

**Viewpoint from  
the grassroots  
in Tanzania  
and Uganda**

**END HUNGER >>> GROW FARMING  
FARM AFRICA**



## Introductions

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**“Agriculture is the backbone of our countries”**

**Percentage of the population who are smallholder farmers:**

**Tanzania: 75-80%**

**Uganda: 85%**



## What farming means to us

A sustainable supply of safe, nutritious and affordable good quality food to feed the family and sell.



# Crops grown

Maize

Beans

Pigeon peas

Rice

Cassava

Sweet potatoes

Sunflowers

Sesame

Groundnuts

Cowpeas

Millet

Green grams

Sorghum

Sweet potatoes



# How we make a living

Selling crops,  
vegetables and fruit

Selling livestock

Selling local brew

Small businesses

Selling timber and  
non-timber products



# How much is left to sell?

Crop surpluses depend on:

- How much land is opened and cropped
- Productivity of the soil
- Amount of rainfall
- Capacity to open land
- Time of planting, weeding, harvesting and harvesting gear used
- Type of storage used



# Challenges

- Lack of access to markets
- Poor infrastructure
- Poor technologies (hoes)
- Low quality and expensive inputs
- Lack of value addition
- Global trade restrictions
- Poverty, illiteracy & diseases
- Crop raids by wild animals
- Climate change





# Challenges

- Poor storage facilities
- Lack of food processing equipment
- Poor agricultural farming practices
- High interest rates levied on loans by banks
- Sticking to the way they have ever lived
- Soil erosion and degradation
- Deforestation
- Low food prices



# The support farmers need

Policies to increase and sustain agriculture

Policies to avoid food waste through increased food reserves in stores and farms

Food for people first, not energy and animals

Revise restrictions to smallholder exports



# The support farmers need

- Improved infrastructure eg better roads
- Facilitate investment in agriculture
- Support to access markets
- Environmental protection
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation including early warning systems and carbon trading



## Conclusion

Improved research and extension services are needed to increase farmers' productivity and access to markets.



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# **FARM AFRICA** IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHARITY WORKING TO BRING PROSPERITY TO RURAL AFRICA.

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## **OUR VISION**

**A prosperous rural Africa.**

## **OUR MISSION**

**We reduce poverty permanently by unleashing African farmers' abilities to grow their incomes and manage their natural resources sustainably.**

Crops



Livestock  
and Fisheries



Forestry

