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Materials in Uganda**

Achievements at a Glance

- **100+ Metric Tonnes of OFSP Vines Sold**
between April and June 2024 alone
- **30 Farmers Mobilized and Trained**
to produce quality planting materials
- **83% Women Participation**
with 25 women among the 30 group members
- **15 Youth Employed**
through seed production, processing, and marketing activities
- **Disease-Resistant OFSP Varieties Promoted**
helping farmers combat Sweetpotato Virus Disease (SPVD) and other production constraints
- **Vitamin A-Rich Planting Materials Distributed**
supporting efforts to reduce Vitamin A Deficiency among vulnerable households

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For more than a decade, Edith Rehema Namusubo, a sweetpotato seed entrepreneur from Eastern Uganda, has been helping farmers access quality planting materials while improving nutrition, creating jobs, and strengthening livelihoods.

Supported by the African Development Bank's Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) programme and the International Potato Center (CIP), Edith has grown from a single sweetpotato vine multiplier into a leading Orange-Fleshed Sweetpotato (OFSP) seed producer and community innovator.

Beyond Seed Production

With support from TAAT, Edith has expanded beyond vine multiplication into value addition and nutrition-sensitive agribusiness. Her group produces OFSP puree, flour, chapa-

tis, mandazis, and an innovative OFSP coffee made from roasted sweetpotato roots.

To reduce waste and improve sustainability, sweetpotato vines and non-marketable roots are converted into livestock silage, improving animal nutrition, milk production, and household incomes.

Driving Community Transformation

Edith's enterprise serves as a hub for quality seed dissemination, farmer training, and climate-smart agriculture. She also collaborates with Makerere University on innovative approaches for producing disease-free Early Generation Seed, strengthening Uganda's sweetpotato seed system.

The TAAT Difference

By equipping local entrepreneurs with skills, technologies, and market opportunities, TAAT is helping farmers access quality planting materials while improving nutrition and creating employment.

TAAT Impact: 100+ metric tonnes of OFSP vines distributed, 30 farmers empowered, 15 youth employed, and thousands of households gaining access to nutritious, disease-resistant sweetpotato varieties across Uganda.

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