

Creating agri-food work opportunities for young people in Africa – 2025

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A word from the Youth Desk

Welcome to the second edition of CABI's booklet on youth engagement, **Creating Agri-food Work Opportunities for Young People in Africa!** In this year's publication we are delighted to share with you an overview of CABI's four-pillared Youth Engagement Strategy (YES), highlights from our work empowering young people in agribusiness and biocontrol, as well as an overview of how we are building resilient food systems and vibrant rural economies.

Over the last three years, CABI has forged strategic partnerships with farmers' cooperatives, government entities, private sector agribusinesses, and off-takers to facilitate meaningful youth engagement in agriculture in Kenya, Uganda, and Zambia. Under the PlantwisePlus programme, our youth engagement initiatives have provided over 1000 young people with training and support to establish their own agribusinesses, with 85% of them going on to be economically active. Under the Village-based Biocontrol of FAW project in Zambia, over 100 young people have been trained as biocontrol and agribusiness champions, and have engaged with over 3000 farmers in four districts on biological control and agribusiness development.

Building on our success so far, we now aim to extend our work on youth engagement in agribusiness to Burundi, Nepal, and Bangladesh. Over the last few months we have completed landscape analyses and opportunity mapping in these countries.

In this edition of our booklet we showcase the vibrant spirit and ingenuity of young people who, thanks to CABI's innovative youth engagement work, are redefining what it means to be involved in agriculture. From providing vital services to pioneering new agribusinesses they are proving that agriculture is a dynamic, profitable, and impactful sector through which young people can contribute to sustainable food systems and become leaders in their communities.

Happy reading!



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Executive summary

This booklet highlights CABI's innovative youth engagement work and the transformative potential of targeted agricultural training and business support for young people in lower- and middle- income economies. Since 2022, CABI has engaged youth in agribusiness projects in Kenya, Uganda, and Zambia through:

- providing young women and men with essential training in technical, business, and financial literacy for agribusiness development
- supporting young people to establish micro-enterprises in seed systems, with the aim of addressing critical plant health problems
- introducing them to significant roles within priority agricultural value chains
- helping them build their social capital so they can access critical resources, such as finance and markets, allowing them to establish micro-enterprises with potential for growth
- supporting social behaviour change to reduce biopesticides use and promoting sustainable agricultural practices through integrated pest management (IPM)
- providing local farming communities with access to advice, farm inputs and farm services to help them grow more, better, and safer crops that are in line with market expectations

Our approach to youth to engagement for agribusiness development involves the following key steps:

- co-creation with young people, local communities, farmers' cooperatives and exiting agribusinesses to tailor services and training methods
- skills development in technical, business, and financial areas
- supporting linkages between young people and markets, mentors, and financial resources
- enabling continuous self-paced learning through the CABI Academy

Results of our youth engagement work since 2022

A survey of 800+ youth service providers in CABI programmes from Kenya and Uganda showed that 85% were economically active after training. The youth service providers had reached over 30,000 farmers, offering diverse services, ranging from pest management to business skills. They have generated a total combined income of \$33,138, with an earning an average of \$206 each. Many were either running successful micro-enterprises, accessing paid employment, or playing increasing roles in civil society, and sometimes all three. The survey found that participants had provided mentoring support in agribusiness and production to over 3000 other young men and women within their communities.

Our plans for future youth engagement work

We will build on our success over the last three years by:

- exploring effective measures of success, including progress towards a living wage for young people in rural settings
- scaling up successful interventions and enhancing technical, agribusiness, and financial literacy training in new geographies, such as Burundi, Nepal, and Bangladesh
- scaling up peer mentorship and youth leadership in agribusiness to foster community-level ownership and locally led change in the agriculture sector

Background

Young women and men in Africa

Nearly a billion Africans are under the age of 35 but Africa's young people face significant challenges: a quarter of young people in sub-Saharan Africa are not in employment, education, or training (NEET), and only half are employed. The quality of available jobs is also a concern: in 2023, nearly three out of four young workers were in “insecure” forms of work. Young women are disproportionately affected, facing persistent gender inequalities.

