

Title	Enhancing Potato Production and Market Access in Uganda
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Purpose	The overall objective of this project is to contribute to the enhancement of the farmers' access to markets for improved income from potato through evaluation of agribusiness strategies that will link potato farmers in Uganda to profitable markets.
Project Summary	Potato value chain in Uganda is characterised by a large number of scattered small farmers and buyers facing high transaction costs, resulting from lack of mutually beneficial linkages between actors in the chain, and market coordination problems in terms of quantity, quality and varieties. These problems contribute to low adoption of improved production technologies and consequent low productivity, which, in turn, contribute to limited access to profitable markets. The project will identify and analyse constraints along the value chain that hinder potato producers in Uganda from accessing profitable markets, and will also identify and promote evaluate value chain empowerment strategies that have the potential to will link farmers to such markets. The project will contributes to capacity building through degree training and creating a forum for involvement of farmers, traders and agricultural extension workers in interactive learning and knowledge sharing. Linkage with local government departments of agricultural and that of commerce as well as farmer groups under the National Agricultural Advisory Services (through NAADS) will be a means to sustainability.
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Participating Institutions	NAADS, Kabale
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