

Rural Youth Employment Support (R-YES) Project

Creating employment opportunities for rural youth in agribusiness through establishment of integrated agribusiness hub in Rwanda.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

R-YES is a 5-year project (2020 - 2024) funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented in Rwanda by Kilimo Trust in partnership with Rwanda Youth in Agribusiness Forum (RYAF) and Rwanda Polytechnic - with Integrated Polytechnic Regional Colleges (IPRCs), TVETs and Agribusiness Industries as Centers of Capacity Building.

PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of R-YES project is to contribute to sustainable employment (self and decent wage) and income generating opportunities for 3,000 youth in agriculture related activities in Rwanda through an integrated agribusiness hub. R-YES project targets 1,200 youth (50% female and 50% male), aged 18 - 30 years. Indirectly, R-YES project will benefit 1,800 youth who will acquire meaningful jobs through established agribusinesses and at least 20,000 smallholder farmers.

PROJECT SCOPE

✓ **Where we work:** R-YES project is national in scope, but 16 districts have been selected as primary focus including: North (Gicumbi, Rulindo, and Musanze), West (Nyabihu, Rubavu, and Rusizi), South (Nyanza, Ruhango, Gisagara, Kamonyi and Huye), and East (Nyagatare, Kayanza, Rwamagana, Ngoma and Bugesera).

✓ **Project Interventions:** R-YES builds technical skills and creates jobs along ten (10) agribusiness opportunities with potential to attract and provide decent employment to youth in agribusiness.

The ten (10) target employment opportunities include: (1) Vegetables Production and Processing, (2) Milk Handling and processing, (3) Refrigeration & Cold Chain Management, (4) Operation & Maintenance of agro-processing machinery, (5) Meat handling and processing, (6) Operation & Maintenance of Farm Tractors & Machinery, (7) Forage (Hay & Silage) Production & Marketing, (8) Animal Feed Production, (9) Operation & Maintenance of Field Irrigation, (10) Poultry Farming (layers and broilers).

Project Implementers



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