
UNITED KINGDOM

REVERSE THE DECLINE IN INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE TO IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY

The UK has pledged \$1.7bn to support food security and agriculture.

An example of good targeting of this funding is £14.5m over 2 years (2009/10) for the increase in agricultural production and the development of Malawi's fertiliser, seed and maize markets. In 2010/11 over 2 million people had been provided with high yielding maize and legume seeds through this support.

SUPPORT REGIONAL AND COUNTRY LED PROCESSES AND PLAN IN SUPPORT OF RESPONSIBLE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The UK supports the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) through UK£ 10m grant to a Multidonor trust fund with the World Bank.

The UK also has significant bilateral agriculture programmes in Ethiopia, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Malawi, and Rwanda which are contributing to CAADP objectives and the UK supports private sector engagement linked to the agricultural sector in: Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Tanzania.

The UK is supporting the Africa Enterprise Challenge fund (AECF). And building on their experience and forming partnerships with companies to develop and expand cross border food trade. The AECF provides match funding for agribusiness to develop innovative products and services that increase rural incomes. Since 2008, AECF has partnered with 39 companies and is on track to achieve its goal of raising the income of at least 2 million rural Africans.

SUPPORT STRATEGIC COORDINATION OF FOOD SECURITY ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING TROUGH REFORM OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION ARCHITECTURE

Research has a key role to play in increasing agricultural productivity in Africa and South Asia. Much UK research is dedicated to helping poor farmers adapt to climate change, improve yields, and access new technology. A significant element is delivered through the International Research Centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). DFID provides funding (£39m in 2010/11) and staff (0.6 Senior Adviser) to reform of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

This will support the newly announced climate change, agriculture and food security programme of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). This will promote collaboration between the CGIAR institutions, the Earth System Science Partnership, and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture. By 2020 poverty should be reduced by 10% in the target regions, malnutrition cut by 25%, and farmers helped to increase soil carbon storage and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.