Creation of Agricultural Smart Hub Value Chains to improve Youth Unemployment in Zambia

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Introduction
• The Agricultural smart hub will be a coworking Centre that will set up a network of experts, partners, customers, together with a group of autonomous youth to collaborate in three economic sectors namely agricultural production, agro processing & ICT to produce end food products by making use of local agricultural raw materials and labour through shared value and collaboration.

Objective(s)
• To make Zambia produce its own food
• Replace foreign manufactured foods with locally manufactured food.
• Create local employment opportunities.
• Create local entrepreneur's

Implementation Steps
• Agri Smart Hub Construction
• Installation of Equipment/Technology
• Processing
• Marketing and Trading

Expected Costs
Smart Hub Construction – 96,000 Euro
Equipment / Technology – 38,000 Euro
Raw materials Mobilisation – 50,000 Euro
Administration – 15,000 Euro

Expected outcome(s)
Employment Creation
Low participation of youths in Agricultural value chains
Unfavorable government policy
Limited access to credit / loan
Limited access to improved Technology

Reduced food imports
Increased incomes

Problem Tree
Food insecurity
Poverty
Low income generation
Increased crime rate
High rate of unemployment
Low participation of youths in Agricultural value chains
Unfavorable government policy
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Limited access to improved Technology

Possible Risks
• Unfavorable government policies
• Limited Access to finance and improved technology

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