

Achieving Sustainable Livelihoods The Integrated Co-operative Model in East Africa

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The Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA) has been working with partners in Uganda (Makerere University), Tanzania (Moshi Co-operative University), and Rwanda (University of Lay Adventists of Kigali) to support them in achieving sustainable livelihoods through owning and operating co-operative enterprises. The Integrated Co-operative Model (ICM) advocated by CCA supports the joint development of three distinct but interconnected co-ops — production, marketing, and finance. CCA project results in Uganda, Rwanda, and Ghana indicated notable benefits to both male and female farmers, and their communities, in areas where the ICM is in place.

CCA and researchers at the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan, and the University of Regina, collaborated with their counterparts in East Africa to further test the ICM's effectiveness and determine contributing success factors. The project assessed the ICM's ability to reduce poverty as compared to locations where only a single co-operative or a cluster of less integrated co-ops existed. The presentation will summarize the results of this in-depth quantitative and qualitative research as well as the learnings on community-based research and qualitative methodologies.

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