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COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Cooperative Development Program, beginning in 2010, is a global program that focuses on building capacity of cooperative businesses for self-reliance, local ownership and sustainability.

The program partners with 10 Cooperative Development Organizations (CDOs) working in the sectors of agriculture, finance, health, energy and IT sectors. These partners represent over 120 million US constituents. With their specialized expertise, implementing partners have advanced cooperative businesses and systems in over 18 countries in Africa, Latin America, and Asia.

Activities are targeted to strengthen cooperative businesses in several ways including governance, leadership, gender empowerment, youth engagement, financial management, market performance, and advocacy. The program also prioritizes collaboration among partners through working groups, cooperative research, learning, and dissemination of cooperative development resources.

During the life of the program, the activities have supported over 500 cooperatives and credit unions with a combined savings of \$495 million.

The program has also:

- Provided health insurance and services to over 42,000 people in Uganda
- Leveraged over \$95 million of investments for cattle cooperatives in South Africa
- Increased member equity among cacao cooperatives in Ecuador, Peru, and the DR by over \$4 million
- Reformed cooperative law and regulation in Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya

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