

FEED THE FUTURE TANZANIA NAFKA

Rice and maize are important staple crops in Tanzania, produced primarily by small-scale farmers. Feed the Future Tanzania *Nafaka* (“grain” in Kiswahili) builds on the *Nafaka I* activity, which developed scalable models for technological innovation, to intensify outreach to a larger number of actors in the rice and maize market systems, increasing both direct and indirect beneficiaries. This will lead to the successful adoption of improved technologies and agricultural practices that improve productivity, competitiveness, and nutrition for targeted smallholders.

These efforts also build on the USAID *Tuboreshe Chakula* (“Let’s Improve Food”) activity, which has helped millers improve post-harvest handling and production and stimulate demand for fortified maize flour. Investment approaches across the activity will improve the nutritional status of Tanzanians, especially women and children; expand opportunities for benefits and participation by women, youth, and vulnerable groups, and; develop local capacity for sustaining and scaling innovation and benefits.



Feed the Future Tanzania Nafaka works with small farmers to increase rice and maize yields using better technologies and agricultural practices.

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Project Duration

July 2016 – October 2021

Budget

\$17 million

Focus Areas

Ifakara, Iringa, Morogoro, Mbeya, Songwe, and Zanzibar.

Legacy Presence: Manyara, Dodoma

Implementer

ACDI/VOCA

Partners

Input suppliers, producer organizations, and millers involved in agriculture and nutrition; donor implementing partners; national actors in the maize and rice sectors, both private and public

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Feed the Future Tanzania *Nafaka* will build from the successful pilots of *Nafaka I* and *Tuboreshe Chakula* to accelerate adoption of improved technologies and practices. *Nafaka* will continue operating in districts originally served by *Nafaka I*: Ifakara, Kongwa, Kiteto, Mvomero, Mbarali, Mbozi, Iringa Rural, Pemba and Unguja, and expand into new areas that include Mufindi, Wanging’ombe and Njombe. In all project districts, the *Nafaka* team will work with existing actors throughout the maize and rice value chains who demonstrate a thorough and well-defined strategy that provides services essential to maintain and build on *Nafaka I* accomplishments, while increasing coverage to serve more communities and client enterprises.

Results to Date:

Nafaka’s inclusive market system approach has contributed to the ongoing success of the activity. The activity’s blend of using a learning agenda to inform its technical approach has resulted in two publications to date and has been recognized as a finalist on USAID Collaborating, Learning and Adapting global competition. Additional results from the market system approach include:

- Production of 10,000 metric tons of fortified maize flour;
- Development of 300 last-mile village agricultural agents (i.e. last-mile resellers);
- Farmers access to 6 million dollars in agricultural related financing;
- 3.8 million dollars in private sector investment and contributions;

- 49 million dollars generated through the sale of agricultural inputs, mechanization services and cereal commodities distributions; and
- Two USAID Collaborating, Learning and Adapting recognition awards for blending learning to adopt program initiatives.