

NON-STATE ACTORS' GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION STRATEGY (NAES) 2021/22-2025/26

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INTRODUCTION

The comments in this template and those on the different objectives where generated by CSO during a workshop organized on the 20th June 2022. The process of developing the first agricultural policy and Strategy was somewhat inclusive, championed by non-state actors and adopted by the state. NSAs under the leadership of Food Rights Alliance, competently and constructively, participated in shaping this policy and Strategy. They have until today evolve their advocacy to support the implementation of the policy.

The Current agricultural extension Strategy has surpassed its 5-year period of implementation and a new Strategy must be developed and adopted. The NSAs wish to maintain their position of mobilizing and organizing themselves to constructively contribute to the Strategy yet to be developed.

Background

According to the agricultural Policy, 2019, Agriculture has been and continues to be the most important sector in Uganda's economy in terms of food and nutrition security, employment, income, raw materials for industry and exports to regional and international markets.

Therefore, agriculture has to be given the highest degree of attention in national development planning.

However, Agricultural extension services are under constant pressure to be responsive to ever-growing demands of the agro-industrialization agenda and demand for safe healthy and nutritious, food system approach and food produced in a sustainable production system. Therefore, the review of the agricultural extension Strategy 2016 is timely to respond to these demands and strategically position the agricultural sector and livelihood of the actors along the agricultural systems.

We commend the government of Uganda for their continued effort to guide, harmonize and implement agricultural extension services to farmers, farmers' groups, and other actors in agriculture value chains throughout the country. As a result, the government has been effective in providing agricultural extension services to support sustained progression of smallholder farmers from subsistence agriculture to market oriented and commercial farming.

Further we commend the government for their support towards the agenda of food and nutrition.

GENERAL COMMENTS

S/N	PAGE	ISSUE	COMMENT	RECOMMENDATION	HOW IT SHOULD READ
1	32	Vision and Mission statement uses the words <i>“National Agriculture Extension policy”</i>	We think this should be Strategy and not policy	We recommend that this is edited to state Strategy	<p>The vision of the National Agricultural Extension Strategy is: “Prosperous farmers and other agricultural actors for socio-economic transformation and welfare of the population”</p> <p>The mission of the National Agricultural Extension Strategy is: “Promote application of appropriate information, knowledge, and technological innovations for commercialization of agriculture and food security.”</p>
2	32	<p>Mission statement:</p> <p>The mission statement is looking at commercialization of agriculture and does not take care of food security</p>	It’s important that extension service delivers on food security as well given that population needs to be able to feed themselves as well before commercializing	There is need for the Mission statement to include food security.	“The mission of the National Agricultural Extension Strategy is: “Promote application of appropriate information, knowledge, and technological innovations for commercialization of agriculture and food security.”
3	35 - 51	Objective 1 is drafted so differently from Objective 2,3,4,5 without any justification in the differences	Whereas Objective one is using the word Key interventions and Activities, other objectives have wordings such as Interventions, Strategic interventions and specific intervention, Strategy, intervention area.	<p>There is need for consistency in the language of the documents to maintain uniformity.</p> <p>It becomes so confusing that especially has to why objective one does not have strategies, why other objectives are</p>	

				using the words intervention area.	
4		Most of the activities have need for coordination		we recommend that a specific objective on coordination be created and given activities to cater for coordination across the different specific objectives (this means that coordination activities under the other specific objectives shall all be removed are then removed	
5		The issue of urban gardening has not been dealt with in the Strategy.	<p>The peri-urban and Urban population all depend on foods that are brought from rural areas yet the population in the urban area is growing due to rural urban migration.</p> <p>The urban citizens need to start producing their own nutritious foods at a very small scale (backyards).</p> <p>DAES should be able to give extension service support to such households as well so that they are able to feed themselves.</p>	We recommend that the Strategy considers the issue of urban food gardening in its objective 3 establishing urban food gardens for demonstration purposes to aid extension trainings within the urban areas and can be used as demos for urban people.	

			This however can be done in accordance with the physical plan.		
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 1					
S/N	PAGE	ACTIVITY			
Specific Objective 1: To develop a sustainable mechanism for packaging and disseminating appropriate technologies to all categories of farmers and other beneficiaries in the agricultural sector.					
Key intervention 1.1 MAAIF will review the standard operating procedures for development, sourcing, packaging, testing and dissemination of extension materials with the aim of developing, packaging and disseminating appropriate messages for technology uptake.					
6	34	Activity 1: Constitute a technical team from MAAIF and agencies, LGs, NARO, Academia, farmers'	The activity is not inclusive of other actors not mentioned	The activity should use the word; multi-disciplinary in view of the Programmes based budgeting approach BBA	
7	34	There is no activity to cater for monitoring of the SOP under This intervention.	There is need to monitor the progress of the implementation of the SOPs	Add another activity that; Periodically evaluate the standard operating procedures for development, sourcing, packaging, testing and dissemination of extension materials with the aim of developing, packaging and disseminating appropriate messages for technology uptake.	
Key intervention 1.2 MAAIF will strengthen working relationships with NARO and other research organizations/institutions to ensure participation of the extension services and farmers in identification, testing, evaluation and up-scaling of technological solutions including indigenous knowledge.					

8	35	Key intervention 1.2 States that MAAIF will strengthen working relationships with NARO and other research organizations/institutions to ensure participation of the extension services and farmers in identification, testing, evaluation and up-scaling of technological solutions including indigenous knowledge.	The statement is not considerate of the practice of organic agriculture The statement leaves the word “Providers”.	Add: Agro-ecological organic agriculture Add the word: Providers to read	MAAIF will strengthen working relationships with NARO and other research organizations/institutions to ensure participation of the extension services and farmers in identification, testing, evaluation and up-scaling of technological solutions including indigenous and agro-ecological organic agriculture knowledge. MAAIF will strengthen working relationships with NARO and other research organizations/institutions to ensure participation of the extension service providers and farmers in identification, testing, evaluation and up-scaling of technological solutions including indigenous knowledge.
9	35	Activity 2 states: Undertake regular participatory rural appraisals, technical analyses, and convene multi-stakeholder workshops for identifying priority research areas.	The use of the word Identifying seems a one off activity.	Insert continuous identification of	Undertake regular participatory rural appraisals, technical analyses, and convene multi-stakeholder workshops for Continuous Identification of priority research areas.
10	35	Activity 3 states Disseminate the identified research priority areas to research institutions to influence the research agenda.	The activity leaves out the academia	Add: academia	Disseminate the identified research priority areas to research institutions and academia to influence the research agenda
11	35	Activity 4 states: Develop guidelines for identification, testing and evaluation and up-scaling of technological solutions	The activity does not cater for simplifying the guideline	Add: and popularize (simplified , translated, pictorial	Develop guidelines for identification, testing and evaluation and up-scaling of technological solutions and popularize them.

