

What farmers say about the project?

“It is good that farmers’ voice will be heard. It is a good opportunity for farmers to contribute in our District Development.” **A farmer in Kayonza**



“We were implementing agriculture projects without participating in the planning. We are glad that with the new Transparency International Rwanda Project, our priorities will be included in District performance contract.” **“Farmers in Nyanza”**

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« Empowering Farmers at District level through Social Accountability to improve District Performance Contracts “Imihigo” in Rwandan Agriculture Project ».



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Background

The Rwandan economy is driven by agriculture. Independent family farming and wage farming account for 72% of all employment in Rwanda.

The increase in agriculture production accounted for about 45 percent of the reduction in poverty which has decreased by 14 % points over the last decade.

Underlying sustainable economic development in the agriculture sector in Rwanda are performance based contracts called Imihigo.

The Imihigo are binding agreements between the government agencies, the President and the citizens which set and monitor measurable targets to enable accountability.

Since 2006, the performance contracts have been used by the district government authorities for setting local priorities, annual targets and defining activities to achieve them.

The district executive committees meet annually with the representatives from the central government's line ministries to set these targets, making sure that it is in line with the national strategies and the policies pertinent to the line ministries. Performance indicators are also set.

The project

The 5 year GPSA funded project aims to increase farmers' participation in the planning, monitoring and evaluation of the district performance contract at the district levels two Districts: Kayonza and Nyanza District. It will contribute to improving the effectiveness of public agriculture projects in the targeted districts.

Expected results

- Farmers will be able to channel their priorities through Imihigo feedback mechanisms using social Accountability tools;

- There will be an improved cooperation between CSOs and government authorities (national and district) in engaging citizens in the Imihigo planning and Monitoring processes;
- Lessons learnt from the implementation of this project will be shared and discussed in a way to influence agricultural sector policy design and the Imihigo processes at the district and national levels

Farmers' priorities collection session to be included in 2018-2019 District performance contract.



A session of raising awareness on the project with farmers in Nyanza District.