Agriculture remains the primary employer for Africa's youth: 60% of young workers were engaged in the sector in 2021. However, their contributions are often undervalued, and they face substantial barriers, including limited access to land, finance, technology, and decision-making power. For young women, these challenges are exacerbated by social norms and the burden of unpaid care work. Nevertheless, there is a growing trend of educated youth showing an interest in agriculture, particularly in areas like smart farming and value-added activities.

Key statistics on agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa

- 14% of gross domestic product is derived from agriculture
- Over 60% of Africa's population live in rural areas and are dependent on smallholder farming
- Rapid urbanization is shaping the future of food demand and agricultural market structures across the continent
- Sub-Saharan Africa imports about \$15 billion in food crops annually, mainly from Asia and South America

To significantly enhance youth engagement in agriculture the following actions are needed:

- Governments, educational institutions, and financial providers should collaborate to offer supportive policies, specialized training, and financing to help young people thrive in the agri-food sector
- Governments need to create policies that foster job creation and support economic diversification
- Education and training providers should offer diverse, high-quality agricultural training tailored to market demand
- Financial institutions should facilitate young people's access to credit
- Development partners should foster strategic partnerships and investments to promote agribusiness models that enable income generation, job creation and youth leadership in the sector

CABI's Youth Engagement Strategy

CABI's Youth Empowerment Strategy (YES) seeks to empower young people as drivers of agricultural transformation, working through the following four pillars:

- Skills and knowledge: Enhancing technical and business skills to realize agribusiness success and strengthening youth-led agricultural organizations
- Resources and markets: Enhancing financial inclusion through partnerships, youth-led financing models, and market linkages
- Enabling environment: Influencing policies and programmes to support inclusive engagement of young people.
- Leadership and innovation: Supporting young people to lead change and innovation in the agriculture sector, and strengthening their capacity in advocacy, communication, and influencing

Under the YES, CABI leverages three agribusiness development hub models to provide targeted capacity-building interventions, create supportive environments/platforms, and provide access to resources:

- **Community hubs** within local communities, in partnership with farmer cooperatives, community centres, and youth groups, such as the Starlight cooperative in Kenya and the Ziobwe Agaliawamu Agribusiness Training Association (ZAABTA) in Uganda.
- **Institutional hubs** within schools and institutions of learning, such as a partnership with Don Bosco technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutes and the Kenya School of Agriculture.
- **Digital hubs**, in the form of open-access digital platforms, such as the CABI Academy, which enables self-paced learning.

Who does the YES target?

CABI's YES targets young women and men aged 18–35, aligning with the African Union Youth Charter. Recognizing the diversity within this age group, it uses tailored communication to engage all participants in CABI programmes effectively.

Our approach to youth engagement for agribusiness development

Our approach to engaging youth for agribusiness development involves several key steps:

- **Market scoping:** Assessing the needs and niche opportunities in local markets to tailor services effectively.
- **Co-creation with local groups:** Working with farmers' cooperatives and youth groups to co-develop projects that address specific local needs and interests.
- **Skills development programmes:** Offering training in technical, business, and financial skills, supplemented with mentoring and soft skills (like communication) to enhance youth capacity.
- **Creating linkages:** Facilitating connections between young people and farmers, markets, financial services, and established agribusinesses.
- **Building the capacity of youth as peer mentors:** Training some youth to act as mentors, to support scaling of skills and opportunities in agribusiness.

Outcomes and results of our youth engagement work

Since 2022, our agricultural training and agribusiness development support has reached over 1200 young men and women in Kenya, Zambia, and Uganda, helping them to establish micro-enterprises and acquire jobs, while supporting smallholder farmers and creating a more sustainable and productive agricultural sector. The following are some results of our interventions, categorized by pathway:

Service provision

We have empowered young people to become agricultural **service providers** in their communities by training over 900 young people across Kenya, Zambia, and Uganda to deliver a variety of essential agricultural services, including **spray services** for pest control, providing expert advice on **pest diagnosis and management**, and implementing **IPM** strategies. We have also taught young entrepreneurs techniques in areas such **orchard management** and the use of **digital agri-solutions**.

