

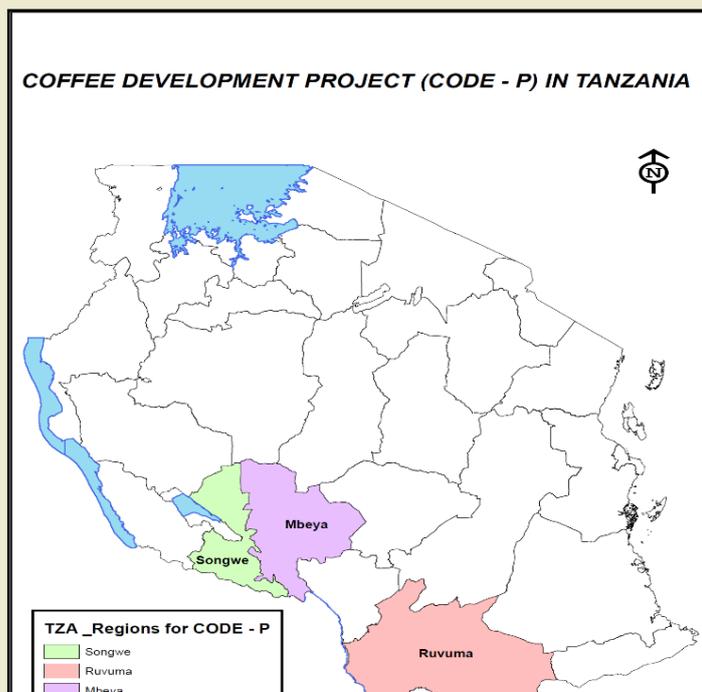
Smallholder Coffee Development Project in Tanzania's Southern Highlands (CODE-P)



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The overall objective of the project is to contribute to inclusive and sustainable development of the coffee value chain for better incomes. Also, to improve the nutrition status of smallholder farmers in Ruvuma, Mbeya and Songwe regions of Tanzania.



Key Information

Sector: Agriculture (Coffee)

Lead Partner: Vi Agroforestry

Other Partners: The Agricultural Non-State Actors Forum (ANSAF), BRAC International, Café Africa Tanzania, Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI)

Budget : EUR 3,750,000

EU Contribution EUR : 3,000,000

Duration: 2020 - 2024

Background

Even though the regions of the Tanzania Southern Highlands have a favourable climate and other ideal coffee growing conditions, the average last five year's coffee productivity in the regions of Mbeya, Songwe and Ruvuma is 0.748 tons per hectares, equivalent to 0.54 kg per tree, as compared to 1.8 kg per tree in the Western regions of Tanzania.

The major challenges reported which require interventions through CODE-P, include low productivity and production of quality coffee, the inadequacy of extension services, high prices and low access to reliable agro-inputs. Other factors include poor agronomic practices, the instability of market coffee prices, lack of financial institutions investing in the coffee value chain and poor or no benefits of coffee returns to women and youth. This all contributes to low production, leaving farmers in poverty.

The CODE-P action plan has been prepared against this background, to unlock potential areas of development of the smallholder coffee sector in Tanzania's Southern Highlands.



Project Details

To attain the overall objective of CODE-P, the following strategies will be deployed:

- Develop and strengthen smallholder coffee cooperatives as a key enabler of support services that enable production, processing and trade of coffee produced by smallholders.
- Stimulate trade-led economic growth in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania.

These strategies will be achieved through:

- Strengthening competitiveness of smallholder coffee producers
- Promoting private sector investments and job creation along the coffee value chain
- Improving food and nutrition security in the regions

These strategies will be achieved through:

- Promote the adoption of Sustainable Agroforestry and Land Management (SALM) practices
- Enhance the capacity of smallholder farmers and cooperatives on post-harvest practices
- Promote availability, accessibility, and linkages with financial institutions
- Facilitate market linkages and the use of digital platforms for market information
- Facilitate nutrition-focused campaigns
- Facilitate dialogue among coffee chain actors
- Conduct evidence-based advocacy on policy environment constraining the development of the coffee value chain

Expected Results

The project expects to:

- Reach 24,000 smallholder farmers (14,400 young women and 9,600 young men aged between 18-35 years old), equipped with production, postharvest and marketing skills.
- Strengthen 60 coffee primary cooperatives actively working in the targeted areas and transform into centres for providing and disseminating agricultural inputs, technology, and information.
- Government Extension Officers and other stakeholders who are custodians of policies and plans at local levels have been reached and trained on SALM practices and other sustainable coffee farming techniques, to equip farmers with coffee farming skills.
- Several other coffee value chain stakeholders reached, working together to improve the performance of the coffee subsector.

By the end of the project, three main results are expected to be achieved:

- Increased climate-resilient production and productivity of quality coffee.
- Increased incomes from improved postharvest, processing capacities and market linkages (smallholder farmers, women and men, small and medium enterprises – SME's) and financial services linkages.
- Enhanced competitiveness of the coffee value chain with a supportive policy and regulatory framework.



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