

Catalyzing growth of inclusive, commercial-quality plantations – Lessons from Uganda

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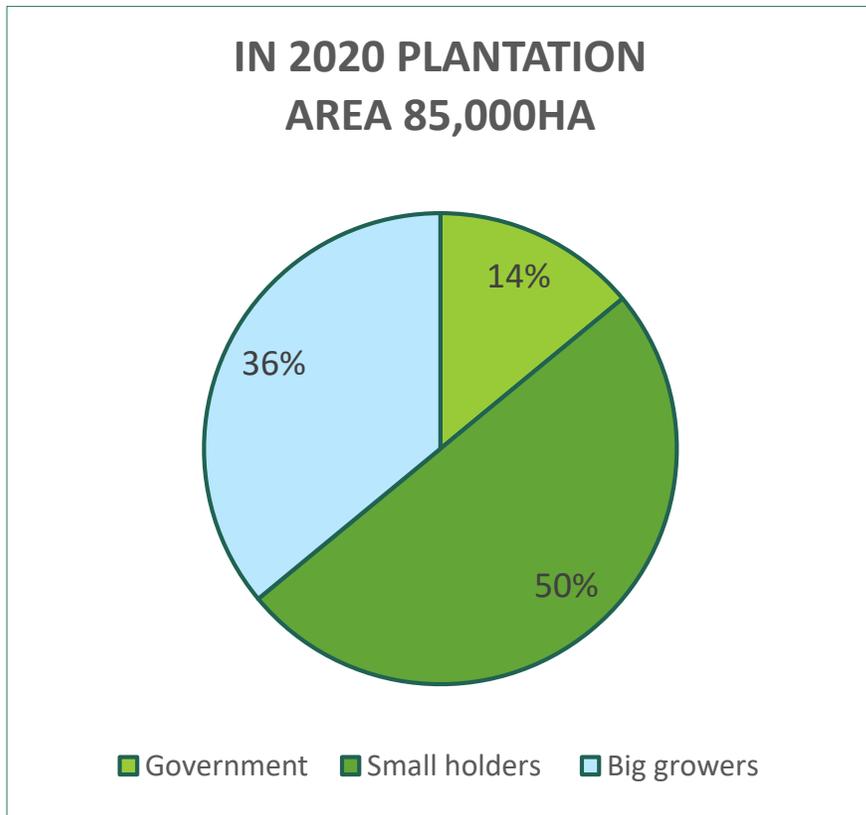
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- Sawlog Production Grant Scheme (SPGS)
- Concessions for land
- Financial incentives
- Outreach & training
- Nurseries and improved planting material
- Contractor development
- Value chains & marketing
- Challenges and areas of improvement

SETTING THE SCENE

- Deforestation & forest degradation
- A case for commercial forestry



SETTING THE SCENE



- Commercial forest plantations are increasing in Uganda since early 2000's
- Uganda had only 3,500 ha of plantations yet now its 85,000 ha of high-quality commercial plantations.
- 75% of these plantations are privately owned, 50% by small to medium-sized growers.
- Large international companies also play a vital role in the commercial forestry industry.

ROLE OF UTGA



- Strengthening efforts in Lobbying and Advocacy
- Promoting investments in Commercial forestry
- Promoting public awareness of CF
- Strengthening participation in commercial forestry Research and Training
- Negotiating for bulk purchase of inputs to the advantage of members.
- Mobilizing incentives for the members.
- Outreach and bringing growers together
- Market access

ROLE OF Sawlog Production Grant Scheme (SPGS)



- Launched in 2004
- Promote public awareness of commercial forestry
- Funding support by:-
 - European Union (EU), 2004-2008.
 - EU, Govt of Norway & Govt of Uganda, (2009-2015)
 - EU, Govt of Uganda & FAO (2016- 2021).
- Formula for raising of the plantation resource
 - Conditional grants,
 - Sound technical advice (TA)
 - Standards

ROLE OF Sawlog Production Grant Scheme (SPGS)

Establishment Grants

- 50% establishment cost;
- Performance-based retrospective grant;
- Targets and standards defined in contracts;
- Initially min. 25 ha; max. 3,000 ha (*reduced grant for 500-3,000ha*).

Technical Support

- Local extension team trained and mentored in best practices;
- Short term & long term TA
- Regular practical training courses;
- CF Guidelines published & distributed freely;
- Improved seed/clones only permitted.

Standards for compliance

- Targets and standards defined in contracts;
- Compliance visits to the field for verification;
- Nursery certification;
- Contractor certification;
- Improved seed/clones only permitted.

LAND CONCESSIONS



- Land concessions in Central Forest Reserves (CFRs) allocated to private sector (companies, individuals, communities)
- Land as a tool to promote PPPs in forestry
- Concessions enable a range of socio economic benefits e.g. ;
 - Security of tenure (49years)
 - Increased income (Jobs, livelihoods, rural development)
 - Access to social services (Health, schools)
 - Local development (Roads & other infrastructure)
- Benefit sharing mechanisms allow community engagement and local ownership & participation

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES



- SPGS project (Phase I, II & III) enabled the growth of resource in Uganda. Est. 85,000ha
- The project provides grants plus private funds
 - Based on the principle of co-investment by both the beneficiary and the Project
- ✓ Tree nursery and forest contractor certification
- ✓ Downstream industrialization of processing and utilization of forest products.

OUTREACH AND TRAINING



- Cluster meetings
- Onsite technical visits
- Training and technical advice (TA) in best forest practices
- Training through workshops, seminars and practical sessions for skilling

NURSERIES AND IMPROVED PLANTING MATERIAL



- Certification
- Training
- Improved seed
- Model nursery
- Seed sourcing
- Clonal materials.

CONTRACTOR DEVELOPMENT



- Training
- Contractor certification
- Quality Assurance
- Professional services
- Better forest management practices

VALUE CHAINS AND MARKETING



- Harvesting, extraction, transport & storage
- Wood processing & value addition
- Market intelligence (Timber price info)
- Waste management
- NTFPs
 - Resin,
 - Bamboo,
 - Mushrooms,
 - Sheanut and
 - Honey

CHALLENGES AND AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT



- Forest Fires
- Insecurity of trees
- Unprofessional middlemen
- Unfavorable government policies

THANKS