12	35	Activity 5 states: Develop and strengthen Multi-Stakeholder Innovation Platform (MSIPS) at different levels (National, Zonal, District, Sub counties).	This activity does not take into consideration the PDM which extends to the parish level.	Add: Parish level	Develop and strengthen Multi-Stakeholder Innovation Platform (MSIPS) at different levels (National, Zonal, District, Sub counties and parishes).
Key intervention 1.3 MAAIF will establish multi-disciplinary technical content validation committees (suited to the diverse technical areas) managed by DAES and mandated to review and validate technical content and extension materials intended for delivery to beneficiaries. These committees will include members from MAAIF agencies, academic institutions and partners as appropriate					
13	35	Key intervention 1.3 MAAIF will establish multi-disciplinary technical content validation committees (suited to the diverse technical areas) managed by DAES and mandated to review and validate technical content and extension materials intended for delivery to beneficiaries. These committees will include members from MAAIF agencies, academic institutions and partners as appropriate	The use of the word partners in the intervention is vague since it does not state who are the partners	Can we qualify partners to specific categories like NSA and development partners?	MAAIF will establish multi-disciplinary technical content validation committees (suited to the diverse technical areas) managed by DAES and mandated to review and validate technical content and extension materials intended for delivery to beneficiaries. These committees will include members from MAAIF agencies, academic institutions, NSAs and development partners
14	35	Activity 3,4,5 states: Develop, package, and disseminate technical guidelines/manuals on; 4.agricultural extension and advisory services in livestock, crops, 5.fisheries, entomology, agribusiness value chains, agro ecological organic agriculture and other areas.	The statement does not cater for simplifying of the document. Activity 4 and 5 are continuation of 3 and 6 is now 4 This has specific requirement that could be missed in others	Add: Simplify The three activities should be joined into one	Develop, package, simplify and disseminate technical guidelines/manuals on agricultural extension and advisory services in livestock, crops, fisheries, entomology, agribusiness value chains, agro ecological organic agriculture and other areas.

Key intervention 1.4: Review/develop, test, simplify, utilize, and promote approaches and methods that are cost effective, suited to the respective technical content, ensure wide coverage, and timely access to all categories of beneficiaries (e.g. youth, women; small-scale and large-scale commercial farmers; other value chain actors). The existing approaches that are in use shall be up-scaled and applied either singly or in combination depending on the target communities.

15	35	Key intervention 1.4: Review/develop, test, simplify, utilize, and promote approaches and methods that are cost effective, suited to the respective technical content, ensure wide coverage, and timely access to all categories of beneficiaries (e.g. youth, women; small-scale and large-scale commercial farmers; other value chain actors). The existing approaches that are in use shall be up-scaled and applied either singly or in combination depending on the target communities.	The intervention does not use the word simplify	Insert the word simplify	Key intervention 1.4: Review/develop, test, simplify, utilize, and promote approaches and methods that are cost effective, suited to the respective technical content, ensure wide coverage, and timely access to all categories of beneficiaries (e.g. youth, women; small-scale and large-scale commercial farmers; other value chain actors). The existing approaches that are in use shall be up-scaled and applied either singly or in combination depending on the target communities.
16	36	Activity 1 states: Benchmark good practices in e-extension; gender responsive, nutrition sensitive, pro-poor, and market-oriented extension, friendly approaches by visiting selected countries.	There is need to qualify the activity	Add: conceptualize and use friendly	1. Benchmark and contextualize good practices in e-extension; gender responsive, nutrition sensitive, pro-poor, and market-oriented extension, user friendly approaches by visiting selected countries.
17	36	Activity 3: Develop promise extension approaches and methods	The activity uses the word promises	Use the word responsive	Develop responsive extension approaches and methods
18	36	Activity 4: Pilot, test the approaches and methods, evaluate and refine.	Piloting and testing are synonyms	Use one	Pilot the approaches and methods, evaluate and refine.

19	36	Activity 5: Adopt and promote cost effective and efficient approaches and methods.	Borrowed technology		
Key intervention 1.5. MAAIF, and other MDAs shall document and validate innovations, best practices and proven appropriate technologies for promotion in the field as well as guiding the development of national standards.					
20	36	Key intervention 1.5. MAAIF, and other MDAs shall document and validate innovations, best practices and proven appropriate technologies for promotion in the field as well as guiding the development of national standards.	The intervention is not inclusive.	Add and other stakeholders to bring on board innovations of NSAs	Key intervention 1.5. MAAIF, MDAs and other Stakeholders shall document and validate innovations, best practices and proven appropriate technologies for promotion in the field as well as guiding the development of national standards.
21	36	Activity 4: Publish and disseminate the documented innovations, best practices	There is need to simplify the document to make it reader friendly	Add: Simplify	Simplify, Publish and disseminate the documented innovations, best practices
22	36	Organize regular International, regional and national agricultural exhibitions and farmer competitions.	Qualifying the statement	Add: to show case innovations, best practices and proven technologies.	Organize regular International, regional and national agricultural exhibitions and farmer competitions to show case innovations, best practices and proven technologies.
Key intervention 1.6: MAAIF will review national, global and regional market trends and develop appropriate extension content.					
23	36	Activity 1: DAES in collaboration with the Department of Agricultural Policy and Planning, and Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives will conduct regular Global/Regional/domestic market surveys to establish trends in the market (Preferred commodities, required standards, required volumes, Prices etc.)	This leaves out the NSAs	Add: NSAs	DAES in collaboration with the Department of Agricultural Policy and Planning, and Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives and NSAs will conduct regular Global/Regional/domestic market surveys to establish trends in the market (Preferred commodities, required standards, required volumes, Prices etc.)

24	36	Activity 2: Constitute a technical team comprised of members from MAAIF, MTIC, NARO, Universities, UNBS, Export Promotion Board) and NSAs to develop appropriate extension approaches and content based on the Global/Regional/domestic market trends.	This leaves out NSAs	Include NSAs	Constitute a technical team comprised of members from MAAIF, MTIC, NARO, Universities, UNBS, Export Promotion Board) and NSAs to develop appropriate extension approaches and content based on the Global/Regional/domestic market trends.
25	36	Activity 3: Develop, validate, and publish extension materials and content to cater for Global/Regional /domestic market interests.	It's important for to simplify the materials	Add: simplify	Develop, validate, simplify and publish extension materials and content to cater for Global/Regional /domestic market interests.
26	36	Activity 4: Train selected DAES Trainers of trainers on use of the extension materials	It leaves out other para professionals.	Add: para-professionals	Train selected DAES Trainers of trainers and para professional on use of the extension materials
27	36	Activity 5. Periodically review, and update the market trends and extension delivery and technical materials/ approaches.	There is need to share existing materials.	Add: share, with relevant value chain actors	Periodically review, update and share the market trends, extension delivery and technical materials/ approaches with relevant value chain actors.
Key intervention 1.7: MAAIF shall promote the integration of technical services and other software activities under irrigated agriculture, livestock watering, farm power and machinery, farm planning systems, soil and water management, ecological organic agriculture, post-harvest handling and agro-food processing into field extension services.					
28	36	Key intervention 1.7: MAAIF shall promote the integration of technical services and other software activities under irrigated agriculture, livestock watering, farm power and machinery, farm planning systems, soil and water management, post-harvest	There is need to qualify this	Add: ecological organic agriculture ,	Key intervention 1.7: MAAIF shall promote the integration of technical services and other software activities under irrigated agriculture, livestock watering, farm power and machinery, farm planning systems, soil and water management, ecological organic agriculture, post-harvest handling and

