

The agriculture sector in Kenya is critical to the national economy and has been identified as a priority area in national strategy and policies contributing to improving food security and nutrition. In line with Kenya Vision 2030, the government has launched a strategy to transform smallholder agriculture from its subsistence status into a modern, sustainable, commercially oriented and competitive sector. In support of this strategy, "The Kenya Small-scale Irrigation and Value Addition Project - KSIVAP", aimed to enhance smallholders' agricultural competitiveness, and improve food and nutrition security in eleven counties. The project required robust institutional, organizational and technical capacity at national and county levels to effectively deliver on its mandate and functions. Following the devolution of agriculture in 2010, however, the extension service presented critical capacity gaps in the provision of technical support for the commercialization of smallholder agriculture. A Technical Assistance (TA) project was therefore designed to provide technical support and to assist in the capacity-building and performance development of national and county coordination units in the sector.

WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The project had three outputs. Output 1 strengthened the management and coordination skills of a cadre of trainers, mostly from the KSIVAP Project Coordination Unit (PCU) and county coordination units (CCUs). This was

KEY FACTS

USD 1 200 000

July 2016 – June 2022

Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme (GAFSP) through Government of Kenya

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives, State Departments of Agriculture and Livestock in the county governments of 11 counties

615 participants (52 percent female), including 524 government staff, producer organization (PO) and farmer leaders and 40 out-of-school youth

ACTIVITIES

Capacity assessment made to identify capacity gaps at national and county level.

Training, guidance and support provided in developing managerial and organizational capacity at national and county level.

Organizational advice, guidance and support provided to KSIVAP PCU and CCUs to coordinate and implement project activities.

Training curricula and materials produced to develop skills and capacities at county level.

Technical staff provided with the skills needed to promote increased agricultural productivity, improved household nutrition, agribusiness and market development.

PCU M&E team supported in planning, monitoring and evaluating key project results in project areas.

Monitoring of KSIVAP capacity-building activities supported and technical backstopping provided at county level.

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