

STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE & INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM FOR INCLUSIVE RURAL TRANSFORMATION & LIVELIHOODS IN EASTERN AFRICA (AIRTEA)

Consortium Partners: FARA, ASARECA AND EAFF

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Focus Countries: Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda.

Duration: 4 years (February 2021- January 2025)

Overall Objective of AIRTEA Project

To contribute to the achievement of sustainable agrarian livelihoods and rural transformation by fostering an inclusive innovation environment.

Specific Objectives

- To strengthen the capacities of youth and women in East Africa's multi-stakeholder innovation platforms and link to solutions within national, regional, and global food systems.
- To facilitate technology, transfer and uptake through learning routes and multi stakeholder engagement.
- To improve profitability and employment opportunities along agricultural commodity value chains by establishing national and regional Agricultural Business Learning Alliance (ABLA) platforms, business development services, and mentorship.
- The consortiums will technically and financially support MSP projects in agricultural research for development (ARD) that address challenges and /or opportunities at the local, national or regional level from Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda.

Expected Outcomes

- increased involvement of women and youth by linking multi-stakeholder innovation platforms to solutions within national, regional, and global food systems.
- technologies, knowledge, and innovations adopted by all stakeholders involved in the regional and national Agricultural Business Guidelines for Grants Applicants AIRTEA Project.
- improvement of profitability and employment opportunities along agricultural commodity value chains.