

Seeds of Expertise for the Vegetable Industry of Africa

“Seeing is Believing”





Background

Private-public partnership project

- East West Seed,
- Rijk Zwaan,
- Wageningen UR- Applied Plant Research
- Dutch Government.

Collaborating with local stakeholders

- Tanzanian Horticulture Association,
- Horti-Tengeru Training Institute,
- World Vegetable Centre (formerly AVRDC Regional Centre for Africa),
- Sokoine University of Agriculture.
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Local Government (Including Department of Agriculture)
- Mama Clementina Foundation

Vision and Mission

Our Vision

- A Prosperous Tanzania that has food security and high employment levels driven by improved vegetable production.

Our Mission

- To provide technical information on improved vegetable production, train farmers to increase the production and productivity of vegetables and promote market awareness.

Our Theme

- “Seeing is Believing”

Main objective

- Support the **adoption of improved vegetable varieties** and **vegetable production techniques** by establishing a practical knowledge & innovation base in Tanzania and implementing extension services



The SEVIA activities

- Afrisem: Increasing availability of African adapted hybrid varieties.
- Afrisem and Wageningen UR: Baseline survey
- Test vegetable varieties.
- Promotion of improved varieties (especially hybrids) and technologies.



- Deploy extension officers.
- Use demonstrations as a “**Seeing is Believing**” strategy
- Provide information on vegetable production and marketing to farmers.
- Train farmers and sector professionals.
- Collaborate with other extension agents/organisations.

Technologies currently being demonstrated

- Use of good quality seeds
- Use of seedling trays
- Drip Irrigation
- Plastic mulch
- Raised beds
- Trellising
- Pruning/thinning
- Pest and disease management
- Proper fertilization
- Proper plant spacing
- Proper field layout
- Greenhouse production



Challenges to youth involvement Agriculture/horticulture

- Agriculture regarded as not fashionable/cool
- Most of activities are done in rural areas while youth prefer urban areas.
- Many youths come from an agricultural background and part of getting educated was to run away from such an environment!
- Many youths do not own land.
- Many youths do not have access to capital
- Need for training



Window of opportunity for SEVIA

- High youth unemployment giving the youths few options.
- The rise of urban horticulture especially greenhouse production.
- The emergence of youth entrepreneurs.
- The presence of youth focused organisations eg Tanzania Scout Association, Tanzania Youth Investment Centre.

Courage worldwide

- Training in vegetable production



Tanzania Scouts Association

- Training of trainers
- Hosting demonstrations TSA centres and farmers' fields and using the demonstrations training facilities: Mbeya, Bagamoyo and Morogoro.



Tanzania Youth Investment centre

- Training in vegetable production
- Hosting demonstrations at centres managed by youths: Dodoma



Tanzania Youth Investment centre

- Hosting demonstrations
- Training in vegetable production
- Monduli, Morogoro, Misungwi and Meru



Youths not affiliated to groups

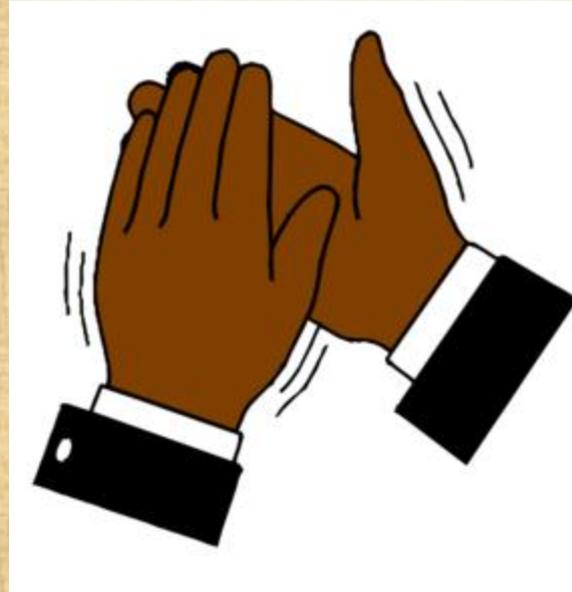
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The Future

There is hope for the youths and horticulture sector of Tanzania with an increasing number of youths getting interested in the sector.





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