Building resilience to enhance food and nutrition security, income and health in Northern Uganda (BRENU)

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Overall Goal
To consolidate stability in Northern Uganda, eradicate poverty and under-nutrition and strengthen the foundations for sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development

Introduction
Under the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU), a Government of Uganda programme supported by the European Union and supervised by Office of the Prime Minister, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) has received a grant to implement the action, “Building resilience to enhance food and nutrition security, incomes and health in Northern Uganda”. The project to be implemented by a consortium of partners, seeks to enhance food and nutrition security, increase household incomes and improve maternal and child nutrition and health in Northern Uganda (NU) by promoting diversified food production of resilient varieties, commercializing agriculture, encouraging family planning for improved and sustainable livelihoods as well as improving household resilience to climate change and women and youth empowerment.

The project focuses on more than 51,250 farming households and the major commodities with an emphasis towards commercialization include: (i) Cassava, (ii) Rice and (iii) Soybean. Other enterprises mainly aimed for food and nutrition and small-scale income include; (i) Green leafy vegetables, (ii) Orange fleshed sweet potatoes (OFSP) (iii) Fruits, (iv) Poultry, (v) High-iron beans, (vi) Yellow maize and (vii) Groundnuts.

Project duration and funding

Total duration: 36 months (2020 - 2022)
Total budget: Euros 5,578,949
European Union (90%): Euros 5,021,054
Consortium (10%): Euros 557,895

Target group
Smallholder farmer households with access to land ≥1.5 acres, households that produce at least one target commercial commodities, farmer groups and cooperatives, women of reproductive age (15-49 years), children (6-24 months), adolescents (10 -19 years), extension officers.

Beneficiaries
Small holder farmer households, women of reproductive age (15-49 years), children (6-24 months), adolescents (10-19 years) extension officers, processors, agro-dealers, aggregators, transporters, community facilitators, peer educators, farmer groups and cooperatives, district local government, rural primary schools, providers of business development services, agricultural insurance and financial institutions.

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Implementing partners; International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Volunteer Efforts for Development Concerns (VEDCO), Kilimo Trust (KT), Rikolto International (RK), Ernest Cook Ultrasound Research and Education Institute (ECUREI), Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT (ABC)
Activity: 1.1.1 Facilitate the adoption and production of diverse food crops and animal product.
Activity: 1.1.2 Facilitate access to key inputs and output markets for women and men small-scale farmers.
Activity: 1.1.3 Train farmer groups and other small market operators along the value chain in community saving and credit schemes.

Activity 1.2.1 Foster linkages between smallholder farmers, agro-processors and market operators.
Activity: 1.2.4 Assess and identify market opportunities and product niches along the stages of the value chain and facilitate market exchanges and contractual agreements.

Activity: 1.3.1 Developing and promoting community-based nutrition initiatives including micronutrient supplementation & deworming, promotion of maternal and young child feeding practices, hygiene and sanitation and childcare.
Activity: 1.3.2 Increase the use of effective family planning methods with the aim of decreasing the number of teenage pregnancies and increasing child spacing which address both nutrition and population growth issues.

Activities: Assessing the policy landscape, funding opportunities and key stakeholders at all levels; development and dissemination of advocacy materials; sensitization workshops on IITA-DINU project and advocacy forums to develop collaborative strategies for policy influence and resource mobilization; training of champions and project implementers on influencing key decision makers.

Area of coverage

Lango Sub-region:
- Apac District
- Amolatar District
- Dokolo District
- Kwania District
- Otuke District

Teso Sub-region:
- Amuria District
- Kapelebyong District

About DINU programme
DINU is a government of Uganda integrated programme. It will be implemented in more than 37 districts in the five sub-regions of; Acholi, Lango, Karamoja Teso and West Nile for a duration of six years from 2017 to 2023. DINU supports interventions in three specific interlinked sectors: (1) Food security, Nutrition and Livelihoods, (2) Transport Infrastructures and (3) Good Governance. Key partners have been identified to undertake those interventions as per their areas of specialization.

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