**PREPARATIONS FOR SEASON A 2020 AND PLANS FOR 2020/21 FY**

1. **Preparations for Season A 2020 (February – May)**

* Due to budget constraints, NAADS/OWC will only focus on the provision of Mangoes and Citrus seedlings to selected farmer beneficiaries in Season A (February – May 2020)
* The distribution will focus on 3 clusters and these include;
* **Nwoya Cluster** which covers the four districts of Nwoya, Agago, Gulu and Adjumani
* **Kapeeka- Nakaseke cluster** which covers the three districts of Nakaseke, Nakasongola and Luwero
* **Soroti cluster** which covers the districts of Soroti, Kumi and Ngora
* The selection of the clusters was based on areas where Government has established/yet to establish fruit processing facilities.
* Soroti Fruit factory which is already existion
* Nwoya Fruit Factory for which construction is to commence soon
* Kapeeka Fruit factory for which construction is to commence soon
* Other commodities that have been left out will be catered for in the next FY 2020/21

1. **Plans for 2020/21 FY**

The implementation plan for the NAADS interventions for wealth creation the FY 2020/21 will focus more on supporting key strategic commodities with the purpose of concentrating resources to ensure greater impact on household incomes and national export earnings. The support will also take into consideration the commodity value chains proposed for the AASP /NDPIII. The support will focus on:

* + Provision of seedlings for the key strategic commodities including Tea, Fruits (Citrus, Mangoes & Pineapple) and cashew nuts
  + Provision of livestock/stocking materials including pigs, & Cattle dairy
  + Provision of improved seed and vegetative materials for food security interventions i.e maize, sorghum and cassava cuttings.
  + Agro machinery and farm implements for production specifically focusing on provision of *tractors a*nd matching implements for farm mechanization and *hand hoes* for food security interventions
  + Value addition particularly focusing on establishment of fruit processing facilities (mango, citrus and pineapple) to reduce post-harvest losses & increase value of farm produce

1. **OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS FOR 2020/21**
2. **Implementation of Area Based Commodity Cluster Model**. Beginning 2020/21 FY, the distribution of planting materials will be concentrated in areas within the vicinity of the emerging grain and fruit processing facilities for agro industrialisation. Similarly, the distribution of dairy heifers will be in the vicinity of milk coolers and mini dairy processing facilities.

These interventions will target Area Based Commodity Clusters in the selected parts of Uganda in line with the agriculture zoning strategy. A commodity cluster will be made up of a number of districts in close proximity and serves to concentrate value chain actors (Input distributors, Producers, traders, processors, transporters, financial service providers etc.) with experience in the commodity, provide requisite infrastructure that, taken together provide opportunities for success in scaling up and development of the relevant commodity value chains.

1. **Revitalizing the role of Farmers and Farmer Organizations (FOs**) in the implementation of NAADS interventions in Wealth Creation will also be concentrated within the supported commodity clusters. The farmer committees and institutions working together with the parish chiefs as well as the extension workers will mobilize individual farmers to participate in the NAADS interventions to facilitate input distribution, storage and marketing. The model whose pilot phase was implemented in 14 districts of Apac, Kapchorwa, Mayuge, Mityana, Nakaseke, Hoima, Soroti, Ntungamo, Masindi, Bushenyi, Tororo, Kiboga, Wakiso and Moyo will be adopted within the supported commodity clusters and scaled up and rolled over to other commodity clusters within new DLGs and during the subsequent FY
2. **Support to Parish model farmers in every district:** NAADS interventions for wealth creation will be focused to support one model farmer per parish in line with the Area Based Commodity Clusters.
3. **Support establishment of Rural Farmer Service Centers:** NAADS will work closely with other stakeholders to establish RFSCs to complement the area commodity based clusters. The RFSC is a one-stop center where farmers can get access to extension services, agricultural inputs including seed, livestock, planting materials, agrochemicals, hired farm equipment among others and also have access to value addition, agricultural finance and market linkages services.
4. **Nucleus Farmer Zoning Model:** Beginning FY 2020/21, government will roll out a nucleus farmer strategy to reorganize zonal agricultural interventions under the commodity approach. This strategy provides an alternative method of channeling Government resources to increase production, productivity and value addition in the agriculture sector. It enables engagement of progressive/successful farmers at sub-county and regional level as an engine for increased production. Government interventions will be along the promoted value chains according to the production zones, which will be sub-divided into sub-zones as districts, sub-counties and parishes. The focus will be put on production of high value commodities to suit the domestic, regional and international market preferences. Each region will produce commodity varieties to fit existing demand.
5. **Establishment of 2 Industrial Parks in Rwenzori Region:** Government through NAADS is in advance stages of establishing 2 industrial parks in Rwenzori Region. Government has set aside UGX 10bn this Financial Year to establish 2 industrial parks in Kabarole and Kasese districts under the Agricultural Local Economic Development Initiative (AGRI-LED)

The Agri-LED strategic interventions are being piloted in Rwenzori sub region and will facilitate projects towards Public Investment Management for Agro Industrialization for: Kabarole Industrial Park and Kasese Industrial Park

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