

Our collaboration has made a difference: 2025 ABF highlights and success stories

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Every farmer trained, every business strengthened and every community empowered has a story to tell. This year, together with our partners on the ground, the Agri-Business Facility for Africa (ABF) has made a real difference and turned challenges into opportunities. From cultivating resilient crops and building skills to expanding markets and strengthening climate-resilient value chains, these achievements reflect collaboration, dedication and shared success – creating livelihoods and preparing communities to thrive.

Empowering farmers and MSMEs to be bankable, competitive and ready to scale

 [GIZ and AUDA-NEPAD partner to boost agribusiness across Africa](#)

ABF and AUDA-NEPAD have signed an Implementation Agreement to accelerate the transformation of Africa's agrifood systems. This partnership represents a major step in promoting sustainable, inclusive and climate-smart agribusiness across the continent.



Output 1 | We build agribusiness skills

ABF and partners have reached over 2 million farmers, supported 3,000 cooperatives and strengthened 69,000+ processors – 92% of them are women.

-  [Strengthening agribusiness partnerships: piloting inclusive contract farming training](#)
-  [Shaping Africa's agribusiness future: Master Trainers driving sustainable growth across borders](#)
-  [Master Trainer Strategy Week](#)

The [Agribusiness e-Academy](#) has grown into a dynamic hub of knowledge and opportunity. The platform has reached 64,680 learners, including 23,540 women, and partnered with 10+ academic institutions to advance youth agripreneurship.

-  [From campus to community: building agribusiness skills in Africa through digital learning](#)
-  [Scaling agribusiness skills through digital learning and mentoring](#)





Celebrating outstanding women Master Trainers transforming agribusiness

-  [Empowering rural women farmers in Nigeria: The journey of Iretiolu Olufunmilola Odi](#)
-  [Breaking barriers: empowering rural women agripreneurs in Madagascar](#)
-  [Seeds of change: shaping the future of women agripreneurs in Tunisia](#)

Output 2 | We provide co-investment through the Competitive Matching Grant Fund



To accelerate climate-smart investment ABF manages the [Competitive Matching Grant Fund \(MGF\)](#) which currently co-finances 65 agribusiness projects across 23 countries (21 in Africa, plus the Dominican Republic and Vanuatu). The fund is mobilising approximately EUR 8.7 million to support sustainable cocoa, maize and livestock (cattle, sheep and goat) value chains. For every public euro we invest, we are able to leverage EUR 1.27 from the private sector – showing strong trust and commitment from our partners.



Matching Grant Fund success stories

-  [60 livestock experts equipped to support 300 rural communities in Ghana](#)
-  [Digital skills for cocoa traceability in the Dominican Republic](#)
-  [Driving sustainable livestock value chains and youth empowerment in Burkina Faso](#)
-  [Empowering smallholder farmers in Togo through contract farming with SITRAPAT](#)

Output 3 | We promote innovation and market linkages

Through strategic convenings of Matching Grant Fund partners in Germany and Kenya, South-South cooperation gained real momentum. Partners identified 15 tried-and-tested good practices that foster climate resilience at scale and entered into 40+ business-to-business partnerships to strengthen the cocoa, maize and livestock value chains that are now moving forward. Alongside this, a series of Expert Talks on access to finance, carbon markets and traceability have strengthened MSMEs' knowledge and skills – unlocking their potential as suppliers, investors and employers.



-  [Bridging borders: 25 partnerships forged for climate-resilient maize sector in Africa](#)
-  [22 agripreneurs, 7 countries, 1 goal: building resilient livestock sector in Africa](#)
-  [Expert Talk: promoting the scaling of good practices through South-South cooperation](#)