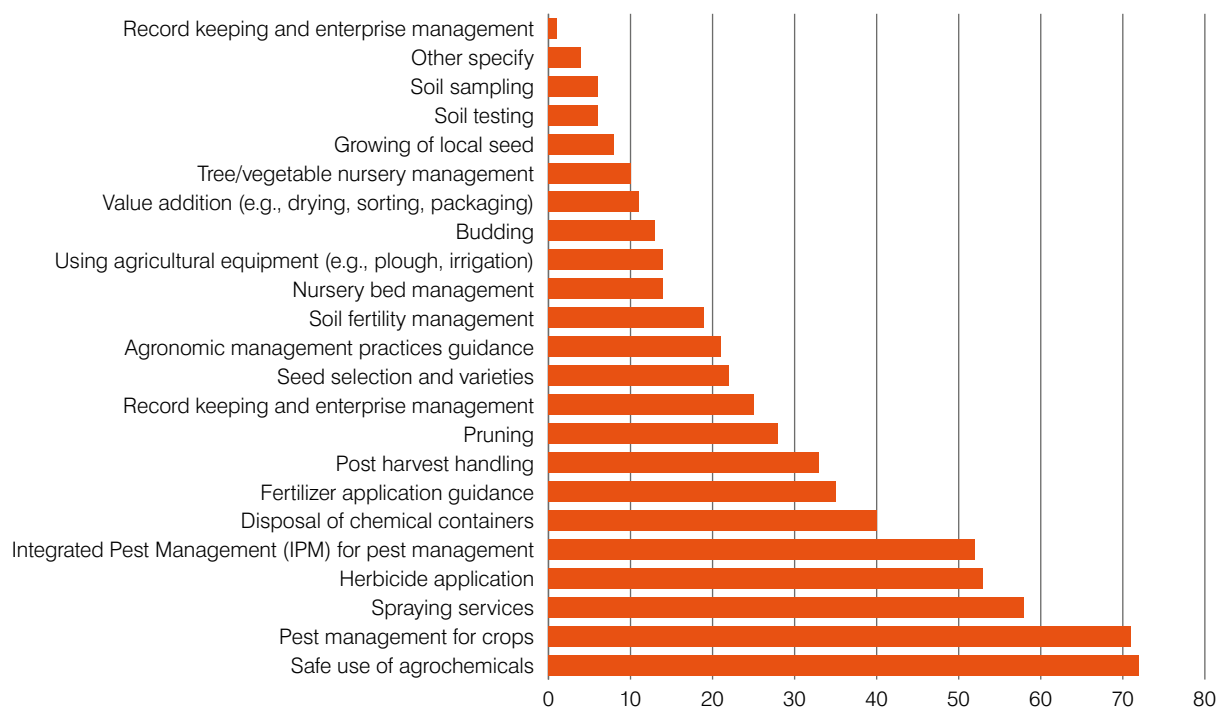


Figure 1: Agricultural services provided by young people

Input provision

CABI has trained and supported young people to become **providers of critical agricultural inputs**, such as seeds and biopesticides. For example, in Uganda, CABI partnered with the International Institute for Sustainable Development (ISSD) to train over 200 young people as producers and distributors of quality declared African Indigenous Vegetable seed. In Zambia, CABI trained 101 young people on biological control of Fall armyworm (FAW) using two biopesticide agents, Fawligen and Metarhizium rileyi, as a safer alternative for FAW management. With support from CABI, these young people established biocontrol field demonstration sites on their farms and formed youth farmers' cooperatives, contributing to the health and sustainability of local agriculture.

Primary production

CABI has trained young people on cultivating **high-value crops** that offer a better return on investment. A key component of this approach is adopting **low-risk plant protection techniques** and **climate-smart practices**, such as water-efficient irrigation and soil conservation. Through this pathway, CABI has promoted a new generation of farmers who are innovative, environmentally conscious, and focused on sustainable profitability.

