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Smallholder Safety Net  
Upscaling Programme

## TRANSFORMING COCOA WASTE INTO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND LIVELIHOODS TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND YOUTH IN UGANDA



Africa



Latin America



Asia



Financial services



Non-financial services



Market building



Internal management

### CONTEXT

Uganda is a landlocked country of the Great Lakes region lying between Kenya, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Tanzania. In 2023, the GDP per capita was USD 1014 and its population estimated to almost 49 million is growing at almost 3% a year. The economy heavily relies on agriculture, which employs about 70% of the workforce. Solid fuel remains the primary cooking method leading to deforestation and harmful emissions contributing to climate change. The expansion of cocoa farms in the Bundibugyo District has further contributed to deforestation. However, biomass waste, such as cocoa pod husks (CPHs), offers a promising renewable alternative to fuelwood.

### CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Kenganzi Agencies Company Uganda Ltd was founded in 2003 and began by hiring cocoa gardens and buying cocoa from smallholder farmers, mostly women. Officially registered in 2010, Kenganzi Agencies manages 35 acres dedicated to cocoa cultivation and an additional 4 acres for vanilla production. The plantation is complemented by an out-grower network consisting of over 500 smallholder farmers. The company aims to expand this network to include 2,000 smallholder farmers.

### OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The objective of this project is to empower women and youth cocoa farmers in Bundibugyo district by training them in the production, packaging, and storage of cocoa pod husk (CPH) briquettes and as such to enhance their livelihoods through sustainable energy solutions, reduce deforestation, and promote environmental conservation.

The expected results of the project are:

- Train 100 women and youth cocoa farmers on production, packaging and storage of CPH briquettes.
- Create 33 new jobs related to the development of the CPH briquettes activity.
- Improve knowledge of environmental conservation and sustainable practices within the local communities.

### IMPACT INVESTOR



### BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Kenganzi Agencies Company  
(agri-SME) – Uganda

### TARGET

100 smallholder farmers

### AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN

Cocoa

### STARTING DATE

December 2024

### DURATION

15 months

### TOTAL TA BUDGET

€ 65,892  
Including € 14,959 (23%)  
contribution from SSNUP