		handling and agro-food processing into field extension services.			agro-food processing into field extension services.
29	37	Activity 1: Develop guidelines for integration of water for production, farm power & machinery, farm planning systems, Soil and Water management, ecological, post-harvest handling, food processing into the field extension services.		Add: ecology and organic agriculture	Develop guidelines for integration of water for production, farm power & machinery, farm planning systems, Soil and Water management, ecology and organic agriculture, post-harvest handling, food processing into the field extension services.
30	37	Activity 3: Train selected trainers from MDS, DLGs and NSAs on the guidelines and extension content who will in turn train other LG staff and NSAs stakeholders.		Add: including farmer trainers	Train selected trainers from MDS, DLGs and NSAs including farmer trainers on the guidelines and extension content who will in turn train other LG staff and NSAs stakeholders.
31	37	Activity 4. Conduct training for Local Government Production and Marketing staff in all districts. Establish demonstrations in the Districts, and provide demonstration packages/kits.	Due to continuous recruitment	Add: periodically	Periodically conduct training for Local Government Production and Marketing staff in all districts. Establish demonstrations in the Districts, sub counties, parishes and provide demonstration packages/kits.
32	37	Activity 5. Establish demonstrations in the Districts, and provide demonstration packages/kits.	A need for decentralization of demos to sub counties and parishes	Add: sub counties , parishes	Establish demonstrations in the Districts, sub counties, parishes and provide demonstration packages/kits.
33	37	Activity 6. Technical audits and advice by MAAIF Subject Matter Specialists.		Qualify the statement	Undertake technical audits and advisory service by MAAIF Subject Matter Specialists.
Key intervention 1.8: MAAIF in partnership with relevant stakeholders shall develop, package, and disseminate climate change adaptation and mitigation technologies and information to ensure resilient and sustainable cropping, fisheries, and animal systems.					

34	37	Key intervention 1.8: MAAIF in partnership with relevant stakeholders shall develop, package, and disseminate climate change adaptation and mitigation technologies and information to ensure resilient and sustainable cropping, fisheries, and animal systems.	The information needs to be simplified	Add: simplify	Key intervention 1.8: MAAIF in partnership with relevant stakeholders shall develop, simplify package, and disseminate climate change adaptation and mitigation technologies and information to ensure resilient and sustainable cropping, fisheries, and animal systems.
35	37	Activity 3 Review/develop/identify, and package appropriate climate change adaptation technologies in collaboration with research organizations.	The information needs to be simplified. It's also important that NSAs are brought on board	Add: Simplify and NSAs	Review/develop/identify, simplify and package appropriate climate change adaptation technologies in collaboration with research organizations and NSAs.
36	37	Activity 5: Design mitigation and adaptation measures against climate change effects and support implementation of climate smart agriculture.		Add: and agro ecological practices.	Design mitigation and adaptation measures against climate change effects and support implementation of climate smart agriculture and agro ecological practices.
37	37	Activity 6: Carry out regular coordination meetings with NSAs, other Ministries Departments and Agencies with relevant stakeholders through existing institutions and stakeholder platforms to harness and guide initiatives/ on climate change and environmental management issues.		Add: Innovations too	Carry out regular coordination meetings with NSAs, other Ministries Departments and Agencies with relevant stakeholders through existing institutions and stakeholder platforms to harness and guide initiatives/ innovations on climate change and environmental management issues.
38	37	Activity 7: Carry out joint monitoring with NSAs, other Ministries Departments and		Add: Innovations	Carry out joint monitoring with NSAs, other Ministries Departments and agencies relevant stakeholders through

		agencies relevant stakeholders through existing institutions and stakeholder platforms to harness and guide initiatives on climate change and environmental management issues.			existing institutions and stakeholder platforms to harness and guide initiatives/ innovations on climate change and environmental management issues.
39	37	Activity 8: Build the capacity of local governments and other stakeholders for resilience against effects of climate change.	The activity is limiting participation of other stakeholders	Add: other stakeholders	Build the capacity of local governments and other stakeholders for resilience against effects of climate change.
40	37	Conduct capacity building for staff from NSAs, other Ministries Departments and agencies through existing institutions and stakeholder platforms to harness and guide initiatives on climate change and environmental management issues.		Add: Innovations	Conduct capacity building for staff from NSAs, other Ministries Departments and agencies through existing institutions and stakeholder platforms to harness and guide initiatives/ innovations on climate change and environmental management issues.
Key intervention 1.9: MAAIF in partnership with relevant stakeholders the local governments, cities and non-state actors shall develop, package, and disseminate urban farming technologies to ensure sustainable urban and peri-urban agriculture.					
41	37	Key intervention 1.9: MAAIF in partnership with relevant stakeholders the local governments, cities and non-state actors shall develop, package, and disseminate urban farming technologies to ensure sustainable urban and peri-urban agriculture.	The information needs to be simplified	Add: Simplify	Key intervention 1.9: MAAIF in partnership with relevant stakeholders the local governments, cities and non-state actors shall develop, simplify , package, and disseminate urban farming technologies to ensure sustainable urban and peri-urban agriculture.
42	37	Activity 1: Review/develop/identify, and package appropriate urban and peri-urban farming technologies	The information needs to be simplified	Add: simplify and NSAs	Review/develop/identify, simplify and package appropriate urban and peri-urban farming technologies in

		in collaboration with research organizations.	The activity does not consider participation of NSAs		collaboration with research organizations and NSAs.
43	38	Activity 3: Carry out regular coordination meetings through existing stakeholder platforms to harness and guide initiatives on sustainable urban and peri-urban agriculture.		Add: Innovations	Carry out regular coordination meetings through existing stakeholder platforms to harness and guide initiatives/innovations on sustainable urban and peri-urban agriculture.
44	38	Activity 4: Conduct capacity building of agricultural staff in cities on sustainable urban and peri-urban farming technologies.	The activity does not consider the several players on the ground who are rendering extension services and whose capacities needs to be built.	Add: Parra professionals	Conduct capacity building of agricultural staff and paraprofessionals in cities on sustainable urban and peri-urban farming technologies.
Key intervention 1.10: MAAIF in partnership with relevant stakeholders shall develop, simplify, package, and disseminate sustainable Land Management technologies.					
45	38	Key intervention 1.10: MAAIF in partnership with relevant stakeholders shall develop, package, and disseminate sustainable Land Management technologies.	The information needs to be simplified	Add: Simplify	Key intervention 1.10: MAAIF in partnership with relevant stakeholders shall develop, simplify, package, and disseminate sustainable Land Management technologies.
46	38	Review/develop/identify simplify and package appropriate Sustainable Land Management technologies in collaboration with research organizations and NSAs	The information needs to be simplified The activity does not consider participation of NSAs	Add: Simplify and NSAs	Review/develop/identify simplify and package appropriate Sustainable Land Management technologies in collaboration with research organizations and NSAs
47	38	Activities 4: Conduct capacity building of agricultural staff on Sustainable Land Management.	The activity does not consider the several players on the ground	Add: Paraprofessionals	Conduct capacity building of agricultural staff and paraprofessionals on Sustainable Land Management