Waged employment

We have also prepared young people for **waged employment** within the agricultural sector through providing hands-on training and skill development. This has led to youth participants gaining employment as **field officers**, farm managers, and extension workers, strengthening agricultural support systems and helping farmers to apply new techniques and technologies.

Peer mentorship and leadership

To sustain technical and agribusiness knowledge within communities, CABI gives some of its agri-service provider trainees further training, to enable them to act as “peer mentors”. These peer mentors go on to provide social and business support to their peers at the community level, and have so far reached over 3000 young men and women with agribusiness mentorship. Some peer mentors have become recognized leaders and agricultural consultants within community structures, due to the valuable support they provide to their communities beyond their peers.

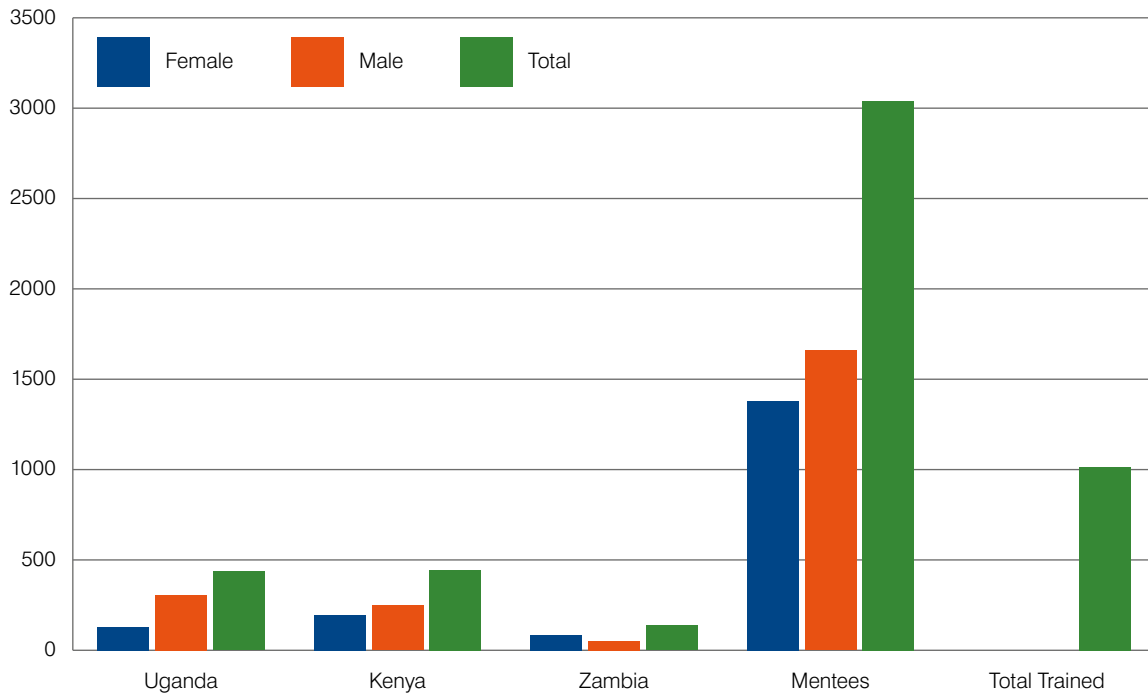


Figure 2: Number of trained youth and mentees

Youth embedded in farmer ecosystems and cooperatives

CABI’s YES is working to make existing farmers’ cooperatives more inclusive of youth by establishing youth councils within them, and is also establishing new youth cooperatives. For example, in **Kenya**, CABI’s PlantwisePlus programme has established a youth council with over 100 members within the Starlight Farmers’ Cooperative in Nakuru, as well as a similar council with 30 members in the Yatta Multipurpose Farmers’ Cooperative in Machakos. In **Uganda**, PlantwisePlus has helped establish a youth council with more than 40 members within the Rubanga Coffee Farmers’ Cooperative. In Zambia, young leaders who participated in our agribusiness and biocontrol training under the **Village-based Biocontrol of FAW** project went back to their communities and formed **youth farmer cooperatives** in each of the four districts where the training took place, with a total of over 100 members. Leveraging the cooperatives, the youth are now saving money to buy inputs and farming equipment.

