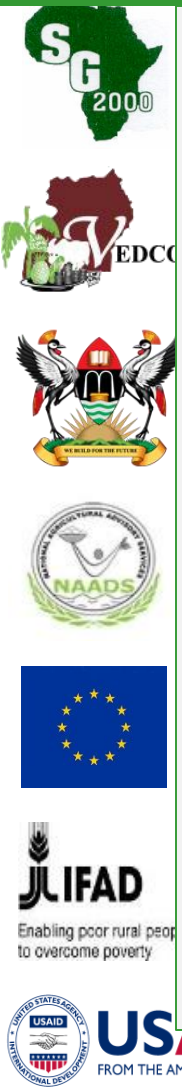
Coping strategies –Short term

- Working closely with the respective district COVID Task force teams to ensure that the delivery of inputs is in accordance with the COVID – 19 guidelines.
- Sought clearance to deliver inputs through the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
- Provision of maize, beans, vegetable seed, sweet potatoes, irish potatoes and cassava planting materials in the short and medium term
- Foster partnerships and utilize the existing service delivery networks of key actors in the agricultural sector.



Coping strategies – Medium term

- Scale up agricultural production and productivity through provision of quality agricultural inputs, appropriate farm tools and promotion of community based planting and stocking material multiplication systems.
- Promote intensive agriculture and increased access to arable land through linkages with local and international Public - Private – Producer Partnerships.
- Attract diverse groups of people into farming as a business through provision of tailor made agricultural support technologies and service



Coping strategies - Medium term

- Increase support for post-harvest handling and management, agro processing and value addition of crop and livestock products
- Promote local production of quality livestock feeds and feed conservation technologies
- Build reliable and sustainable agro input systems, value addition and marketing mechanisms



Recommendation

- Government to consider funding the NAADS Covid 19 Response Plan for the short and medium term



VERIFICATION OF PLANTING MATERIALS IN KASESE



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CASSAVA GARDEN IN KYEGEGWA



PINEAPPLE MOTHER GARDEN-KYELEGWA





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