

## THE GRAIN COUNCIL OF UGANDA PROFILE

The Grain Council of Uganda (TGPU) is a not-for-profit, member organization registered in 2012. It brings together broad spectrum of stakeholders in the grain sector and seeks to develop and/or strengthen the capacities of its members to create value from their businesses. TGPU seeks to improve business and sector competitiveness by creating and increasing the access to national and regional markets. It was formed to address the challenges that afflict the Uganda grain sector which include but are not limited to:

- Limited availability of quality inputs.
- Poor and inconsistent grain quality.
- Poor and inadequate grain storage and processing facilities.
- Poor Post-Harvest management.
- Informal and unregulated grain trade.
- Lack of grain quality standards enforcement, etc.

TGPU has grown around players and stakeholders with broad experience in the grain sub-sector in Uganda, and a wide network of contacts across the country.

### **TGPU Membership:**

Membership to TGPU is for duly registered organizations and is categorized as follows:

#### **A. Active members**

These are members whose core activities/businesses include crop production, post-harvest management, trading and storage. They include:

- Individual farmers.
- Farmer Organizations.
- Grain traders.
- Agro-input distributors.
- Processors.
- Warehouse operators, etc.

#### **B. Affiliate members:**

These are members whose role is to provide support to the functioning of the grain value chain. They include:

- Government agencies.
- Development partners.
- Transporters.
- Quality analysis laboratories.
- Superintendents.
- Financial institutions.
- Collateral managers.

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- Insurance companies.
- BDS providers, etc.

## **Vision:**

*A Uganda that feeds the region and is the preferred source of high quality grain in East & Central Africa.*

## **The Mission Statement:**

*Championing efforts to make Uganda the Grain basket and leading supplier for East & Central Africa's grain needs through raising productivity, assuring food security and promoting regional trade.*

## **Services provided to members:**

- Business development
- Networking
- Policy and advocacy
- Market intelligence
- Effective relationship for engagement with public and private sector investments.

## **Some achievements of the Council:**

- Currently membership has grown to above 80 members.
- Actively participated in the formulation of the National Grain Trade Policy together with the Ministry of Trade and other stakeholders, aimed at regulation of the subsector.
- TGPU chairs the stakeholders' and steering committees of the maize and beans platform under the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.
- Actively participated in the revitalization of the Uganda National Commodity Exchange.
- Instrumental in the re-organization of the Warehouse Receipt System (WRS) which is to be managed on the backbone of member warehouses
- Participated in designing and implementing ACF with MFEP / GoU.
- Driving the growth of grain processing facilities away from urban to rural areas.
- Collaboration with regional organizations such as RCGC (Rwanda), FRA (South Sudan), etc.
- Collaboration with OWC for development of farmer grain aggregation centers.
- Established the Regional Grain Hub model through which to cause the change TGPU aspires for in the Ugandan Grain sub sector.

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