UNITED STATES AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Developing and Expanding Community Enterprises

Creating Pathways to Prosperity for Underserved Communities in Africa

RWANDA

Last
10 Years*
of Impact

90 Enterprises / **616K** People Impacted

US$14
Million

*FY 2011 to March 30, 2021

The U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF) is an independent U.S. government agency established by Congress to invest in African grassroots organizations, entrepreneurs, and SMEs. USADF's investments promote local economic development by increasing incomes, revenues, and jobs. Utilizing a community-led development approach, USADF provides seed capital and local project management assistance to African-owned and -led enterprises addressing some of Africa's biggest challenges around food insecurity, insufficient energy access, and unemployment—particularly among women and youth. Over the last five years (2016–2020), throughout Africa's Horn, Sahel, and Great Lakes regions, USADF has invested more than US$117 million dollars directly into over 1,000 African-owned and -operated entities and impacted over four million lives.

Investing in Communities

Growing Enterprises

Increasing Incomes

Building Capacity

INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES

Challenge: COOPRORIZ Ntende lacked sustainable income for its 3,670 members because they were solely relying on rice cultivation on small land plots located in the Ntende marshland.

Action: USADF awarded COOPRORIZ Ntende US$157K for the construction of a poultry house; the purchase of 15,000 one-day old chicks, chicken feeders, and drinkers; the creation of a poultry feed revolving fund; and marketing and capacity building training.

Results: With USADF's investment, COOPRORIZ established a poultry business through which members are generating income from eggs and meat and improving family members' nutrition in their daily meals. COOPRORIZ increased its net income from a baseline of $US0 to US$61K in a two-year period.

GROWING ENTERPRISES

Challenge: Coopérative des Théiculteurs de Gisovu Muko (COOTHEGIM) was unable to grow enough tea to meet the demand of the Gisovu tea factory and experienced huge post-harvest losses due to inadequate means of transport.

Action: USADF awarded COOTHEGIM US$245K to establish a tea nursery, purchase two new trucks, and receive financial management training.

Results: COOTHEGIM established 13.61 hectares of new tea plantations and collected funds to purchase a third truck. Sales revenue jumped from US$219K to US$631K, the quality of tea production improved drastically, and COOTHEGIM doubled the volume of green tea leaves produced.

INCREASING INCOMES

Challenge: Coopérative des Théiculteurs de Pfunda (COOTP) experienced poor quality green tea leaves due a lack of protective gear for plucking activities and had poor transport options to get tea leaves to factory.

Action: USADF awarded COOTP US$247K to establish a feeder road rehabilitation and maintenance program; purchase safety gear, motorcycles, and trucks; and establish a tea nursery.

Results: With USADF's investment, COOTP increased the percentage of total tea leaves sold under Grade A/premium price from 7 tons to 14 tons in a five-year period, which resulted in higher incomes for cooperative members, and planted 1 million tea seedlings to replace aging tea trees and expand tea farming.

BUILDING CAPACITY

Challenge: Rural communities located far from the national grid used kerosene lanterns for light and firewood for cooking, traveled long distances to charge electric devices, and limited business hours of operations to daylight hours.

Action: USADF, through its Women in Energy Challenge, awarded US$150K to Great Lakes Power Ltd. for it to provide off-grid solar home systems and products on a lease-to-own basis.

Results: With USADF's investment, Great Lakes Power sold 1,800 solar home lighting systems and impacted the lives of nearly 10,000 people.

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USADF Rwanda Investments Active in 2021*

*Active portfolio as of March 31, 2021

USADF invests directly in African community enterprises, providing grant capital and local technical support to early-stage businesses.

COAIGA
US$227,122 • 4 years
• Maize

Coopérative des Caféiculteurs de Humure
US$161,099 • 4 years
• Coffee

Coopérative des Théiculteurs de Gisovu Muko (COOTHEGIM)
US$245,661 • 5 years
• Tea

Coopérative des Théiculteurs de Muganza—Kivu
US$238,367 • 5 years
• Tea

Coopérative des Théiculteurs de Nshili-Kivu
US$244,677 • 5 years
• Tea

Coopérative des Théiculteurs de Pfunda
US$247,330 • 5 years
• Tea

COOPRORIZ Abahuzabikorwa
US$238,472 • 4 years
• Rice

COOPRORIZ Ngiryi
US$147,512 • 4 years
• Rice

COOPRORIZ Nyiramageni
US$129,643 • 4 years
• Rice

COOTHEVM
US$241,852 • 5 years
• Tea

COPRORIZ Ntende
US$157,279 • 4 years
• Poultry

Dukunde Kawa Cooperative
US$235,584 • 4 years
• Coffee

Great Lakes Power Ltd
US$149,997 • 4 years
• Solar

HA Veggie Bakery
US$25,000 • 1 year
• Baked Goods

Iriba Water Group Ltd
US$25,000 • 1 year
• Water, sanitation, and hygiene

Koperative Arabica
US$244,542 • 4 years
• Coffee

Koperative y'Abahinzi ba Kawa ba Karaba
US$241,350 • 4 years
• Coffee

Koperative y'Abahinzi ba Kawa ba Mabanza
US$234,940 • 4 years
• Coffee

Koperative Ubumwe Gatsibo
US$126,620 • 4 years
• Rice

KosmoPads Kosmotive Ltd.
US$10,000 • 1 year
• Health

Kula Bridge
US$25,000 • 1 year
Food

Mubuga Coffee Ltd.
US$231,521 • 4 years
• Coffee

M&NDA Company Ltd
US$99,957 • 4 years
• Solar

NESELTEC Limited
US$166,029 • 3 years
• Solar

The Playground Hub
US$25,000 • 1 year
• Playgrounds

RWASHOSCCO LTD
US$168,248 • 4 years
• Coffee Production

Ubuntu Publishers
US$25,000 • 1 year
• Children's Books

Uzi Collections
US$25,000 • 1 year
• Clothing

VEGET Solutions LTD
US$25,000 • 1 year
• Vegetables

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