Through these new structures, we have trained agribusiness trainers and mentors, who now provide business and social support not only to their fellow cooperative members but also to the wider farming community.

Success stories

1. Stories from Kenya



Shadrack Musyoki – from Makueni to the UK, a journey of transformation in agriculture

When Shadrack Musyoki joined CABI's training in Makueni County, Kenya, he never imagined that it would completely transform his career. The training increased his technical knowledge in things like identifying crop diseases and tackling climate-related farming challenges. By 2024, Shadrack was applying these skills in Makueni, supporting farmers and improving crop health. Then he had the opportunity to work in the United Kingdom as an agricultural officer, through the Seasonal Worker Scheme sponsored by HOPS. Shadrack explained how he excelled on the scheme: "Thanks to CABI, I came out as the best skilled youth in matters pertaining to crop management." According to Shadrack, the impact of CABI's training went beyond his own personal

success: "CABI has given us in Makueni more than just a job. They have also provided sustainable sources of income in agriculture". Shadrack's journey is proof that, with the right skills and support, young people can thrive in agriculture – both locally and globally.



Zipporah Nzioka – plant doctor, agro-dealer, and spray service provider, Makueni County, Kenya

Before she took part in CABI's training, Zipporah Nzioka from Makueni County, a plant doctor and spray service provider, faced challenges gaining farmers' trust, limiting her ability to grow her agribusiness. Then, during the training she received from CABI, she was formally introduced to her community, which built her credibility and increased demand for her services. Zipporah explained: *"I am now recognized and trusted to provide*

solutions to the community, and [am] earning a good income. Most importantly, I am helping other youth and women to succeed in agriculture." Today, Zipporah provides plant health advice, connects farmers to markets, supports improved farming practices, and mentors young people on entering agribusiness. Her work has led to stronger community engagement, peer learning, and economic empowerment, especially for women. Driven to expand her business, Zipporah recently opened an agro-input wholesale shop and plans to purchase a vehicle so she can serve remote farmers.



Mirriam Mutua – aggregator and trainer of trainers on agribusiness, Kenya

Mirriam, 26, a graduate from Pwani University, turned to farming after she found herself struggling to find a job. In 2023, she joined a CABI training and gained skills in plant health, IPM, agribusiness modeling, and digital marketing. She explained how this opened the door to her starting her own agribusiness: “CABI’s business modeling training helped me see farming as a business

and [gave me] the opportunity to become an aggregator.” Mirriam now works with over 1000 farmers across Kenya, helping them access fair markets for their produce. “Farmers call me *Mwalimu*. I am happy because I am earning and serving my community.” Mirriam has recently enrolled for an MSc in Agriculture at Lukenya University. Looking ahead, she plans to become a black gram exporter to Asia, to promote organic farming, and to provide guaranteed markets for her farmers. “My dream is to build a reliable, farmer-focused value chain, where they know someone has their back,” she says.



Benjamin Muema Mwendwa – agronomist and agripreneur, Makueni County, Kenya

Benjamin Muema Mwendwa, a member of Kilili Self-Help Group, under KEITT Exporters Ltd., is a certified agronomist and service provider whose agricultural journey was transformed when he received CABI’s training in plant health, field diagnostics, spray

services, and agribusiness. Benjamin explains: “*The certificates [obtained through the training] helped me gain recognition not just as a service provider, but [also] as a qualified agronomist*”. With his new skills, Benjamin has improved both the quality and quantity of his clients’ produce, and he has connected them to markets where they can make better profits. The income earned from providing these services has enabled Benjamin to buy two dairy cows and to start a poultry enterprise for egg production. “*My life has truly changed thanks to CABI’s training. I am earning, investing, and helping farmers succeed. The journey continues,*” Benjamin says.



