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Scaling inclusive, profitable, and sustainable business models to empower low-income communities in Uganda

Introduction

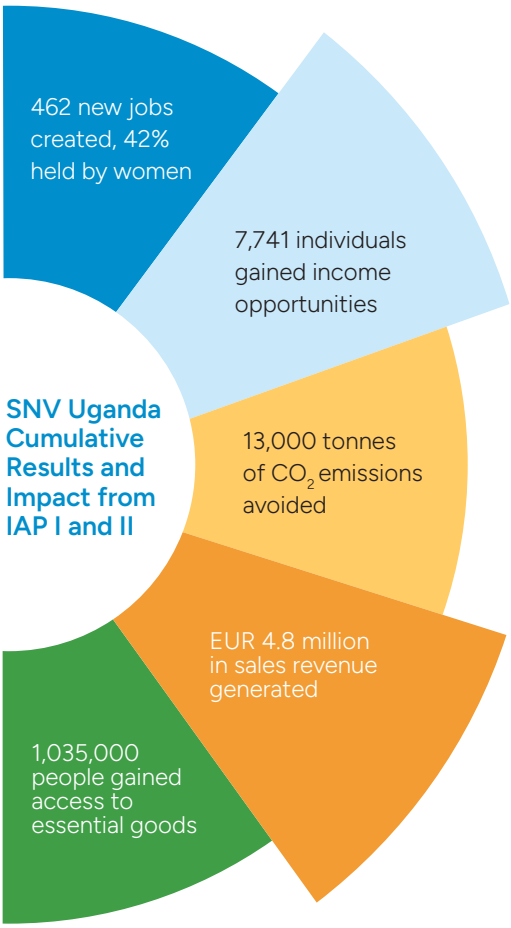
Innovations Against Poverty (IAP) III is a three-year initiative funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and implemented by SNV in Jinja, Kitgum, Kasese, Wakiso and Masaka districts in Uganda. Building on the proven success of IAP I and II, this programme catalyses innovative businesses to deliver essential goods and services to People Living in Poverty (PLIP) while driving Uganda's socio-economic development.

Social enterprises in Uganda, which target low-income communities, face persistent barriers, including limited access to affordable finance, inadequate rural infrastructure, and bureaucratic hurdles that restrict growth and scalability. Many struggle to reach underserved populations due to fragmented distribution systems and a lack of targeted support.

By supporting innovative businesses, IAP III creates an effect that extends far beyond individual enterprises, building the foundation for inclusive economic growth and lasting poverty reduction.

Project Overview

The initiative provides Ugandan companies with grant funding and technical support to enhance the well-being of people living in poverty (PLIP). IAP III focuses on inclusive businesses with commercially viable innovations that are ready to scale, strengthening Ugandan communities as consumers, suppliers, and distributors and providing opportunities for income generation.



Our Approach for Uganda

IAP III streamlines the application process for Ugandan businesses, providing tailored advisory services, go-to-market strategies, mentorship, and investment readiness support, encouraging the growth of an entrepreneurial ecosystem in Uganda. This includes:

- Facilitating investment-readiness training for Ugandan enterprises.
- Facilitating capacity building of Enterprises in GESI Integration for sustainable input access, production and marketing.
- Providing mentorship and market access for scale and sustainability.

Grants

Innovations Against Poverty (IAP) offers matching grants ranging from €50,000-€200,000 to businesses ready to scale their inclusive innovations. The grants supports;

- Capital expenditures (CAPEX).
- Direct investment in People Living in Poverty (PLIP).
- Project operational expenses.
- Training and consulting.

IAP III companies

In Uganda, five innovative companies are advancing sustainable solutions across agriculture, waste management, water access, and youth empowerment.

Bioconvision Uganda Limited processes organic waste and invasive water hyacinth into livestock feed and organic fertilizer using Black Soldier Fly larvae to enhance farming and waste management.

Eco Brixs Limited recycles plastic into products like Plastic flakes, lumber, and furniture while creating income opportunities for people in the community.

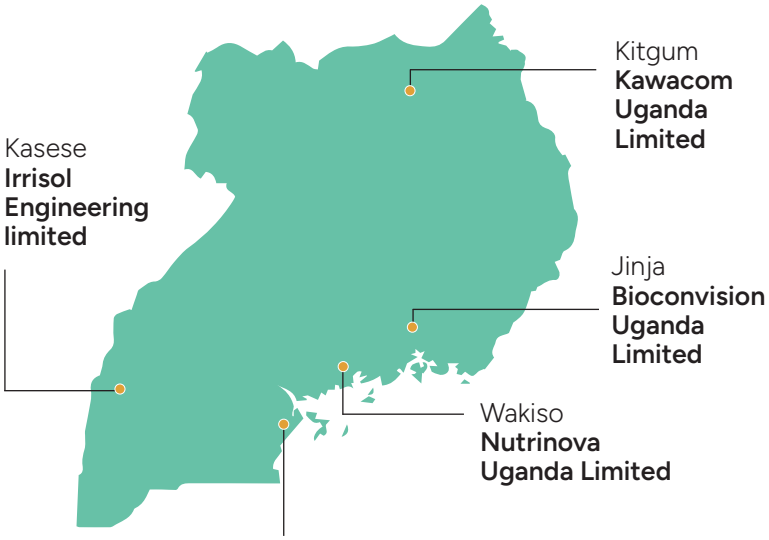
Irrisol Engineering Limited designs an integrated water utility model with innovative financing and technology solutions (solar-powered infrastructure with pay-as-you-go payment systems) enabling universal access to clean water in rural Uganda.

Kawacom Uganda Limited is helping smallholder sesame farmers in Northern Uganda transition to EU Organic certification by establishing seed multiplication centers, providing training, and postharvest handling services to access premium markets.

Nutrinova Uganda Limited operates a scalable, profitable poultry ecosystem (hub model and out-grower scheme) that systematically lifts smallholder farmers into commercial agriculture while building sustainable food systems through integrated value chain management and circular resource utilisation.

All five aim to scale impact, improve livelihoods, and boost environmental sustainability.

Areas of implementation



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