



Rehabilitation and Upgrading of Education Infrastructure of Agriculture Colleges in Zambia (development phase)

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The project "Upgrading and Rehabilitation of the Education Infrastructure of Agriculture Colleges in Zambia" is a nation-wide project, covering all 10 Governmental Agriculture Colleges. The rationale to further increase support to the Agriculture Colleges should be seen against the backdrop of (rural) poverty and national economic challenges, and the ongoing food security challenges in the nation. Key to rural development, job creation and technological advancement is human development and private sector development. This is hampered in the rural areas and agriculture sector through the low output (in quantity and quality) of the Agriculture Colleges.

The specific objective is to ensure that the rural population has access to and will benefit from quality agriculture practical vocational education and training provided by the Agriculture Colleges, supporting practical oriented extension services. This will be reached through the development and implementation of a sustainable holistic project for upgrading the 10 Agriculture Colleges, and through the establishment of a Staff Development Unit.

The project will contribute to rural poverty reduction, income generation and improved food security through increased human development leading to better employment opportunities and income generation, use of better and cleaner production technologies, sharing of knowledge and skills, and will boost the local economies.



Beneficiaries

- Rural youth
- Extension officers
- Smallholders
- Agro-industries
- Agriculture college teachers and staff

Consultancy Activities

- Feasibility study
- Review of curricula and training materials
- Training needs assessments
- Site-surveys in relation to water, power supply and civil works
- Review of training units and equipment available
- Economic and environmental impact assessment
- Technical design of all project components (works, equipment, consultancy and training)
- Design financing and financial plan
- Design procurement plan





Key concepts

- Hands-on skills training
- Value chain management
- Market oriented approaches
- Entrepreneurship development
- Labour market linkages
- Agriculture best practices
- Technological inputs

Consultants

- 11 International consultants
- 6 Zambian subject matter experts

Agriculture Colleges

- College of Agriculture Marketing, Katete
- Cooperative College, Lusaka
- Fisheries Training Institute, Kasaka
- National resource Development Centre (NRDC), Lusaka
- Palabana Dairy Training Institute, Palabana
- Popota Agriculture College, Choma
- Zambia Centre for Horticulture Training, Chapula
- Zambia College of Agriculture, Monze
- Zambia College of Agriculture, Mpika
- Zambia Institute of Animal Health, Mazabuka

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