





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

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Intervention package 4

Mainstream EOA in Village Land-Use Planning



Package goal

Improved access and sustainable use of land that can accelerate the transition to EOA, increasing resilience and food sovereignty.



Overall package intervention

Develop best practices in upscaling EOA via village land-use planning.



Why this intervention?

This intervention aims to ensure that land is identified, mapped, and demarcated specifically for EOA production, through Participatory Village Land Use Planning. It is essential for EOA farming to be distinguished from conventional agricultural farming, as these two land use plans lead to very different outcomes in the areas of soil health, environmental safety, and ecosystem maintenance processes. Participatory land use planning for EOA production is a building step towards adherence to agroecological principles, including those on input utilization, economic diversification, and participation. EOA land use plans contribute to creating a conducive environment for agroecology. By minimizing land use conflicts and ensuring designated areas for EOA, the intervention supports a stable and supportive framework for the widespread adoption of agroecology.



Impact on broader goals

Land is one of the common denominators within climate, biodiversity, food, nutrition, and development action. Thus, land use planning that integrates EOA can result in multiple positive impacts across sectors; and therefore support other ministries in their mandates to achieve a coherent management of the landscape based on sound ecological and social principles.

This intervention has positive impacts on the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, including multiple outcomes prioritized in the Tanzania Agricultural Master Plan: Food and nutrition security, Reducing poverty, improved farm yields and productivity, and improved sustainability, climate resilience, and nature-smart practices and systems. In particular, this intervention contributes directly to core elements of the Master Plan Flagship 3 (improving soil health through the development of agricultural management plans), as well as Flagship 14 (Sustainably unlock 1.2 Mha land ownership for smallholders), as integrated land use planning is a basis to these outcomes.

This package focuses on NEOAS strategic objective SO11 “enhance availability, accessibility and utilization of land for EOA”, but also contributes to other objectives such as “strengthening environmental conservation via Ecosystem-based adaptation and nature-based solutions (SO7)” and “local market

development and accessibility of inputs (SO2)".

The intervention focuses on mainstreaming EOA into land use planning, which is aligned with the "Ecosystem coordination" and "policy, advocacy, and communications" levers identified by the RAFT collaboration. Developing best practices in upscaling EOA via village participatory land-use planning, promotes participatory and democratic local food governance systems and can serve as acceleration platforms for landscape transition strategies.



Priority actions requiring multi-year investments

- Build awareness and capacity on EOA needs among land use authorities and participatory district and village land governance organs.
- Scaling of village land-use plans advancing EOA.
- Mobilize village action by documenting, disseminating, and incentivizing best practices in village-based planning with EOA as a central pillar.



Cost

Stakeholders have estimated the cost for the initial implementation of the priority actions in this intervention package is 500,000 USD for the 2025-2027 period (to be validated by the Implementation Task Force). This cost is part of the estimated budget for the strategic objective "enhance availability, accessibility and utilization of land for EOA (SO11)", which is 1.3 million USD for the entire implementation period 2025-2030.



Stepping stones (Short-term initiatives that can jump-start this strategic area in year 1)

- Implement pilot land use planning for EOA in 10 villages documenting lessons learned.

Stepping stone initiative cost: 135,000 USD



Who will be implementing this intervention

PELUM Tanzania is the lead organization in the implementation of this intervention, with guidance from the Ministry of Agriculture and support from other EOA stakeholders such as Island of Peace, TOAM, and SAT are committed to allocating their resources mainly in kind (time and staff) but are also committed to develop a project for this purpose.



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