

RWANDA

Strategic objective in the country for the project

“Implement the TAP Common Framework approach to strengthen systems of innovation in agriculture at local and national levels and gather evidence on its efficacy”

	CASSAVA VALUE CHAIN - RUHANGO	COMMUNITY PROCESSING CENTRE - BURERA	RWANGINGO CATCHMENT
Objectives	To expand cassava production and markets by empowering the partnership to access sufficient disease-free planting material of appropriate varieties and facilitate win-win relationships between actors, particularly the farmers and processors	To play a catalyzing role for improved understanding, communication and collaboration between stakeholders to expand and improve milk production and increase markets for milk and processed milk products	To improve livelihoods for the niche actors through higher crop and animal yield and quality, as well as access to markets
Challenges/Key innovative aspects that exists	There is no champion in the partnership at local level, meaning that it is too weak to collaborate and advocate for solutions to technical constraints such as shortage of clean, disease and drought tolerant planting material	Consumer demand is high but the market is still constrained by low quality and quantity of milk and limited ability of farmers to understand and address the processor's quality demands	There is a will to work together, but there are limited skills to communicate/collaborate. The management of water (for irrigation and cattle) is a source of conflict that the partnership does not have the capacity to resolve
Key actions to improve capacities	Identify and mentor a champion, coaching (CD events), joint learning (workshops), experiential learning, some facilitation of access to planting material	Coaching (CD events), joint learning (workshops), some technical assistance where possible	Coaching (CD events), joint learning (workshops, study tours)
Team	CDAIS, IITA, RAB, District, KCP, INGABO, FAO	CDAIS team, IFAD, MINAGRI, District, RAB, RCA, Heifer Intl, NIRDA, BDF and FAO	CDAIS, WB (RSSP, LWH), Districts, NGOs



Organization 1	All Niches: District Offices - facilitation & coordination of active stakeholders involved in rural development activities at district level
Organization 2	All niches: Rwanda Agriculture Board - facilitating links between actors (farmers/coops, research & extension) and representing farmer needs to policy makers
Organization 3	Ruhango niche: Kinazi Cassava Plant (Private) coordinates farmers for advisory support and market access



The national platform is the Agriculture Sector Working Group where public, private and non-government sector members sit monthly to review progress towards achieving a series of policy action items that are agreed annually. Rwanda has national objectives to increase rural household incomes and food security through diversified and intensified production, and to move from subsistence to market-oriented systems. A key ambition of the CDAIS project is to ensure that CD for AIS is embedded in the policy actions to help achieve the national objectives.