

Feed the Future Mozambique Resilient Agricultural Markets Activity - Nacala Corridor (RAMA-Nacala Corridor)

In Mozambique's Nacala Corridor, smallholder farmers, particularly women, play a critical role in efforts to increase production. Yet, farmers remain vulnerable to environmental, social, and economic shocks.

The Feed the Future Mozambique Resilient Agricultural Markets Activity - Nacala Corridor (FTF RAMA-Nacala Corridor) increases resilience in farming households by improving access to quality agricultural information and technologies by smallholder farmers for utilization and adoption.

FTF RAMA-Nacala Corridor's program focus is the identification, evaluation, pilot, and scaling of impactful technologies that build resilience of smallholder farming families. It does this by facilitating the adoption of good agricultural practices and increasing the availability of agricultural services and technologies to achieve sustainable increases in productivity and improved food security.

The project is using an innovation grant fund to form strategic partnerships and support existing networks and value chain stakeholders in dissemination and commercialization of prioritized technologies. The program prioritizes channels that will facilitate long-term scaling and replication of success.

Fast Facts

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Timeframe: December 2016 - December 2021

Location: Nampula, Mozambique

Target Beneficiaries:

60,000 smallholder farmers



The farmer who is equipped to make informed decisions for the well-being of the household and the farm production is a resilient farmer. Thus, FTF RAMA-Nacala Corridor is promoting a new model of extension and information dissemination, including the development of critical thinking abilities to equip smallholder farmers to make smart decisions for their families in changing conditions.

FTF RAMA-Nacala Corridor also empowers women - 87 percent of Mozambique's agricultural labor force - to be decision-makers and drivers of production, landscape management and household nutrition.

By providing higher quality, demanddriven information and services to farmers, businesses, agricultural producers and processors, the project aims to reduce poverty and hunger.

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Partnerships

FTF RAMA-Nacala Corridor partners with private sector market participants to introduce new technologies and services to farmers. A sampling of our technologies and partners includes:

Fertilizer

iDE provides private sector input retail entrepreneurs with information for fertilizer application and blending based on soil type and crop. Through selected agrodealers, iDE helps sales agents access financing and information for selling fertilizer through retail outlets and agriculture field days.

Post-Harvest Processing

CTI promotes and builds demand for small-scale mechanized groundnut strippers and shellers to farmers. As groundnut processing is largely a women's activity, emphasis will be on building demand with women while evaluating local entrepreneurship service models, including youth entrepreneurship, as a means of technology access.

Mechanized Land Preparation

CPSA Angoche uses its fleet of six tractors to broaden availability of services to include disking and mechanized planting, as well as increase the awareness and availability of services in its service area, offering farmers options to cost effectively reduce drudgery and increase yields through more efficient planting methods.

Dreamers Group will offer a promotion for farmers in Gurue to purchase a mechanized land planting, disking, and plowing package. The promotion will encourage purchase of the services while making more efficient use implements already owned by the group.

Hello Tractor's proprietary technology offers an array of sensors and an inclusive analytical package to provide asset, business, service, and financing management for service-oriented tractor owners. Under a pilot with FTF RAMA-Nacala Corridor, the "Uber of tractors" will improve the fleet management of mechanization service businesses in order to increase the number of smallholder farmer customers they can serve.



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