

ARCHIPELAGO project: Horticulture in Ghana for a brighter future

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Key Information

SECTOR: GROWTH

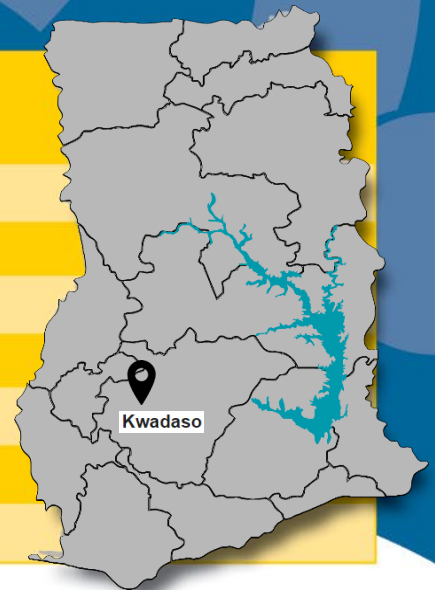
LEAD PARTNER: DELFT UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY – THE NETHERLANDS

OTHER PARTNERS: Kwadaso Agricultural College, Kumasi, Ghana

DURATION: 32 months from January 2020 – September 2022

TOTAL BUDGET EUR: 587.000 EUR

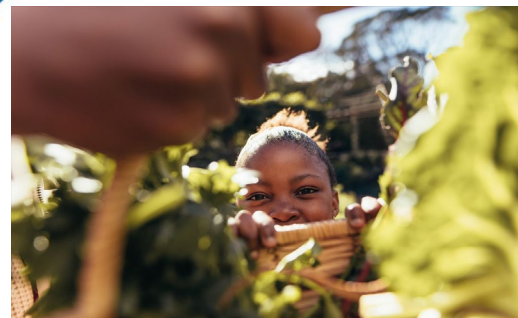
EU CONTRIBUTION EUR: 587.000 EUR



Background



The project is financed by the ARCHIPELAGO programme within the framework of the European Emergency Trust Fund (EUTF) for Africa whose main objective is to improve the employability of youth through targeted technical and vocational training services and strengthen the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in 12 countries in the Sahel and Lake Chad region (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal).



Project Details



The project addresses increased ability of young people to integrate into the job market. The chosen approach is focused on developing and implementing TVET actions that address the current needs in the horticulture sector. The proposed TVET programme is linked to the existing programmes offered by the local partner - Kwadaso Agricultural College (KAC) - and in close collaboration with the private sector. The major activities are the following ones:

- Formulation and implementation of a TVET training programme (2-years) at the Kwadaso Agricultural College (KAC). The programme is formulated and implemented at KAC in close contact with a selection of 30 Ghanaian lead farmers through the support of Holland Green Tech (Dutch private sector business based in Ghana who offers seeds and services) and other local employers in the horticulture sector ;
- Training of trainers at KAC;
- Training of the lead farmers in Ghana on essential skills and knowledge in order to be able to produce high yields and good quality horticulture;
- Facilitation of job placement through close collaboration between the KAC and local private sector actors in the horticulture sector;



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Expected Results



- 3000 direct beneficiaries (young people between 15 and 40 years old, returnees, farms, SMEs, private sector support organisations, training centres, employment promotion agencies) are to be made aware of the opportunities offered by dual technical and vocational education and training (TVET)
- 100 farms and SMEs are to be involved in the identification of skills gaps
- 400 young people are to be trained, including 300 through the dual vocational training approach and 100 in entrepreneurship
- 90 business managers are to be trained in work-based learning
- 1 training provider and 4 business support organisations (BSOs) are to be mobilised, trained and strengthened to provide new TVET services
- 60 local trainers are to be trained
- 5 new relevant training services are to be developed and offered by local BSOs.

Main achievements:

- More than 150 young people have graduated so far (more than 30% female);
- More than 75 new businesses have been supported;
- 30 lead farmers have considerably better yields and profits;
- More than 1.000 farmers have been supported to develop smart and greener horticulture products;
- The newly developed skill courses for the TVET module integrated in the current KAC curriculum to ensure sustainability.

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