			who are rendering extension services and whose capacities needs to be built.		
48	38	Specific objective 2: To establish the Agricultural Knowledge Management and Information System.	This is not appearing among the 5 specific objectives listed above hence confusing the readers. For it to stand, it must be given a different name so that the readers are not left confused.	We propose the use of the word: Sub specific objective 1.1	Sub-Specific objective 2: To establish the Agricultural Knowledge Management and Information System.
49	38	Intervention 1.2.1	This section is using the word intervention contrary to the flow of the sections before	Use the word Key to maintain consistency in the language and make it reader friendly	Key Intervention 1.2.1.
50	38	Activity 1: Build the capacity of staff in MAAIF, and Local Governments to enable them establish and manage one-stop centers for comprehensive Agricultural extension information and knowledge.	The activity does not consider participation of NSAs	Add: NSAs This activity can be merged with Activity 4.	Build the capacity of staff in MAAIF, Local Governments and NSAs to enable them establish and manage one-stop centers for comprehensive Agricultural extension information and knowledge.
51	38	Activity 7: Strengthen the linkages for technology transfer from research stations to farmers.	The word strengthen is not actionable we prefer you use the word establish.	Use the word Establish	Establish the linkages for technology transfer from research stations to farmers.
52	38	Intervention 1.2.2. Strengthen the National Food and Agricultural Statistical System to improve access and use of information generated from extension services.	This section is using the word intervention contrary to the flow of the sections before	Use the word Key to maintain consistency in the language and make it reader friendly	Key Intervention 1.2.2. Strengthen the National Food and Agricultural Statistical System to improve access and use of information generated from extension services.

53	38	Intervention 1.2.3. Promote the sharing of agricultural knowledge and information through value added information products in print, electronic and web mode for all categories of users including beneficiaries and service providers. The system will also have an inbuilt mechanism for soliciting feedback from users.	This section is using the word intervention contrary to the flow of the sections before	Use the word Key to maintain consistency in the language and make it reader friendly	Key intervention 1.2.3. Promote the sharing of agricultural knowledge and information through value added information products in print, electronic and web mode for all categories of users including beneficiaries and service providers. The system will also have an inbuilt mechanism for soliciting feedback from users.
54	38	Activity 6: Put in place mechanism/system integrated with various channels such as social media, phone and email to share and exchange information in real time.	The word put in place sounds vague	Use the word establish	Establish mechanism/system integrated with various channels such as social media, phone and email to share and exchange information in real time.
Intervention 1.2.4. Build the capacity of MAAIF and actors in agricultural knowledge management and communication.					
55	38	Activity 4: Ensure operation and maintenance of the Agricultural knowledge management and communication hardware and software.	The word ensure cannot be easily measured	Use the word promote	Promote operation and maintenance of the Agricultural knowledge management and communication hardware and software.
56	39	Specific intervention 1.3	I have not seen any other specific intervention 1.1 or 1.2 above. So the number 1.3 does not have any other backing.	We propose that you make it sub-specific objective 1.2	Sub-specific objective 1.2
57	39	Strategic intervention 1.3.1 To develop and apply robust digital solutions for increased efficiency in agricultural extension service delivery		Use the word Key intervention for consistency in the information to make it reader friendly	Key intervention 1.3.1 To develop and apply robust digital solutions for increased efficiency in agricultural extension service delivery

58	39	Activity 4: Continuously assess the performance of the ICT enabled solutions and document lessons learnt.	The word Continuously is not measurable thus we suggest the use of the word Conduct	Use the word conduct	Conduct assessment of performance of the ICT enabled solutions and document lessons learnt.
59	39	Strategic intervention 1.3.2: To promote the use of mass media for increased coverage and outreach in agricultural extension service delivery.		Use the word Key intervention for consistency in the information to make it reader friendly	Key intervention 1.3.2: To promote the use of mass media for increased coverage and outreach in agricultural extension service delivery.
60	39	Activity 5: MAAIF and partners shall build capacity of radio broadcasters, television presenters, newspaper editors and journalists on knowledge, information and technologies on agriculture.	Partners sounds vague	Qualify the statement to include NSAs	In Collaboration with State and NSAs, build capacity of radio broadcasters, television presenters, newspaper editors and journalists on knowledge, information and technologies on agriculture.
61	39	Activity 7: MAAIF and partners shall develop agricultural edutainment programs to facilitate knowledge and technology uptake by farmers and other value chain actors.	Partners sounds vague	Add NSAs	In Collaboration with state and NSAs develop agricultural edutainment programs to facilitate knowledge and technology uptake by farmers and other value chain actors.
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 2					
62	40	Objective 2: To provide Agribusiness Development Services, value addition and Market Linkages	The document has one objective and 5 specific objectives	Add the word Specific because the document has only one Main Objective and 5 Specific objectives	Specific Objective 2: To provide Agribusiness Development Services, value addition and Market Linkages
63	40	There is need to build on the successes registered in the last five years. Supporting market sustainable agro-enterprises and		Delete the repetition	There is need to build on the successes registered in the last five years. Supporting the development of market sustainable agro-enterprises and

		agricultural value chains will require undertaking interventions that lead to a substantial increase in the flow of financial resources and assistance that assistance. That is dedicated to supporting market sustainable agro-enterprises and agricultural value chains undertaking.			agricultural value chains will require undertaking interventions that lead to a substantial increase in the flow of financial resources and a assistance. That is dedicated to supporting market sustainable agro-enterprises and agricultural value chains undertaking.
64	40	Specific objective 2.1: To support agricultural investments along agricultural value chains.	Use of this word specific objective under this is confusing since there are only 5 specific objectives	We propose the use of the word: Sub specific objective 1.1	Sub Specific objective 2.1: To support agricultural investments along agricultural value chains.
65	40	Activity 1: conduct studies to identify public sector investments required along agricultural value chains of priority commodity	Investments e.g. in coffee value chain is already known but analysis on drivers of functionality is lacking		Analyze functionality of public sector investments both current and potential required along the priority agricultural value chains.
66	40	Sub Specific objective 2.2: To strengthen Coordination and Management of Agricultural Value Chains	Use of this word specific objective under this is confusing since there are only 5 specific objectives	We propose we use the word Sub-specific objective	Sub Specific objective 2.2: To strengthen Coordination and Management of Agricultural Value Chains
67	40	Strategic intervention 2.2.1 Developing agri-business-oriented interventions including coordination mechanisms along agricultural value chain actors		We propose you use the word Key intervention for consistency in the information to make it reader friendly.	Key intervention 2.2.1 Developing agri-business-oriented interventions including coordination mechanisms along and among agricultural value chain actors
68	40	Activity 2: profiling the agricultural commodity platforms for priority enterprises	These platforms are already known; only documentation about the activities of these platforms is required		Consolidate information about the agricultural commodity platforms of priority value chains under one department/section

69	40	<p>Activity 4: Conducting capacity needs assessments to identify knowledge and skills gaps amongst farmers & other value chain actors in agribusiness, value addition, and post-harvest management.</p> <p>Activity 5: Designing and conducting tailor made training courses (skills improvement) for farmers & other value chain actors.</p> <p>Activity 6: Establishing field demonstrations and organize, and support exchange visits/study tours and other capacity building activities for farmers & value chain actors.</p>	These have nothing to do with coordination and management mechanisms	These 3 activities are better addressed under objective 1 on capacity and information packaging.	
70	40	Activity 7: Establishing and strengthening agricultural commodity platforms to enable interactions of value chain actors	This is very good in fact Avocado is an emerging value chain that needs a coordination platform		
71	40	Activity 10: Monitor and evaluate performance of the different agricultural commodity value chain platforms.			Monitor and evaluate performance of the different agricultural commodity value chain platforms.
72	40			Add activity 10 and 11 to cater for Multi stakeholder platforms	Establish and operationalize a Multi-Stakeholder Platforms (MSPs) at national, regional & district levels to engage and strengthen collaborative networks with all actors (district commercial officers, MATIC,

