

A small scale feed producer in Uganda. Photo Ben Lukuyu/ILRI

Context

- Small-scale feed producers dominate (75%) feed production of compounded feeds in Uganda.
- Small-scale feed producers mix 'tailors made' feeds on order to suit what customers can afford in most urban and rural areas.
- Small-scale feed producers lack basic knowledge in feed ingredients, formulation and production
- As a result, farmers complain about poor & inconsistent quality; and costly mixed feeds by these outlets hence low use.
- There is lack of enforcement of rules and regulation in commercial feed production industry
- The project aims to develop a training and certification scheme inclusive of all stakeholders for small scale producers in Uganda.



Training and Certification of Small Scale Commercial Feed Producers in Uganda

- Model aims to improve feed quality, use and grow markets of commercial pig feeds in Uganda
- Model aims to support farmer to improve pig nutrition and get value for their money



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Our innovative approach

- Develop training course and manuals for feed formulation, mixing and feed safety
- Develop best practice protocols and guidelines for small scale feed production
- Select and train small scale producers in feed, formulation, production and best practice
- Assess baseline and endline knowledge, attitude and practices of small-scale feed producers; and the quality of feeds they produce respectively.
- Certify and catalyze formation of a Feed Manufacturers Association in Uganda for self regulation

Outcomes

- More farmers are using certified commercial feeds from small scale producers
- A Uganda Feed Manufacturers Association is formed and plays a role self regulation of commercial feeds

Future steps

• Include the training curriculum as a commercial course in the Continuing Agricultural Education Center (CAEC) of Makerere University

Partners

Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS), Makerere University (MAK), Feed producers, Farmers



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