



Gayaza High School students bid farewell to U.S. National Future Farmers of America (FFA) volunteers. Photo by Brian Kibirige for CRS.

International Agriculture Education Fellowship Program (IAEFP)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

International Agriculture Education Fellowship Program (IAEFP) is a USDA funded program that provides opportunities for eligible U.S. citizens to assist developing countries in establishing school-based agricultural education and youth extension programs. Participating schools in the host countries receive classroom instruction, field demonstrations, entrepreneurship projects, and leadership development expertise provided by fellows.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Improve host countries' ability to meet the food and fiber needs of the domestic population.
- Strengthen and enhance trade linkages between host countries and the United States agricultural industry.
- Develop globally minded United States agriculturalists with experience living abroad.

QUICK FACTS

Sector	■ Agriculture Education
Funding/Funder	■ \$500,000/USDA
Target participants	■ Learners and agriculture teachers in selected schools
Timeframe	■ 2020 – 2022
Project Location	■ Selected districts in: Northern, South West, Eastern, and Central Uganda.

PROJECT STRATEGY

1. CRS will recruit a cohort of nine fellows to serve in secondary schools for the 2021 – 2022 school calendar year for 10 months with the purpose of scaling up innovative agricultural education approaches aligned with Government of Uganda’s (GoU) newly revised Lower Secondary Curriculum.
2. Fellows will accomplish key activities aligned with the new active, learner-centered, and competence-based curriculum. Activities will include; helping school administrators and teachers to understand the new agriculture curriculum, introduce and adapt innovative U.S.-based instructional materials, support use of materials through classroom instruction, design & facilitate practical field-based demonstrations, entrepreneurial skills development through promoting small-individualized or group projects, community engagement while promoting youth extension programs. Other key fellows’ activities will include: Fellows-Teachers’ experience sharing on lessons from the US learner-based approach to agriculture education, leadership, public speaking, and career development in agriculture.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- IAEFP fellows will strengthen school-based agriculture education reforms through introduction of innovative methodologies/approaches in classroom instruction, practical field-based activities, youth extension, leadership and entrepreneurship skills development.
- Ugandan teachers working with fellows will improve knowledge and skills in experiential learning, problem solving, and implementation of a learner-centered approach aligned with the new curriculum.
- Students will be able to learn and earn through established group or individualized entrepreneurial projects and appreciation of the full agriculture value chain.
- IAEFP fellows will contribute to strengthening trade linkages between Uganda and U.S. agricultural industry through interactions with the American Chamber of Commerce Uganda and agricultural industries with ties in the US.

- Fellows, teachers, and learners increase their appreciation of the value of international relations and the intersection between food security, economic development, and trade.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

- Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES)
- National Curriculum Development Centre (NCDC)
- Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF)/Department of Agriculture extension
- Kyambogo University
- National Teacher Training Colleges (NTCs)
- Selected secondary schools
- District Local Governments (DLGs)/Education department
- Other USG funded activities such as VINES, Cochran and Borlaug Fellowship programs, Farmer to Farmer program and Peace Corps Uganda.

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 2020, CRS served over 1,384,819 Ugandans.

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