



GREAT LAKES ILLUSTRATIVE PROJECTS

ABSA-SABMILLER GRAIN AND SEED PROJECT



Project Country (ies)	DRC, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia
Project Sector	Agriculture / Agro-industry
Project Source/Sponsor/Funder(s)	ABSA Bank and SABMiller
Investment Opportunity	Inputs provision; agro dealer development; establishment and management of processing facilities; logistics and transport provision; energy; storage facilities; input provision; packaging, trade services and micro-finance.
Stage of Project:	Concept Stage
Type of Project:	PPP potential – Agriculture/ Agribusiness/ Agro-Industry
Duration of Project:	Phase 1 – complete; Phase 2 – Current, 1 year; Phase 3 (2016)
Cost of Project:	The cost of the project was approximately US \$1.1 million. Funding requirements will be for year 2 and year 3 – similar to the current cost of the project, if the same hectareage is planted.
Funding Available:	Bank funding was US \$454,000
Funding Gap:	TBD



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Description of the Project

The project was implemented, with other agricultural value chain partners, as a pilot – starting in February 2014 (planting) and due for harvesting in September and October 2014. Maize was then dried and stored. The first year of the pilot had planned to be funded by Absa, with the second and third year funded by interested parties (including GDOs).

Maize was harvested and the maize is currently in the processing of being sold. Maize from phase 1 (year 1) of the project was to be sold by the end of February 2015. Phase 2 implementation will depend on available funding

Further Information

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