

Agriculture Development and Finance – Pro-Agro Angola



Building capacity of small and medium farmers and entrepreneurs

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ECIAfrica is subcontracted to the Cooperative League of the United States of America (CLUSA) to implement the Agriculture Development and Finance Programme, branded as ProAgro Angola.

The programme is designed to increase the growth of selected commodity value chains while creating business opportunities and capabilities of small and medium scale farmers and entrepreneurs.

To achieve its goal, ProAgro Angola seeks to:

- Identify specific market opportunities;
- Improve the competitiveness of selected industries and enhance enterprise performance that will promote the production of selected agricultural commodities and products for both local and export markets;
- Create job opportunities, and increase revenue and economic benefits for all stakeholders in the value chain;

- Improve coordination among value chain participants and support institutions to enable firms and industries as a whole to respond to market demands both in the short and long run; and
- Increase the depth of benefits at the industry and SME levels.

During the first year the focus has been on three sectors – coffee, bananas and potatoes. Sector strategies have been developed to promote production for both local and export markets.

The programme has facilitated access to loans for 24 producers to promote production in the three target sectors. Thus far sales transactions for both input suppliers and buyers are valued at close to \$1.2 million.

