

Dear Professor Thomas Pogge,

Thanks so much for this really encouraging message. I am very happy that you would connect us with people who could be helpful.

As regards the suitability of our intended solution to the local context, we are generally only transferring knowledge of what has worked in other parts of Africa and/or in other parts of Uganda, but which isn't available in our own region here in eastern Uganda.

For example, with High Quality Cassava Flour and Cassava Starch, there are over 3 breweries in Uganda that use this for beer making, in addition to biscuit makers; yogurt producers; bakeries & confectioneries; paperboard and adhesive industries, pharmaceuticals etc.

But there are very few local processors making these cassava products in Uganda; none in our region, yet our region is one of the biggest cassava producers.

For each of the products that we intend to produce from our plant, we know someone in Africa who is already doing the same work in a context that is similar to ours; we know how much it cost them to install their facilities (and it is the same price estimates we have used in arriving at our envisaged total budget of \$15m), and we also know the people who would provide us with technical assistance at the installation stage, as mentioned in our budget breakdown for this plant here: <http://www.ugandafarm.org/plant-details/>

In our \$15m budget, the two single items that cost the most money are:

1). A cassava starch facility, which we costed at \$380,000. Here, we intend to replicate a similar plant installed by "Aspuna" in the Gambia. Theirs cost them \$420,000 (slightly more than what we budgeted for) as seen on their site: <https://www.aspuna.com/operations/>

The biggest such plant currently in Uganda was installed by an Indian businessman, for only \$100,000 -- its capacity is far smaller than what Aspuna has installed in The Gambia, and would be far smaller than our own intended cassava facility, if installed.

2). A fruit processing facility, which we costed \$14m. This would be the very first such facility in our region. Here, we intend to transfer knowledge from a similar facility installed by the Ugandan government in another part of Uganda at a cost of \$13.4m, with funding from KOICA (Korea International Development Agency), which has a capacity of 6 tons/hour of fresh mango.

The other items that bring our total budget to \$15m are farmer orientation and support; a cereal/grain processor; and a facility for making High Quality Cassava Flour.

So, basically, our only challenge is to raise funding, but we really know what would be done at every step if we raised the \$15m.

I am very grateful that you would be able to come up with ideas on this. I am particularly thrilled with the possibility of raising support through private donations (i.e. from individuals), but certainly our nonprofit has no 501(c)3 status in the US. On the other hand, am just worried that, given the size of our organization, big foundations and Official Development Agencies may not be a good fit.

Thanks so much again, Professor Pogge. Everything that you could do to help, would really be much appreciated.

Thank you,

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