					MAAIF, traders, Export Promotion Board, URA). Conduct periodic (quarterly) joint workshops with MSP actors to design joint activities, and formalize MOUs.
Strategy 2.3 To strengthen agribusiness development services and market linkages					
73	41	Strategic intervention 2.3.1 Profile and map public and NSAs involved in agribusiness and market linkages and establish mechanisms for collaboration with them.		Please consider to delete current strategic intervention because this is already addressed in 2.2 fully. Suggested to be replace with Develop and establish market ecosystem for provision of business development services to value chain actors e.g. AMEA	Develop and establish market ecosystem for provision of business development services to value chain actors
74	41	Activity ,2,3 of intervention 2.3.1	All these activities fall under the section on coordination and should fall under the relevant section as suggested.	Add the following activities to the suggested intervention 2.3.1 Profile and map providers of business development services under the priority commodity value chains e.g. mechanization, irrigation, finance,	

				market information and business planning.	
				Monitor effectiveness of BDS service delivery to farmers and other value chain actors.	

Strategy: 2.3.2 Strengthen agribusiness services to ensure farmers and other value chain actors make informed investment decisions.

75	41	<p>Activity 1,2,3,4 Review and update the agribusiness handbook with cost benefit analyses for different agricultural commodities to guide the enterprise selection, production and investments.</p> <p>Conduct capacity needs assessments to identify knowledge and skills gaps amongst farmers & other value chain actors in agribusiness, value addition, and post-harvest management.</p> <p>Design and conduct tailor made training courses (skills improvement) for farmers & other value chain actors.</p> <p>Establish field demonstrations and organize, and support exchange visits/study tours and</p>	<p>These 3 activities have been repeated and were already suggested to be under objective 1 on capacity development.</p>	<p>Consider deleting here as it is already covered under activity 2.2.1.3</p>	
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		other capacity building activities for farmers & value chain actors.			
Strategy: 2.3.3 Establish a system for collecting, regular updating and sharing of profitability, gross margins and cost-benefit analyses of priority enterprises.					
76	41	Activity 3 Promote, record keeping at farmer's level & other value chain actors.	There is need to promote ICT based recording	Add ICT based recording	Promote Integrated ICT based record keeping system at farmer's & other value chain actors levels.
77	41	Activity 4: Disseminate information on profitability of enterprises to farmers and other actors.		Add: Monitoring too	Monitor and Disseminate information on profitability of enterprises to farmers and other actors.
Strategic intervention 2.3.4 Establish a system for linking farmers and other value chain actors to support services including input suppliers, markets outlets, aggregators (local, regional, international) and financial services.					
78	41	Activity 2. Develop platforms through which farmers and other value chain actors interact with inputs suppliers, financial institutions etc.	This activity fits more in section 2.3.1 and has been moved there	Add activity on monitoring Monitor performance of linkages of value chain actors.	
Strategic intervention 2.3.5. Promote demonstrations/incubation centers for product development, value addition and agro processing.					
79	41	Activity 1: Identify products to be promoted and demonstrated	This activity is not comprehensive	The activity needs to promote products identified	Identify and promote commodity value chains with strategic potential to Uganda's economy and demonstrate value added products through incubation centers
80	41	Demonstration/incubation centers.	This does not sound as an activity	The needs to be deleted and rephrased	Promote youth Agropreneurs to scale local innovations through incubation centers.
81	41			Add activity 3: Support the utilization of standards for agri-food	

				primary and secondary processing	
82	41	Activity 3: Document and disseminate results/lessons of demonstrations/incubation centers.	The activity needs to cater for monitoring too		Monitor, Document and disseminate results/lessons of demonstrations/incubation centers.
Strategic intervention 2.3.6. Identify and support successful farmers and private organizations to develop into hubs for farmer training and innovation sharing through public private partnerships (PPP).					
83	41	Activity 1: Conduct scoping studies to identify, profile, and map successful farmers and other actors producing priority strategic commodities.		Consider deleting this activity here as it fits more and has already been captured 2.3.3.5 Add activity on monitoring	Monitor effectiveness and performance of PPPs established.
84	41	Activity 4: Undertake exchange/learning visits.	Statement seems complete	Add: Successful agribusinesses	Undertake exchange/learning visits to successful agribusinesses.
Specific objective 2.4: To Strengthen Climate Agricultural risk management. analysis.					
Strategic intervention 2.4.1 Mainstream weather linked agricultural risk and disaster management in extension service delivery.					
85	41			Add activity on monitoring	Monitor effectiveness of early systems on delivery of extension services
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 3					
Specific Objective 3: To strengthen food and feed safety coordination and ensure delivery of nutrition sensitive agricultural extension services.					
86	42	Specific Objective 3: To strengthen food safety coordination and ensure delivery of nutrition sensitive agricultural extension services.		Add the word feeds to read food and feed When we talk of food safety it should be taken as both food and feeds because unsafe feeds affect food quality	Specific Objective 3: To strengthen food and feed safety coordination and ensure delivery of nutrition sensitive agricultural extension services.

87	42	Food and nutrition security is one of the fundamental interventions that agricultural extension services have to undertake to better livelihoods of rural communities. The following interventions shall be undertaken.		Add Peri – urban and urban because these contribute significantly to the Agri- food chain, this was especially evident during the corona pandemic.	Food and nutrition security is one of the fundamental interventions that agricultural extension services have to undertake to better livelihoods of rural, peri-urban and urban communities. The following interventions shall be undertaken.
88	43	Intervention area 3.1: To establish food safety coordination mechanisms for Agri-food systems.			Intervention area 3.1: To establish food and feed safety coordination mechanisms for Agri-food systems.
89	43	Strategy: 3.1.1 DAES will work with stakeholders in the ministry at national, regional & international level to undertake the following activities that will provide an enabling environment for quality assurance of Agri-food systems.	This is so broad, Qualify the statement The ministry cannot work with stakeholders in the ministry since it is their mandate but can rather bring other ministries and stakeholders on board.	Qualify the statement to read as Will work with stakeholders including MDAs, NSAs at national, Regional and International level	Strategy: 3.1.1 DAES will work with stakeholders in MDAs, NSAs, at national, regional & international level to undertake the following activities that will provide an enabling environment for quality assurance of Agri-food systems.
90	43	Activity 1: Develop , policies, strategies, legislation, regulations, standards, guidelines, and plans for quality inputs, good agricultural practices/ production, post-harvest handling, food safety and hygiene all through the processing system and consumption	Development of policies and Legislations seems to be outside the mandate of the extension directorate, the extension role should be to support and or advice on the development of the policies and legislation.		Develop , strategies, regulations, standards, guidelines, and plans for quality inputs, good agricultural practices/ production, post-harvest handling, food safety and hygiene all through the processing system and consumption

