

Aggregator - farmer engagement meeting organized by a pig aggregator in Mukono. Photo credit: UBS/Ronald Wankya

Challenge

- Input and output market inefficiencies in the pig value chain
- Weak and exploitative relationships between the smallholder farmers and the aggregators, feed traders and suppliers of other inputs.

Expected outcomes

- Sustainable and mutually beneficial relationships
- Emergence of structured trading arrangements between farmers and aggregators
- Strong industry associations for aggregators and feed millers

Our approach

- Held introductory meetings with aggregators and the District Local Governments
- Mentored aggregators on forms of support for farmers to create a market pull through market arrangements and linkages to input service providers
- Supported emergence of associations

Market Systems Development interventions in the pig value chain in Uganda



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Project intervention

Market systems and Aggregators



Initial engagement meeting with pig aggregators in Mukono. Photo credit: UBS



Initial engagement meeting with pig aggregators in Masaka. Photo credit: UBS

Results, outcomes, achievements

- Emerging market arrangements of aggregators working with a network of specific pig farmers
- Evidence of collaboration between aggregators and input providers to support farmers
- Associations and Cooperatives taking shape as aggregators and inputs dealers seek self regulation

Lessons and significance

- Breaking the longstanding mistrust will require a sustained support – More work still needs to be done
- The business community is so supportive of self regulatory mechanisms – More work to support complete formalisation and organisational development
- Access to finance is still a big challenge for the pig sector at it is evident at every node of the value chain

Partners

- ILRI
- Ultimate Business Strategies Ltd
- Mukono and Masaka District Local Government
- Greater Masaka Pig Farmers Coop Union
- Masaka Pig Traders Association



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