Mary Mueni – agripreneur and trainer, Makueni County, Kenya

Until recently, Mary Mueni was an unemployed graduate struggling to find direction. “*I had dreams, but not the direction,*” she recalls. That changed when she was selected for a CABI-supported training under the PlantwisePlus programme, implemented with KEITT Exporters. The training equipped her with practical skills in plant health, agribusiness planning,

and leadership, transforming her confidence and career path. Today, Mary runs a thriving poultry enterprise and has created a sustainable feed business. “*My life has completely transformed. I started with five chickens and now I am training others and earning income from multiple agri-enterprises,*” she says. In addition to training farmers on poultry, climate-smart agriculture, and agribusiness management Mary also mentors youth and has become a voice for youth-led agriculture in her community. “*CABI’s training taught me to lead with confidence. Now I help others build successful agribusinesses and see agriculture as a viable future.*”

2. Stories from Uganda



Anthony Ssenyonga – driving digital farming in Uganda’s fields

Anthony Ssenyonga started his agriculture career as a provider of agriculture inputs but after receiving plant doctor training through CABI, in partnership with the Ziobwe Agaliawamu Agri-business Training Association (ZAABTA), he successfully expanded his business, establishing a digital advisory hub that serves over 500 farmers in Luwero and beyond. Through his hub, he uses CABI’s apps, like the **PlantwisePlus Factsheet app**, CABI Crop Sprayer, and the CABI Knowledge Bank, to

help farmers and others diagnose pests, optimize pesticide use, and cut farming costs. According to Anthony, in a situation in which farmers previously lacked knowledge on how to handle crop pests and diseases, which could lead to them losing up to 40% of their crops, these tools were transformational: “It has been awesome to see them take this knowledge and truly utilize it. They are not only improving their farming practices but also sharing what they learn with other farmers in their communities”.

Hellen Rose Akol – agro-input entrepreneur, Uganda

Hellen Rose Akol is an agro-input entrepreneur who came to this role via a circuitous route. She had received training under CABI’s PlantwisePlus programme on ways to improve citrus health but when she returned home and started using her new skills to advise farmers she faced a challenge: there were no agro-input shops nearby. She first dealt with this by sourcing inputs from dealers in a nearby town, but she soon took the step of attending agro-dealer training and then opened her own agro-input shop. Hellen explains: “*The [CABI] training gave me the confidence to start a business that meets real farmers’ needs. In a few weeks [3 weeks] after setting up the shop, I was able to make over 150,000 UGX, which confirmed that if I put more effort in this agribusiness, I sure will make more money.*” Hellen now sells quality, safe inputs and aims to expand from a small retail outlet to a wholesale operation to support more farmers and to strengthen the local agricultural value chain.

3. Stories from Zambia



Serah Mfubisha – youth farmer, Mumbwa District, Zambia

Serah Mfubisha is a young farmer from Zambia’s Mumbwa District who cultivates fresh maize and vegetables. She explains how CABI’s agribusiness training has transformed how she approaches farming: “*Before the training, we used to plant without planning and often flooded the market. Now I know*

the importance of having a business plan and conducting market surveys to choose crops with high demand. I also learned to keep detailed records of expenses, which helps me track profit and loss.”

Thanks to the knowledge gained, Serah has not only improved her farm productivity, she is also reinvesting in her own future (through purchasing goats) and is sharing what she has learned with other young people in her community. “*With so many youth unemployed, farming can offer real opportunities. Together, we can build better lives and help grow our country’s economy,*” she says. Serah’s story shows how targeted training can empower youth to thrive in agriculture.