			<p>Quality of inputs matters not only at the post-harvest stage but through the entire agri food system.</p> <p>For the purposes of the sustainability of the agri food systems as it depends on the other valuables like natural resources like land water or soil and also reducing the prevalent or high levels of food loss.</p>		
91	43	Activity 2: and advise in the development of policy and legal frameworks.	<p>Quality of inputs matters not only at the post-harvest stage but through the entire agri food system.</p> <p>For the purposes of the sustainability of the agri food systems as it dependent on the other valuables like natural resources like land water or soil and also reducing the prevalent or high levels of food loss.</p>		Support the development of policy and legal frameworks for quality inputs, good agricultural practices/ production, post-harvest handling, food safety and hygiene all through the processing system and consumption
92	43	Activity 3: Collaborate with other organizations at National regional and international level stakeholders in establishing an	We need to be specific within the mandate of the extension.		Collaborate with stakeholders in MDAs, NSAs at national, regional and international level to mainstream extension based food safety

		effective food safety information system along the agricultural value chain.			information food safety information system along the agricultural value chain
92	43	Activity 4: Establish food safety and extension based coordination mechanisms for stakeholders to ensure coherent and cost-effective interventions along the agricultural value chain.	To establish an extension based food safety coordination mechanism This is because food safety is a cut across issue and thus the coordination needs to be streamlined across all the objectives	Add: feeds	Establish food and feeds safety and extension based coordination mechanisms for stakeholders to ensure coherent and cost-effective interventions along the agricultural value chain.
93	43	Activity 5: Support Uganda's effective representation and participation in national, regional and international food safety.		Add platforms	Support Uganda's effective representation and participation in national, regional and international food safety platforms.
94	43	Strategy 3.1.2 Ensure quality assurance of Agri- food systems among value chain actors.		Remove ensure to use promote because promote is more action oriented and well aligned to the proposed activity	Strategy 3.1.2 Promote quality assurance of Agri- food systems among value chain actors.
95	43	Activity 1,2 of intervention 3.1.2		Delete activity 1 & 2 because it is vague and difficult to undertake and measure performance at the level of an activity.	
96	43	Activity 3: Collaborate with other institutions at MAAIF at national, regional and international level to establishment of effective national food safety systems.		Merge 3& 5: There is need to maintain consistency and specifics throughout the document	1. Collaborate with stakeholders in MDAs, NSAs, at national, regional and international level to mainstream extension in the establishment of effective national food safety programs and systems.

97	43	Activity 4: Undertake awareness campaigns at all levels on post-harvest handling, food safety and hygiene.	When talk about food safety, we are looking at food and feed safety because food producing animals will produce unsafe eggs, meat products, etc. if they don't feed on safety feeds.		2. Undertake awareness campaigns at all levels of the agri-food system to ensure quality, and standards conformity.
98	43	Activity 7: Build capacity of extension actors in agricultural production, primary processing, post-harvest handling and food safety, standards conformity and quality assurance.		Merged with 4	Continuously build capacity of food safety subject matter specialists and extension actors in agricultural production, primary processing, post-harvest handling and food safety, standards conformity and quality assurance.
100	43	Strategy 3.1.3: To ensure the delivery of nutrition sensitive agricultural extension services.	The word ensure, sounds vague since it's not measurable	Use the word promote	Strategy 3.1.3: To promote the delivery of nutrition sensitive agricultural extension services.
101	44	Activity1: Develop policies, strategies, legislations, regulations, standards, guidelines and plans for food security and nutrition	This seems to be outside the mandate of the extension services, the extension role should be to support and or advice on the development of the policies and legislation.		Develop, , regulations, standards, guidelines, strategies and plans for food and nutrition security.
102	44	Activity 2: Collaborate with other organizations at national, regional and international level in establishing an affective food security and nutrition information system including carrying out biannual food	This is not a mandate of Extension department but they can contribute to this as a separate activity		Collaborate with stakeholders in MDAs, NSAs, at national, regional and international level to mainstream extension in the establishment of an affective food security and nutrition information programs and system. including carrying out biannual food

		security surveillance in the whole country.			security surveillance in the whole country.
103	44			Add: another activity 3	Support Carrying put biannual food security surveillance in the whole country in collaboration with other MDAs and NSAs.
104	44	Activity 4: Support Uganda's effective representation and participation in national, regional and international food security and nutrition.			Support Uganda's effective representation and participation in national, regional and international food security and nutrition platforms.
105	44	Re-instate subject matter specialists at districts level that were formally operating as Home Economist with a broader mandate of food and nutrition programing in District		Using the word local government is more encompassing from top to lower local government than using district.	Establish food and nutrition subject matter specialists under production in local government that were formally operating as Home Economist with a broader mandate of food and nutrition programing in District
106	44	Local Government to specifically promote coordinated development of resilient, inclusive, sustainable food systems for delivery of safe, nutritious food for all.		Operationalize and capacitate the existing structures as per the UNAPII	Operationalize the nutrition coordination committee at District, Sub county, Parish and ward/village level according to UNAP11.
107	44	Strategy 3.4: Ensure nutrition sensitive technologies in agricultural extension services.	The word ensure, sounds vague since it's not measurable	Use the word Promote	Strategy 3.4: Promote nutrition sensitive technologies in agricultural extension services.
108	44	Activity 1: Provide quality assurance on food and nutrition programming in delivery of agricultural extension services	, its vague as it does not answer how this is going to be done	Delete this activity	Promote and provide quality assurance, quality infrastructure, traceability, food safety culture in food and nutrition programming in delivery of agricultural extension services

109	44	Activity 2: Build capacity in food security programming, nutrition and home economics for subject matter specialists in agricultural production, primary processing and value addition.			Build capacity of extension personnel, para-professionals and subject matter agricultural in food security programming, nutrition and home economics ..
110	44	Activity 3: Establish and operationalize collaborative mechanisms on issues of food security, nutrition and home economics with research and other organizations at national, regional and international level.			Collaborate with stakeholders in MDAs, NSAs, at national, regional and international level to mainstream extension in the establishment of effective national food security, nutrition and home economics programs and systems.
111	44	Activity 5: Build capacity of extension staff in food and nutrition education.		Merge with activity 2	
112	45	Strategy 3.5: Increase the production of diverse, safe and nutrient-dense food at the household level from plant, fisheries and animal sources.	It is important that the extension services deliberately deliver on nutrition dense food by aligning with UNAP II	We have created this Strategy and the activity to be adopted.	Activities 1. Support access to improved technologies, including climate-smart ones, to increase diverse, safe, nutrition enhancing crop and animal products. 2. Scale up research about the popularity and accessibility of indigenous and non-indigenous nutrition-enhancing seed and stock. 3. Design and streamline extension service mechanisms for improved farmer access to indigenous and non-indigenous nutrition-enhancing seed and stock varieties. 4. Support the production of nutrient-dense indigenous and underutilized plant, fisheries and animal resources.

