

Stakeholders in Tanzania have identified 6 intervention packages with catalytic impact across multiple NEOAS strategic objectives for food systems transformation

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6. Coordination, capacity building & governance

Intervention package 6

Strengthen coordination, capacities and governance



Package goal

Successful and impactful implementation of actions in the National Ecological Organic Agriculture Strategy, as a model for other nations advancing agroecology.



Overall package intervention

Support governance structure and processes, and build the necessary capacity for inclusive, effective, and coordinated implementation and monitoring of NEOAS actions for food systems change.



Why this intervention?

Achieving the objectives of the NEOAS will require both vertical and horizontal coordination of a host of stakeholders and policymakers in policy monitoring and implementation. Implementation challenges have plagued policies for food systems transformation all over the world. This package will ensure the NEOAS Implementation Task Force (ITF)'s effective monitoring and coordination of ministries, institutions, development partners, agencies, and other stakeholders. It will also target specific capacity building needed in the ITF secretariat and among central CSO's leading core implementation initiatives on the ground.

The NEOAS ITF was formed in April 2024, under the Chairmanship of the Ministry of Agriculture, with membership from relevant Ministerial departments and institutions, and civil society organizations. The NEOAS ITF will act as a link between the government and other stakeholders and report the progress of the strategy implementation through its secretariat, TOAM, using the national ecological organic agriculture platform, among others.

These implementation platforms and coordination measures will align stakeholder actions and investments, create the basis for successful monitoring and implementation, improve synergies and collective impact and, through evaluation, provide valuable lessons learned and best practices to the many other nations now developing national agroecology strategies.



Impact on broader goals

This package contributes to the achievement of all NEOAS' objectives and implementation of all actions from production to final consumption, while advancing inclusive decision-making, capacity building, and coordination. As such, this package is the basis to enable the NEOAS to impactfully contribute to any national and global goals (e.g. climate adaptation, food and nutrition security), with a focus on developing best practices for coordination, monitoring, and learning.

The intervention is aligned with the "Ecosystem Coordination" and "Policy, advocacy and communications"

levers identified by the RAFT collaboration, by improving coordination, linking actors implementing national EOA strategy, mobilizing funding, and contributing to narrative shifts.



Priority actions requiring multi-year investments

- Build the capacity of the Implementation Task Force (ITF) as a multistakeholder platform for coordination, implementation, and monitoring.
- Strengthen, promote, and coordinate networking, dialogue, and reporting with EOA stakeholders.
- Build capacity in frontline CSOs to drive implementation forward on the ground in farming, communities, supply chains, and markets.



Cost

Stakeholders have estimated that the cost for the initial implementation of the priority actions in this intervention package is 1.2 million USD for the 2025-2027 period (to be validated by the Implementation Task Force).



Stepping stones (Short-term initiatives that can jump-start this strategic area)

- Inception of the task force and identification of priorities (**cost:** 30,000 USD) [COMPLETED].
- Financing for Implementation Task Force (**annual cost:** 200,000 USD).



Who will be implementing this intervention

The intervention to strengthen coordination, capacity, and governance will be coordinated by the Ministry of Agriculture and TOAM, respectively the Chair and Secretariat of the NEOAS Implementation Task Force. Other key actors will be SAT, PELUM Tanzania, SJS farm, and IDP.

It is strongly recommended that donor partners support NEOAS monitoring and implementation by the ITF, and targeted capacity building for actors implementing actions on the ground, as catalysts for success with all other NEOAS interventions, from farm-to-families.



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