Wiseman Mweemba – youth farmer, Mumbwa District, Zambia

Wiseman Mweemba is a passionate young farmer from Mumbwa District, Zambia. He explains how attending CABI-led trainings in 2024 changed how he manages his farm and finances: *“I learnt [during the agribusiness training] how to plan, manage finances, and prioritize.*

We also learnt about saving [reinvestment of profits earned]. These lessons have helped me a lot.” Now Wiseman conducts market surveys before planting, ensuring he grows crops for which there is high demand and for which he can earn good prices. *“I no longer make losses because I plan carefully and manage my money better.”* Wiseman aims to scale up his farm by investing in solar energy and a borehole for irrigation, and by expanding his cattle farming. He has also mobilized local youth to form a cooperative that promotes farming as a solution to unemployment. He explains: *“We recently established a thriving vegetable (cabbages) garden and are planning to grow maize together as a cooperative for community benefit and [we] hope for more CABI trainings so many [more young people] can benefit.”*



Dublin Guluganda – championing safer farming in Chirundu, Zambia

For Dublin Guluganda, a young farmer from Chirundu District in Zambia’s Southern Province, CABI’s training on agribusiness and on the biological control of FAW was a turning point. Delivered in partnership with the Zambia Agriculture Research Institute (ZARI), the University of Zambia (UNZA), and CropLife, the sessions

equipped him with practical skills to manage FAW using safe, biological methods. On completion, he received a certificate as a Biological Control and Agribusiness Champion, which earned him the trust of fellow farmers. *“Now farmers see me as qualified, not just passionate,”* he says. Dublin’s new status has allowed him to introduce biological control to more farmers, showing them that it is safer, cheaper, and more environmentally friendly. Based on his own experience, Dublin has a message for aspiring young farmers: *“You can do it. It is simple, but it needs your time, focus, and willingness. Some people may not take you seriously at first, but if you stay focused, you will succeed.”*



Chipo demonstrates to fellow youth cooperative members how to prepare organic tea manure

Chipo Garawaziba – transforming local food systems, one farm at a time

In Siavonga District, Zambia, 33-year-old youth farmer Chipo Garawaziba wears many hats: teaching adolescents, leading the Simamba Youth Cooperative, and serving as a community-based volunteer at the local clinic. But it was her introduction to CABI in 2023 that opened the door to a new role: biological control champion. She was one of just four young people selected to host a demo plot for a biocontrol trial under the Village-Based Biological Control of Fall Armyworm in Zambia project, implemented by CABI in partnership

with ZARI and UNZA. Chipo received specialized training on managing FAW using safe biological methods. According to Chipo, the training legitimized her work in the eyes of the community: *“Farmers are impressed by what we young farmers are doing. They want to join us because they see positive change and reduced costs.”* Chipo dreams of seeing her community fully embrace biological control, shifting from traditional farming to agribusiness for better incomes and livelihoods. *“With the knowledge and support from CABI,”* she says, *“we are inspired and equipped to create a brighter future.”*

About the Village-Based Biological Control of Fall Armyworm in Zambia project

The young farmers from Zambia are part of a growing movement of youth trained to tackle the devastating fall armyworm using safer, sustainable methods. Through a CABI-led initiative, they gained practical skills in agribusiness and biological control of fall armyworm, which are now transforming their farming practices, their farmer communities and improving their livelihoods.

Their training was part of the Village-Based Biological Control of Fall Armyworm in Zambia project, implemented by CABI in partnership with the Zambia Agriculture Research Institute (ZARI) and the University of Zambia (UNZA), with funding from the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) and PlantwisePlus.

Farmers' voices

CABI's PlantwisePlus programme empowers young people to provide farmers with advisory services that help them grow more and lose less, and to produce safe food. Below are some of the views shared by farmers on the young people trained by CABI:

"The youth have made me love agriculture because they practice what they preach. They understand the seasons and know how to manage crops effectively, ensuring good yields."

"When I used to plant beans, I didn't follow any specific method. But [Anthony] the young service provider [in Uganda] told me, 'You can plant on a small piece of land and get a bigger harvest than you're used to. When you plant in lines, it's easier to manage the crops, and they produce more.' I followed his advice and last season I harvested more beans from the same piece of land."

"...these youths are easily accessible. I can call them anytime, and they always follow up."