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Increase awareness on the production of bio fortified foods. 6. Establish community structures for delivering nutrition-sensitive agriculture services through the primary school system. 7. Establish linkages between community health worker's services and farming communities. 8. Enhance nutrition services delivered through primary schools, parental groups (PGs) and lead farmers (LFs). 9. Establish linkages between agricultural extension services and primary schools to deliver multi-sectoral food and nutrition-security actions. 10. Build the capacity of health, agriculture and education ministries to deliver multi-sectoral food and nutrition-security actions.
45	Strategy 3.6: Promote sustainable food systems through urban food gardening in the peri-urban and urban areas	It is important that the extension services deliberately deliver on food security in peri-urban and Urban areas	Create news Strategy and the activity to be adopted	<p>The peri-urban and Urban population all depend on foods that are brought from rural areas yet the population in the urban area is growing due to rural urban migration. The urban citizens need to start producing their own nutritious foods and get access to extension services so that they are able to feed themselves.</p> <p>Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support development of policies and legislations to prioritise extension services in peri urban and urban areas 	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Increase awareness on urban gardening on small scale 3. Collaborate with MDAs, NSAs to establish a demonstration center for urban food gardening. 4. Establish a coordination mechanism to drive the food systems agenda 5. In collaboration with state and NSAs, provide technical support to peri urban and urban households practicing urban food gardening. 6. Regularly review and effectively implement policies that provide incentives for smallholders' investments in agriculture, with positive impacts on food and nutrition security and health for all
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 4					
113	44	Specific Objective 4: To strengthen the institutional capacity of the existing extension service delivery system for increased efficiency and effectiveness.			Specific Objective 4: To strengthen the institutional capacity of the existing pluralistic extension service delivery system for increased efficiency and effectiveness.
114	Intervention area 4.1: To strengthen the organizational and institutional framework for pluralistic agricultural extension services. Strategy 4.1.1: to strengthen the policy and legal framework for effective and efficient service delivery.				

115	44	Activities: Activity 1: Fast track enactment of the National Agricultural Extension Bill 2017.		The NSAs can come in to support at this level, where needed	
116	45	Activity 2: Develop the appropriate statutory instruments for the Act.		Contingent to the enactment	
117	45	Activity 3: Awareness creation and dissemination of the Act and corresponding statutory instrument.			Awareness creation and dissemination of the National Agricultural Extension Act and corresponding statutory instrument
118	45	Activity 4: Review of the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act (2001) to institutionalize the agricultural training colleges into MAAIF.	Should be partnering with MoE		Review of the Universities and other Tertiary Institutions Act (2001) to institutionalize the agricultural training colleges into MAAIF
119	45	Strategy 4.1.2. Strengthen functional linkages with key actors in the agricultural extension system at national and local government levels to facilitate coordination and collaboration.			Strategy 4.1.2. Strengthen functional linkages and mechanisms for collaboration with key AEAS actors in the agricultural extension system at national and local government levels to facilitate coordination and collaboration.
120	45	Activity 4: Establish a zonal multi-sectoral forum comprised of representatives from Districts, NSA, Research and other actors for joint planning, review and harmonization of activities.	It is important to first have engagement at this level, to bring in the smaller actors/representation from S/Cs to inform the Zonal level platform		Establish zonal and district multi-sectoral fora comprised of representatives from Districts, NSA, Research and other actors for joint planning, review and harmonization of activities.

121	45			We have added new activities under this Strategy.	<p>5. Conduct semi-annual and annual joint meetings at national, district and sub-county levels to plan, budget and review extension activities for representatives of key stakeholders from district production and marketing office, private sector, NGO/CSOs, and partners and DAES.</p> <p>6. Develop a comprehensive M&E framework to track implementation of collaboration and coordination arrangements.</p> <p>7. Strengthen the reporting and feedback mechanisms on all linkages and partnerships at all levels.</p>
122	46	Strategy 4.1.4. Review operational procedures and decentralized planning guidelines for the various functions of the agricultural extension service in line with the PDM and NDPIII.	This needs to be more encompassing of the current and future government plans	Add: national planning frameworks and programs	Strategy 4.1.4. Review operational procedures and decentralized planning guidelines and manuals for the various functions of the agricultural extension service in line with the national planning frameworks and programmes.
123	46	Activity 1: Review the agricultural extension services operational guidelines and manuals for all extension personnel.	There are many actors rendering extension actors on the ground.	Needs to use actors	Review the agricultural extension services operational guidelines and manuals for all extension actors.
124	46	Strategy 4.1.5. Strengthen the mechanisms for collaboration with all actors in the agricultural extension service delivery system with clear definition of roles and responsibilities.		Activities of this Strategy should be merged with those of Strategy 4.1.2	

125	Intervention Area: 4.2: To regulate and quality assure the agricultural extension services				
126	46	Strategy: 4.2.1. Enforce compliance to the regulations and standards, guidelines and a code of ethics for extension service providers; knowledge, information and other extension products and processes; in line with relevant regional and international standards.			Strategy: 4.2.1. Enforce compliance to the regulations, standards and guidelines and a code of ethics for extension service providers; knowledge, information and other extension products and processes; in line with relevant regional and international standards.
127	46			Add another activity to this Strategy	Establishment of National Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Regulatory Body (NAEASRB) as per the approved "Process for registration and accreditation"
128	47	Strategy: 4.3.1 Recruit and retain a pool of highly motivated and appropriately qualified cadre of staff in all relevant disciplines at national and local government levels.	The activity needs to be specific	Add Extension	Strategy: 4.3.1 Recruit and retain a pool of highly motivated and appropriately qualified cadre of extension staff in all relevant disciplines at national and local government levels.
129	47	Activity 1: Review the extension services human resource needs/requirements (job descriptions) to align with development needs arising from NDP 111, Agro-Industrialization program and the Parish Development Model.	To be more encompassing of the current and future government plans		Review the extension services human resource needs/requirements (job descriptions) to align with development needs arising from the national planning frameworks and programmes.
130	47	Activity 4: Equip and facilitate the staff with necessary tools			Equip and facilitate the staff with necessary tools/ equipment including

		including transport to carry out their tasks.			transport and communication to carry out their tasks.
131		Activity 5: Harmonize / match job specifications/descriptions of Non-State Actors with those of Government and ensure the former hire appropriately qualified staff.	Descriptions gives qualifications for the people to be hired.		Harmonize the job specifications/descriptions of Non-State Actors with those of Government.
132	47	Strategy: 4.3.2 operationalize the sanctions and reward system including setting performance standards, to motivate agricultural extension personnel to achieve the highest quality of service delivery;			Strategy: 4.3.2 Operationalize the sanctions and reward system including setting performance standards, to motivate agricultural extension personnel to achieve the highest quality of service delivery;
133	47	Activity 2: Update and operationalize the agricultural extension service delivery standards	Embedded in activity 1		
134	47	Activity 3: Monitor, evaluate, supervise and mentor extension personnel regularly and provide feedback.	Should be made more encompassing	Use same term of actors	Monitor, evaluate, supervise and mentor extension actors regularly and provide feedback.
Strategy: 4.3.4. MAAIF will collaborate with academic institutions to periodically reorient the curricular and delivery methods at universities, vocational institutes and agricultural training institutions to focus on the practical and strategic needs of the agricultural sector extension services.					
135	48	Activity 3: In collaboration with Makerere University and other public agricultural universities, introduce a mandatory certificate course in agricultural extension and rural development at the			In collaboration with public and non-public agricultural training Universities, introduce a mandatory certificate course in agricultural extension and rural development at the National Farmers Leadership Centre.

