



STRONG FARMER ORGANIZATIONS, STRONG SMALLHOLDER FAMILIES

Program Evaluation “Coffee Farmer Alliances of Tanzania (CFAT)”

During a seven-year program in Tanzania, smallholder families and farmer organizations proved that advancing their cooperation will improve rural livelihoods. The “**Coffee Farmer Alliances of Tanzania (CFAT)**” approach promoted the establishment and professionalization of member-driven farmer organizations as service providers and motors of change. The program also supported farmer families to improve their competitiveness and raise agricultural production.

The consulting group FCG Sweden carried out an independent evaluation of the **CFAT** program commissioned by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) after the program ended. The result: **CFAT** was highly successful, with clear progress in establishing basic organizational and institutional infrastructure. The evaluation confirmed that this resulted in changing smallholder families' mindsets in entrepreneurial farming and sustainable agriculture, the dissemination of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), aiming for higher production and less environmental damage, improvements in household resilience through crop diversification, sensitization of households with respect to gender roles, and entrepreneurial development of youth.

FACTS

Implementing Partner:

Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung



Locations

Northern and Southern
Tanzania

Tanzania

Coverage

26,000+
coffee farming
households
(105 %
of target)

Duration:

2013 to 2020

Funding Partners:



Main Program Interventions



„Much of what was intended has been achieved, despite external challenges due to changes in regulation with respect to COVID-19.“

FCG Evaluation Report

Main Findings

The program successfully helped to establish operational farmer organizations.

Supported farmer organizations have demonstrated the ability to increase farmer families' resources by reducing operating costs, improving accessibility to markets and to productive inputs.

Farmer organizations became effective forums for training, sharing of information and the adoption of new technology.

They also played an important role in empowering marginalized and disadvantaged groups like women and youth, connecting them to goods, service providers and to markets.

Coffee production and quality increased.

Resilience and food security of farming households improved significantly through crop diversification.

Introduction of good agricultural practices and conservation agriculture reduced environmental damage.

Successful Gender Approach

A particularly successful component of CFAT was the introduction of the Gender Household Approach, a participatory household-based decision making scheme by HRNS. Through seminars, couples were sensitized about the uneven distribution of resources and responsibilities within their households and farms. As gender change agents they became role models and disseminated their knowledge in their communities. The program showed that the improvement of intra-household gender relations will empower households to realize their full development potential.



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"I help my wife Luti in everything because this relieves stress from her. Even the community around envies my wife. I'm happy for the gender knowledge which has transformed my old ways of thinking."

- Tobias (37) -

Program Results*

91 AMCOS

(Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Society)

and **746** village based Farmer Organizations supported



Green bean coffee volumes handled by CFAT AMCOS increased

4,000 tons

683 tons

2016

2019

Area under coffee increased

21,017 ha

2020

19,727 ha

2016

Share of households below poverty line (1.25\$ PPP) declined

2016

33%

2020

18%



Percentage of households facing a hungry season declined

2016

21%

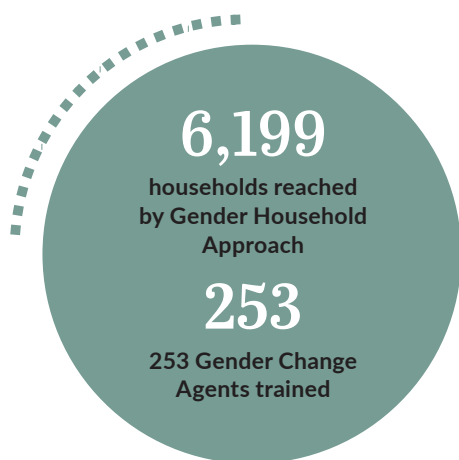
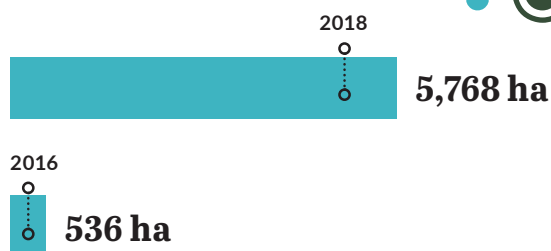
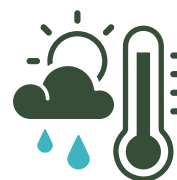
2020

16%

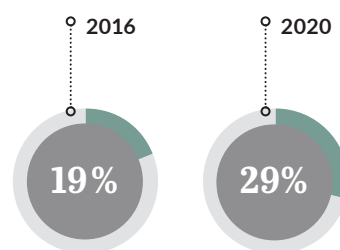
*Results from CFAT Phase II (2016-2020) based on internal M&E verified by FCG Sweden



Area under conservation agriculture increased



Share of female members with a leadership function in farmer groups increased



"Our life has never been the same since our household joined the program of HRNS in 2014, believe me or not."

– Ibrahim Ngomwile Kandonga –

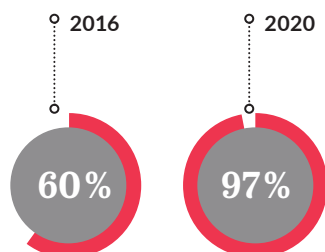


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youth started
their own business

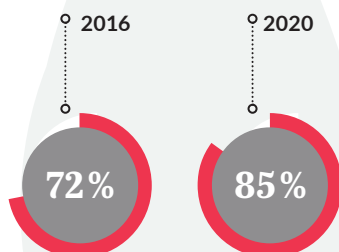


At the End of the Program, Adoption of Good Agricultural Practices Increased Significantly

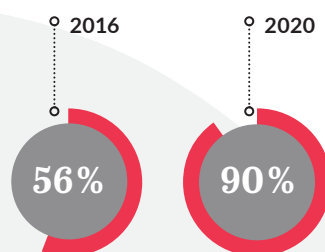
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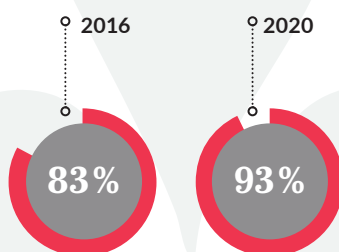
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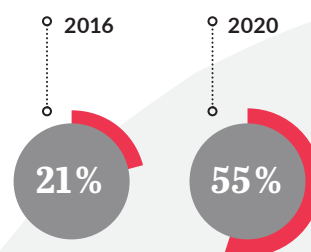
Mulching



Pruning



Composting



Lessons Learned

The finalization and evaluation of CFAT gives us the opportunity to take a step back and assess how future programs can be even more impactful.

HRNS will increasingly reach out to the growing young population in our program regions. Building their entrepreneurial capacities will help them create attractive livelihood prospects for themselves.

Working with youth as drivers in bringing about positive change within their communities carries high potential.

The role of farmer organizations in the coffee value chain should be strengthened. This will further improve the livelihoods of smallholder coffee farming families.



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