

- ◆ UFAAS and INGENAES are engaging the department of Nutrition within MAAIF and have trained 31 frontline extension workers on how to integrate and scale up Gender and Nutrition within extension.

Community of Practice (COP)



- ◆ UFAAS and INGENAES host a Community of Practice where AEAS actors meet on a quarterly basis to discuss issues, share knowledge and receive training around integrating gender and nutrition within their extension programs.
- ◆ The COP has an active WhatsApp group and an internet based platforms that is enabling members to discuss and share content on a regular basis. A bi-monthly “Ask INGNAES” discussion is held on the WhatsApp group on topics ranging from role of media in extension and case studies of existing projects implementing gender and nutrition into their programming.

Fellowship Program



- ◆ The project is empowering the next generation of young professionals to be leaders in gender and nutrition integration. INGENAES Fellows (9 M. Sc and 2 Ph.D) represent Makerere University, Gulu University and Kyambogo University.
- ◆ Fellows are receiving access to latest training through INGENAES trainings, professional development through workshops and networking through the Community of Practice. Fellows have also received funding for tuition and research

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Integrating Gender & Nutrition within Agricultural Extension Systems in Uganda

INGENAES - Uganda



The Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services is working together with the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (UIUC) to implement the Integrating Gender and Nutrition within Agricultural Extension Services project in Uganda.

INGENAES

The USAID funded Integrating Gender and Nutrition within Agricultural Extension Services (INGENAES) project is implemented by a consortium with the University of Illinois as the prime implementer. INGENAES supports the development of improved extension and advisory systems (EAS) to improve gender and nutrition integration within extension services by reducing gender gaps in EAS and increasing empowerment of women farmers while engaging men farmers. INGENAES assists multiple types of stakeholders such as farmers, producer groups, co-operatives, policy makers, development non-governmental organization (NGO) practitioners, and donors. Currently, INGENAES is operational in nine countries: Bangladesh, Zambia, Nepal, Honduras, Tajikistan, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Malawi and Liberia.

UFAAS

The Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (UFAAS) brings together a wide range of actors involved in agricultural EAS in Uganda and aims at promoting coordination, interaction, and harmonization amongst the diverse actors who operate in a pluralistic extension system. UFAAS, is the country

chapter of the African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS) and is a non-state actor that partners with Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF).



INGENAES Engagement in Uganda

UFAAS together with the University of Illinois is implementing the INGENAES project in Uganda. The project's focus fits into Uganda's policy framework - the National Agricultural Extension Policy (NAEP) and strategy, in which gender and nutrition are important components.

The INGENAES engagement in Uganda has 4 activities:

Activity 1

Gender and nutrition integration within private sector extension organizations

Activity 2

Public sector extension strategy support in the area of nutrition and gender

Activity 3

Robust Community of Practice (COP) around gender and nutrition.

Activity 4

Fellowship Program for students and young professionals' capacity building in gender and nutrition

Achievements of INGENAES project so far

The INGENAES project was officially launched in Uganda on **September 1, 2016**. The launch was attended by key extension actors, policy makers and stakeholders from the different sectors of agriculture, nutritionist and gender specialists.

Private sector extension organizations



- ◆ UFAAS and INGENAES are building capacity by providing technical assistance to 30 Farmer Organizations to purposely integrate gender and nutrition concerns within their agro-enterprise initiatives.
- ◆ The project has conducted a write-shop to develop simple and appropriate training materials on Gender and Nutrition, for use by trainers and leaders of the Farmer Organizations

Public sector extension strategy support

- The project is working with the Directorate of Agricultural Extension Services (DAES) to identify areas of input and integrating gender and nutrition at a policy level.