		National Farmers Leadership Centre.			
Strategy: 4.3.5. MAAIF in collaboration with Ministry of Education and Sports will support intern-ship and other skilling programs at national and district levels for students of universities and other tertiary institutions in all agricultural disciplines (including nutrition, agricultural engineering and agribusiness).					
136	48	Activity 3: Upgrade the Training Unit for Rice at NaCRRI to a fully-fledged non-formal skills development center - the National Agricultural Innovations and Skills Enhancement Center to support all priority value chains.	Why rice and only NaCRRI. What about other value chains and institutes.		
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 5					
Objective 5: To empower farmers, farmer organisations and other value chain actors (including youth, women and other vulnerable groups) to effectively participate and benefit equitably from agricultural extension processes and demand for services.					
137	49	Intervention area 5.1: To support farmer institutional development to enable farmers effectively participate in agricultural extension processes and demand for services.		Addition: And benefit in the	Intervention area 5.1: To support farmer institutional development to enable farmers effectively participate and benefit in agricultural extension processes and demand for services.
138	49	Activity 1: Profile and register farmers and other value chain actors to build a database of farmers for different priority commodities including those in urban farming.		Addition: including youth, women and other vulnerable groups	Profile and register farmers and other value chain actors to build a database of farmers including youth, women and other vulnerable groups for different priority commodities including those in urban farming.
139	49	Activity 2: Mobilize farmers into organized farmer groups and organizations, including producer cooperatives using local leaders, cultural leaders, religious leaders and mass media.	The Agricultural extension service guidelines provide divers categorization of farmer groups under different structures. The	Addition: Diversify	Mobilize farmers into organized diversify farmer groups and organizations, including producer cooperatives using local leaders, cultural leaders, religious leaders and mass media.

			Diversification should be emphasized in the Strategy for fear of concentrating on one level.		
140	49	Activity 3: Support and guide farmers and farmer organisations to identify and select profitable enterprises.	Justification: Strengthening of farmers should go beyond profits but also looking at viable enterprises and environmental protection.	Add: Viable, profitable and ecologically friendly enterprises	Support and guide farmers and farmer organizations to identify and select, Viable, profitable and ecologically friendly enterprises.
141	49	Activity 5: Build capacity/train groups leaders and sensitize farmers.		Add: At all levels in group dynamics and management.	Build capacity/train groups leaders and sensitize farmers at all levels in group dynamics/management and Gender transformative strategies.
142	49	Strategy: 5.1.2: Development of capacity of farmers and other value chain actors in production, agribusiness skills, value addition and post-harvest management through systematic training programs as a way of professionalizing the farming community.	General Comment: This Strategy does not align to the objective.	We recommend that it should be deleted.	
143	49	Activity 1: Awareness creation and dissemination of tools for capacity development of farmer organizations		We suggest a change in the Activity phrase: Develop and disseminate tools for awareness creation for farmer and farmer groups/Organizations.	Develop and disseminate tools for awareness creation for farmer and farmer groups/Organizations.

144	49	Activity 2: Implement farmer capacity development activities tailored to needs of the respective farmer categories.		Change to: Implement Awareness Creation activities tailored to the needs of the respective farmer categories.	Implement Awareness Creation activities tailored to the needs of the respective farmer categories.
145	49	Strategy: 5.1.3 Establish a mechanism of building the capacity of farmers to be able to demand for agricultural programmes and services.		Add: access, extension	Strategy: 5.1.3 Establish a mechanism of building the capacity of farmers to be able to demand and access for agricultural Extension programmes and services.
146	50			Add: the following activity to this Strategy 1. Develop and disseminate tools for awareness creation for farmer and farmer groups/Organizations. 2. Implement Awareness Creation activities tailored to the needs of the respective farmer categories on agricultural Extension services.	1. Develop and disseminate tools for awareness creation for farmer and farmer groups/Organizations. 2. Implement Awareness Creation activities tailored to the needs of the respective farmer categories on agricultural Extension services.
147	50	Activity 3: Promote multi-media messages aimed at farmer mind-set change towards attaching value to extension advice and willingness to pay.		Add: Services	Promote multi-media messages aimed at farmer mind-set change towards attaching value to extension advice and services
Strategy: 5.1.4 Provide targeted support and guidance to promote good governance in farmers' collectives/groups such as associations and cooperatives.					

148	50	Activity 2: Establish standards and guidelines for good governance.	The guidelines on Good governance are already in existence and already captured for in the IWA29 guidelines for professionalizing farmer organizations.	Add another activity Train and create awareness on the existing guidelines for Good Governance for farmer group leaders.	Train and create awareness on the existing guidelines for Good Governance for farmer group leaders.
Intervention area 5.2: To target and support women, youth, PwDs and other marginalized groups' interests in extension service delivery.					
149	51	a) Ensure equal opportunities in recruitment and facilitation in delivery of extension services. Thus, deliberate effort shall be made to ensure both females and males staff are recruited in agriculture extension, because the needs of male and female farmers are different.	While the intervention targets women, youth, PwDs and other marginalized groups, the emphasis herein only looks at Men and Women and leaves out PWDS and other magnetized groups		
150	51	Strategy: 5.2.1 MAAIF will prioritize capacity development on gender responsiveness for all staff at national and local levels.	The Strategy should not only cater for gender aspects but all social inclusion aspects		Strategy: 5.2.1 MAAIF will prioritize capacity development on gender responsiveness and social inclusion for all Extension personnel at national and local levels
151	51	Activity 1: Conduct training needs assessment for all staff at national and local government levels.			Conduct training needs assessment for all Extension Personnel at national and local government levels.
152	51	Activity 2: Conduct training of extension personnel.			Conduct training for all extension personnel
153	51	Strategy: 5.2.2 MAAIF will promote special targeting of poor men, women and vulnerable groups through affirmative actions, and guiding NSAs to reach out to under-served areas.		We suggest that Poor Men be removed and categorized under Vulnerable groups	

154	51	Activity 1: Assess the needs of the poor and vulnerable groups.			Assess the needs of the poor men, women and vulnerable groups.
155	51	Activity 2: Integrate the identified needs into the agriculture extension plans.			Integrate the identified needs of the poor men, women and vulnerable groups into the agriculture extension plans.
156	51	Activity 3: Develop guidelines/affirmative actions to target vulnerable groups.			Develop strategies to target poor men, women and vulnerable groups.
157	51	Activity 4: Disseminate the guidelines.			Implement the Strategies that target the poor men and vulnerable groups.
158	51	Activity 5: Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the guidelines.			Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the strategies..
Strategy: 5.2.3 Promote youth involvement through capacity building and linkage to service providers.					
159	52			Add another activity to this Strategy. Support youth farmers to influence and demand for Agriculture Extension Services	Support youth farmers to influence and demand for Agriculture Extension Services.
Strategy 5.2.4 Promote women involvement through capacity building and linkage to service providers.					
160	52			Add another activity to this Strategy. Support Women farmers to influence and demand for Agriculture Extension Services	Support Women farmers to influence and demand for Agriculture Extension Services

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we the CSOs in the Agricultural sector are grateful for your continuous cordial working relationship. We commit to continue complementing the work that the government is doing to better agricultural sector in the county.