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## Refugee Agricultural Value-Chains for Economic Self-Reliance (RAVES)

A Value Chain Approach for Economic Integration and  
Self-Reliance of Refugees and Host Communities in East Africa



focus countries  
**Kenya, Uganda**



beneficiaries  
**100 000 households**



budget  
**USD 4.7 million**



donor  
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period  
**2020–2024**



operational partners:  
INSTA Products, KadAfrica, WFP,  
UNHCR, IFC

East Africa is faced with one of the world's largest and fastest-growing humanitarian and forced displacement crises. Under the overarching partnership MOU between FAO and UNHCR and after exploring innovative joint approaches for delivery of the Common Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) in Africa, FAO and UNHCR jointly engaged in the strengthening of partnerships between the public and private sectors in agricultural value chains.

This partnership aims to address the development challenges faced by refugee-hosting countries and promote sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development to reinforce economic growth, social responsibility and good governance and accountability. Collaboration was established with selected private sector entities for the development of value chains that can provide a lucrative yet fairly risk-free market engagement of vulnerable populations in displacement settings while contributing to the socio-economic integration of refugees and their hosting communities.

### The Problem

Although refugees living in Kenya and Uganda have some access to farmland and rights to work, many remain dependent on food aid, are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and struggle to integrate into their local communities. At the same time, local food companies are struggling to buy quality farm produce.

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RTEA Strategy Regional  
Cause 2: Durable solutions in  
displacement settings*

## The Solution

FAO will support 17,000 refugees and residents to earn a decent income through growing high-quality groundnut, passion fruits and vegetables using regenerative farming methods that protect the environment while linking them to local companies that need to develop a reliable supply base for these crops

- The passion fruit and groundnut production is centred around two local private sector companies:
- KadAfrica, which operates in Uganda in the passion juice value chain. INSTA Products, a Kenya-based company that manufactures Ready-to-use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) items where the main ingredient is groundnut paste.

Groundnut and passion fruit production alongside vegetables and field crops offer refugees and host communities alike the possibility for a steady source of income, helping both communities to increase self-reliance and improve socio-economic integration. By encouraging the cultivation of in-demand products, the partnership hopes to lay the groundwork for increased agribusiness investment in the area.

## Expected Outcomes

- **Outcome 1:** Build capacities among refugees and host communities to engage in market-oriented sustainable production and agribusiness.
- **Outcome 2:** Profitable and sustainable value chains built with refugees and host communities as key actors
- **Outcome 3:** Enabling policy and programming environment for agribusiness investment in a fragile situation



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