



## **TWEZIMBE AREA COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE (A.C.E) LIMITED**

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### **Twezimbe Area Cooperative Enterprise Profile**

Locate in Mid Western Uganda , The Cooperative was registered in 2012 and to date has 22 Rural Producer Organizations (RPOs). Each RPO has an average of 150 farmers located across Kyankwanzi District.

#### **Vision**

vision of being a leading farmer owned cooperative Institute providing access to better market and market alternatives for farmers in rural farming communities.

#### **Mission**

Bring farmers together to carry out collective marketing and value addition through bulking of high quality products with a purpose of gaining access to better markets, food security and improved incomes.

#### **Main objectives**

1. Enhance farmers' ability to make meaningful decisions that render farming profitable and sustainable.
2. Assist farmers in selected value chains so that they gain improved access to credit facilities, agro input and markets.

#### **Structure**

The Cooperative has the AGM as the supreme authority, this appoints the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Committee from which committee are formed to assist the Board I fulfilling its mandate.

The Board of Directors then appoints management. The AGM also appoints the Vetting committee that vet candidates who are recommended to the AGM for elections.

The members of the AGM are delegates from the Rural Producer Organizations that are registered at both the National and District level.

### **Current partners**

- United States African Development Fund (USADF) that works with the Ugandan Government. The partnership is managed by Uganda Development Trust (UDET). The partnership is for 3 years that is 2016-2019
- Agriterra a Dutch based organisation with offices in Uganda.
- Technoserve and Feed the Future all under USAID
- Catholic Review Services
- Oiko Credit
- The Grian Council of Uganda
- Uganda Cooperative Alliance
- The Local Government

### **Interventions**

- Capacity building of farmers in farming as a Business
- Agro input shop for farm inputs which farmers can access on credit
- Crop Finance where farmers can access funds in advance so that they don't sell their produce at low prices
- Bulking services for farmers in our 600 metric tons store

### **Achievements**

- The Cooperative serves 3769 farmers now who have been trained through RPOs in good agronomic practices that have increased their productivity from 700 kilograms per acre to 2500 kilograms. This is being reflected in increased incomes thus better standards of living.
- The agro input shop has provided agro inputs on credit to farmers which is also being reflected in increased production and productivity. In 2016 TACE was in position to buy and sell 671,690 metric tons from farmers in Kyankwanzi.
- After trainings by our partners, the Board of Directors who are also the founding members peacefully handed over power to the new Board of Directors. The board has youths farmers.
- TACE after implementation of the USADF project constructed a 5 metric ton warehouse, a mill house, extended a 3-phase power line that is also benefiting the families along the line, extended clean water. In the month of July TACE will shift to its home.
- The governance structures have been strengthened at the Rural Producer Level which forms a basis for a strong leadership at the Cooperative Level.
- Since 2014, the cooperative has been audited by a nationally recognised audit firm –Evlo and Company.
- The Cooperative received its land title in early 2017
- Through support from Agriterra RPOs have received VSLA kits and trainings in savings. The strong VSLAs are expected to form a SACCO at the Cooperative level.

- When the army fullow warm invaded Uganda and farmers were loosing acres of maize gardens, TACE worked with the local government to do public awareness on the radio, stocked its agro input shop with recommended drugs to curb the epidemic.

### **Our plans ahead**

- Construction of training hall for farmers.
- Increase our capital in crop finance for internal capitalization which will led to sustainability.
- Increase capacity building especially in gender mainstreaming wich is responsible for low production at household level thus poverty.
- More work in governance .
- Procure a second truck for trading.
- Construction of stores at RPO level for increased volumes as farmers will be able to bulk in their areas of location.
- Engaging in the national and international discussion on climatic change. The droughts that are hitting Uganda's farmers need a strategic approach. Plans are under way though no resources yet to trains farmers in the use of appropriate technologies for cooking which will reduce pressure on tree cutting.
- Interesting the youths in joining agriculture because it's a good venture.