"Some fellow farmers would give me wrong advice, and I once used a chemical that destroyed my pineapples. When I shared my experience with one of the youths, he explained that I had been given a duplicate chemical and helped me find the right supplies. The results were much better."

Strategic partnerships

CABI collaborates with a wide range of partners in different countries to create a supportive environment that allows young people to thrive in agribusiness, including by giving them the resources, training, and opportunities they need to succeed.

- **Certification and quality assurance:** We partner with governments and industry bodies to help youth-led businesses meet market standards. For example, in **Uganda**, we work with the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry, and Fisheries, in **Kenya** we work with the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service, and in **Zambia** we work with the Seed Control and Certification Institute to provide certification and quality assurance for local seed businesses.
- **Embedding youth services in government initiatives:** To ensure our services reach a wider audience, we embed them within existing government programmes. In **Uganda**, we're part of the Parish Development Model and other local government initiatives. In **Kenya**, we collaborate with county initiatives, such as the **Community Extension Volunteer** programme in Makeni, and the national agripreneur initiative under Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization. We also partner with **Technical and Vocational Education and Training institutes** to integrate agribusiness skills into their curricula, to provide youth with practical, market-relevant training.

- **Business development and social capital support:** We connect youth with local agribusinesses and financial institutions to strengthen their businesses and networks. Our partners include the Micro and Small Enterprises Programme Trust, savings and credit cooperative organizations (**SACCOs**), farmer cooperatives, and the Cereal Growers Association in Kenya. We also work with private companies like KEITT Exporters, CropLife, the Agricultural Association of Kenya, and Koppert to provide business development services and market linkages, helping young people grow their social capital and secure their place in the value chain.
- **Creating platforms for youth visibility:** To give young people a platform to showcase their skills and innovations we partner with various organizations that organize events like agribusiness expos and national farmers' days. These platforms not only boost the visibility of young agripreneurs, they also provide valuable networking opportunities, helping them connect with potential investors, mentors, and customers.

A word from CABI's leadership


Dr Monica Kansime, CABI's Deputy Director, Development and Outreach, Africa: "Youth engagement in agribusiness presents a crucial opportunity to tackle youth unemployment in sub-Saharan Africa while simultaneously driving the inclusive and sustainable transformation of the agricultural sector. While many young people — including those with formal education — possess potential, they often need a trigger to translate that potential into action. CABI's training programmes provide that spark, equipping youth with the skills, confidence, and networks to launch into diverse agribusiness ventures. So far, the trained youth have ventured into diverse enterprises, ranging from the production of high-value crops to service provision, value addition, and green entrepreneurship."

Dr Morris Akiri, CABI's Senior Regional Director, Africa: "CABI has worked with partners to equip thousands of young people across Africa with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to succeed in agriculture service provision. Various continental-level strategies, such as the Africa Food Systems Summit, African Union Youth Charter, and the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) set out bold ambitions for inclusive, sustainable, and resilient food systems. The real question is: how can we tap into these commitments to drive tangible change for young people?"

It will take more than statements of intent. We need coordinated, inclusive, and evidence-driven actions that connect youth to skills, finance, technology, and markets. NGOs, governments, and the private sector must work in partnership, filling gaps and accelerating solutions that enable young Africans to not only participate in agribusiness but also to lead its transformation."

CABI Academy

The CABI Academy offers online, self-study courses that enable individuals in the agricultural sector to develop crucial skills. It provides courses on crop production, including crop pest diagnosis, crop pest management, bio-protection products, water management, soil management, and entrepreneurship in agribusiness. The courses are designed to be accessible offline on smartphones, supporting ongoing training for extension workers, agro-dealers, and other service providers. CABI is now seeking to partner with further universities, agricultural TVET institutes, and other academic institutions on using CABI Academy to prepare young people for working in the agricultural sector.



Do you want to partner with CABI on youth engagement?

CABI recently launched its four-pillared Youth Engagement Strategy, “Empowering Youth as Drivers of Agricultural Transformation”, and is actively seeking partners to expand its youth agribusiness development work.

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