



IAEFP host schools with CRS Staff and key stakeholders during the project induction workshop. Courtesy photo.

International Agricultural Education Fellowship Program (IAEFP)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The International Agricultural Education Fellowship Program (IAEFP) is a USDA-funded program that provides opportunities for eligible U.S. citizens to assist developing countries, like Uganda, in establishing School-Based Agricultural Education (SBAE) and youth extension programs. Participating secondary schools in the host countries receive classroom instruction, field demonstrations, entrepreneurship projects, and leadership skills development expertise provided to teachers and learners.

PROGRAM GOALS



Improve host country’s ability to meet the food and fiber needs of its domestic population.



Strengthen and enhance trade linkages between Uganda and the United States agricultural industry.

QUICK FACTS

Sector	■ Agriculture Education
Funding/Funder	■ \$ 500,000/USDA Foreign Agricultural Services (FAS)
Target participants	■ Learners and agriculture teachers in 535schools
Timeframe	■ September 2020 – August 2024
Project Locations	■ Arua, Gulu, Iganga, Mbale, Soroti, Butambala, Mbarara, Kasese, Wakiso, Luweero Districts



Develop globally minded United States agriculturalists with experience living abroad.

PROJECT STRATEGY

CRS will recruit and deploy a cohort of seven fellows from the U.S. agricultural education sector in host secondary schools for 10 months in school year 2023. The fellows will pilot and scale up innovative agricultural education approaches that are aligned with Government of Uganda's (GoU) newly revised Lower Secondary Curriculum in agriculture launched at the beginning of 2020.

Fellows will accomplish key activities aligned with the new active, learner-centered, and competency-based curriculum. Some activities will include helping school head teachers and teachers to understand and implement the new agriculture curriculum; introduce and adapt innovative U.S. based instructional materials; demonstrate use of the materials through classroom instruction; design & facilitate field-based demonstrations; entrepreneurial skills development through promoting Supervised Agricultural Entrepreneurship (SAE) projects based on a "Learn as you Earn" approach for learners; and youth extension through community engagement. Additional activities include teacher professional development, leadership & public speaking skills, and career development for learners in host schools.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Improved secondary school-based agriculture teaching reforms utilizing complementary innovative approaches based on U.S. agriculture education and aligned to GoU new lower secondary curriculum.
- Teachers in host schools have increased knowledge and skills in experiential/project-based learning, and creativity in teaching using ICT approaches.
- Learners' have increased interest in agriculture demonstrated through SAE projects and increased numbers of learners studying the subject.
- IAEFP fellows increase their understanding of Uganda and U.S. agricultural industry and trade relations and existing opportunities for the sector.

- Fellows, teachers, and learners increase their understanding of international agriculture development, the interplay between food security, trade, and economic development in a developing country context.



Gayaza High School students bid farewell to U.S. Future Farmers of America volunteer.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

- Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES)
 - National Curriculum Development Centre (NCDC)
 - Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF)/Department of Agriculture extension
 - Agricultural Training Colleges and Universities
 - National Teacher Training Colleges (NTCs)
 - Selected secondary schools
 - District Local Governments (DLGs)/Education department
 - U.S National Future Farmers of America (FFA) and National 4-H Council
- Other USG and non-USG funded activities in Uganda such as VINES, Cochran and Borlaug Fellowship programs, and Peace Corps Uganda, among others.

ABOUT CRS

CRS has been working in Uganda since 1965 in partnership with the local Catholic Church and Caritas to reach the most vulnerable people. Our current programs are in all regions with focus in Karamoja, West Nile and Central Uganda. Projects span the areas of health, including child wellbeing and national systems strengthening; agricultural livelihoods and markets; resilience and landscape restoration; emergency response and recovery; and microfinance. In 2021, CRS served over 1,260,868 people in Uganda.