

BMZ06

Agri-Agency/ies	FFD	FO partner(s)	NACCU
Budget distribution	400.000 EUR	Country/ies	Kenya
Project Title	Strengthening Farmers organizations for sustainable Agricultural Production		
General objective	Enhanced food security and nutrition status among smallholder coffee farmers and their families especially women and youth within the 6 coffee growing regions (Western, Nyanza, Rift Valley, Central, Upper Eastern & Lower Eastern) by end of 2026.		
Target group	250.000 smallholder coffee producers		

Context

Kenya is currently experiencing the worst hunger crisis in four decades, which smallholder coffee producers do not escape from as they live on cash only income from coffee monocropping sold at a volatile price. Moreover, the Kenyan government promote pro-large scale coffee farming, which affect even more women and young people, as they often have limited access to services, asset base or decision-making process.

NACCU (National Coffee Cooperative Union) is an umbrella body serving all coffee unions in Kenya with the mandate to advocate for favorable policies for their members. NACCU is a legally registered national apex cooperative union whose membership consist of coffee unions in Kenya. Out of the 13 coffee unions affiliated to NACCU (all registered as cooperatives), this project through NACCU will work with seven of them which are located in the prioritized regions. To address inconsistent and insufficient incomes as well as low production of food crops of their producer's members, NACCU wishes to develop their capacity to produce, process and market complementary indigenous crops in a favorable policy environment. Inorder to achieve such ambition, FFD accompanied by WeEffect supports capacity development of NACCU and the targeted unions.

Action Plan

In order to achieve the general objective, actions will be implemented through 2 specific objectives:

- 1) **Strengthened farmers' organizations facilitating access to sustainable food system development and empowering women and youth.** *Main activities foreseen:* Surveyon member's satisfaction, action plan & follow-up; Climate Resilience mapping through Building Resilience -toolkit; Leadership training for women and youth, Methodology and database to collect good practices and experiences by NACCU. Coaching NACCU to keep track of the EUDR practices. Value chain analysis for integrated farming practices (coffee and food crops). ToT for extension on integrated production systems. Demonstration plots. Value addition, partnership development with buyers and processors.
- 2) **Enhanced access to right to food in the coffee growing regions due to the transformed foodsystems and diversified food production.** *Main activities foreseen:* Identification of climate and natural resources policies to be implemented, strengthen advocacy capacity, raise awareness on the existing policies needing implementation. Facilitate access to land for women and youth. Conduct survey on nutritional crops, Train farmers on traditional crops, Linkages with research institutions. Facilitate access to technologies. Build capacity on post-harvest management. Create a curriculum for integrated food system with research institutes. Promote knowledge management, disseminate knowledge products. Facilitate exchange between farmers. Identify new food technologies.

Project's synergies

The project will work closely with the Coffee Research Institute which has been working closely with the local GIZ office and make use of the already developed coffee sustainability manual when deciding on intercropping and most the sustainable farming practices to be applied. The local GIZ office and their collaborators implementing similar projects will be involved in project launch, consultative and learning meetings to ensure maximum synergies. Further stakeholder analysis will be undertaken in order to identify any other relevant stakeholders for collaboration. Actions are complementary also with the Forest and Farm Facility (FFF), FAO funded program, as well as Farm Forestry, Afforestation and Biodiversity program in which KENAFF is involved.