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SUCCESS STORIES 3: RWANDA



Tea is one of the exports driving Rwanda's growth

CAADP Framework helps increase food security

Rwanda was the first country to adopt the CAADP process, having signed the CAADP Compact in 2007. The revised Plan for the Strategic Transformation of Agriculture (PSTA II), developed with CAADP support, was the basis of the government's investment plan presented at a CAADP-led business meeting with key stakeholders in 2009.

CAADP – the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme – is the framework set up by the African Union's NEPAD programme to raise the amount and quality of food produced in Africa. The aim is to provide a secure supply of food for families, communities and countries and to make exports more profitable. CAADP is an Africa-led initiative, founded in 2003.

The NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency – a technical agency of the African Union – works closely with the African Union Commission, regional economic communities, national governments, civil society and the private sector to implement the CAADP Agenda.

Facts about Rwanda



Population: 10 million (UN 2010)
GNP per head: US\$460 (World Bank 2009)
Main exports: Coffee, tea, hides, tin ore
Economy: Growth exceeded 5% in the five years after 2001, driven by coffee and tea exports and expanding tourism. But Rwanda is still highly dependent on aid.

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Engaging stakeholders

A key part of the CAADP process involves defining a framework under which stakeholders, such as the private and public sectors, civil society and NGOs, can contribute to the development and implementation of policies and strategies to promote agricultural growth. This is well illustrated by the mechanisms involved in developing PSTA II.

PSTA II is a joint initiative of the Rwandan Ministries of Agriculture and Finance, with representatives of the two ministries meeting monthly to review progress. However, many other stakeholders contributed to its development. The Rural Development Cluster ensures coordination of actions among five ministries: Agriculture, Local Government, Commerce, Finance and Gender.

An annual Joint Sector Review meeting brings together the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Finance

and Economic Planning, donors and other stakeholders to review progress and ensure coordination of actions among the parties.

Increasing investment and growth

Government and donor support for the CAADP-aligned PSTA II has translated into increased investment in the agricultural sector and increases in productivity and production.

Average maize yields increased from less than 0.8 tonnes/hectare in 2006/07 to more than 2.5 t/ha in 2008/09, while wheat yields increased from less than 1 t/ha to more than 2.5 t/ha over the same period.

Areas under maize, wheat and other key crops covered by PSTA II also increased markedly. For example, in pilot areas covered by the Crops Intensification Programme, the area under maize increased from about 18,000 ha in 2007/08 to nearly 83,500 ha in 2009/10. Wheat increased from 600 ha to over 7,000 ha and potato from 160 ha to over 36,000 ha over the same period. Most of the increases were due to bringing new land into cultivation.

This publication is based on the study *CAADP - Highlighting the Successes*, which was commissioned by the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency and GIZ, and implemented through the Overseas Development Institute.

The study looked at emerging successes in terms of country-level policy changes and their subsequent impact on agricultural productivity and policy inclusiveness. It was carried out in Ethiopia, Ghana and Rwanda.

Special recognition is given here to the farmers, policy makers, researchers and partners who participated in this study in the three countries. The full study is available at www.nepad.org or www.nepad-caadp.net.



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Aligning donor support

CAADP contributed to the technical review, formulation and costing of Rwanda's investment plan based on PSTA II. The investment plan provides both an account of the government's planned allocations and indicates any gaps in funding needed to put PSTA II into action.

In 2009, a CAADP-led business meeting presented the investment plan to key stakeholders. The meeting secured greater government support for the programme, while donors pledged US\$260 million to support PSTA II over its five-year period.

Land-use consolidation area (hectares)

	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Maize	17,808	35,000	83,427
Irish potato	160	5,000	36,420
Wheat	600	10,000	7,340

Source: Progress Report 2010, Crop Intensification Programme, Rwanda Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources