

Brief about the GP-SAEP Project in Uganda



The Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services-UFAAS (<https://ufaas-ugandacf.org/>) is a professional network organisation that brings together Agricultural Advisory and Extension Services (AEAS) actors in Uganda. It is one of the 40 Country chapters of the Africa Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services- AFAAS (<https://www.afaas-africa.org/>). AFAAS is the umbrella network organisation for AEAS in Africa, and one of the continental fora under the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services-GFRAS (www.g-fras.org).

UFAAS, supported by GFRAS and AFAAS, is implementing an Agroecology project in Uganda. The project called 'Global Programme for Small-scale Agroecology Producers and Sustainable Food Systems Transformation (GP-SAEP)' is part of the larger funding envelope provided by the European Commission (EC), being implemented between the first quarter of 2023 and end in June 2026. The goal of the project is transformation of food systems towards agroecology by enabling small-scale producers to strengthen their practices of agroecology, through better access to knowledge, support services, improved technologies and market outlets. Thereby, improving their resilience to climatic, environmental and socio-economic shocks and stressors as well as food and nutrition security and incomes. (See [summary at YouTube video](#), for more details).

GFRAS in partnership with **Access Agriculture** and the **youth network (YPARD)** is responsible for Component 3, focusing on "Increasing Access to knowledge and Empowering 10 000 Small-Scale Farmers in Agroecological Transition through Participatory Rural Advisory Services (RAS) and Farmer to Farmer joint learning". The Component 3 is referred to as **ÆRAS (Accelerating**

Agroecological Transformation via Rural Advisory Services). The GFRAS regional networks, AFAAS and RELASER and the targeted Country Fora (CF) in **Uganda**, Madagascar, Ecuador and Costa Rica are essential in the implementation of this component.

In Uganda, the project is being implemented in 5 districts, namely: Bugiri (Eastern Uganda), Buikwe (Central), Lira (Northern), Sembabule (Southern) and Soroti (Eastern). The co-implementing Rural Advisory Services Provider Organizations (RASPOs) in these districts are:

- Buikwe - Buikwe District Local Government ;
- Bugiri - Bugiri Agribusiness Institutions Development Association (BAIDA);
- Lira and Soroti - Facilitation for Innovations and Sustainable Productivity (FINASP);
- Sembabule - Sembabule District Local Government.

The project was launched at the national level on 29th February, 2024 by the State Minister for Agriculture, Hon. Fred Bwino Kyakulaga, and commissioned in May 2024 by the local government leaderships in the respective districts. Each districts has a Master trainer, who is the UFAAS in-charge Technical Coordinator and 6 Rural Advisory Services Facilitators (RASFs) who are front-line extension officer. These two categories of extension workers have been trained and equipped to disseminate agro-ecology practices guided by agro-ecology principles. The targeted farmers are 3,909 (57% Women and 32% youth), under a total of 133 farmers' groups. These are directly reached by 30 RASFs in total, with an average extension: farmer ratio of 1:130.

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