

'Sugar: make it work' Public Private Partnership Rwanda



In Rwanda, the sugarcane industry is facing a multitude of challenges. There is a shortage of suitable land available for sugarcane agriculture restricts production and yields are constrained by severe flooding of the Nyaborongo river and the stagnation of water on existing land, forcing Rwanda to import much of its sugar and leaving consumers highly dependent on volatile prices. With a growing population and increasing consumer expenditure, both domestically and regionally, Rwanda risks missing a crucial opportunity to grow a local industry with great potential.

In this Public Private Partnership (PPP) TechForce Innovations is the lead partner in a consortium consisting of Kabuye Sugar Works, HaskoningDHV Nederland, Milan Innovancy, Karisimbi Business Partners, Wageningen University (Department of Environmental Sciences), Stichting Dienst Landbouwkundig Onderzoek (Centre for Development Innovation), Stichting BiD Network, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources of the Republic of Rwanda.



Sugarcane plot under water

This PPP implements a project supported by the Facility for Food Security and Entrepreneurship (FDOV), carried out by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency on behalf of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The goal of the project is to positively impact the production yields, income and employment as well as strengthen the local capacity throughout the sugar value chain. The PPP develops and implements intervention strategies on water management, precision agriculture, capacity development and organization of smallholder farmers.

The innovative aspect of the PPP is that the Dutch and Rwandese partners combine these intervention strategies which enables a business driven approach to significantly increase the economic and social output of sugarcane agriculture. In the long run this will lead to a more competitive, sustainable and inclusive sugarcane value chain in Rwanda.



The 'Sugar: make it work' PPP team

As the lead partner in this PPP project, TechForce Innovations is responsible for the overall project management. This includes managing on the progress, performance and quality of the project activities, as well as project administration and financial management. Furthermore we take care of communication on and reporting of project updates, within the partnership as well as to Netherlands Enterprise Agency, for which we frequently schedule meetings in the Netherlands and in Rwanda. The PPP 'Sugar: make it work' won the award for '[Best Public-Private-Partnership Award 2014](#)', presented by The Partnership Verkiezing which is an initiative of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dutch development bank FMO and social enterprise The Punchy Pack.



Project coordinator Mr. Steven Gajadin (left) discussing the project with Minister Ploumen of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation (right)

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