

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

We the Advisory Board of Farm for the Future Tanzania Ltd. (FFF) held our first meeting on the 15th August 2019. We decided, at this meeting, to issue the following statement of commitment:

Farm For the Future is a project that fits very well with Phase II of Tanzania's agriculture plan (ADSP II), the projects contributes directly to ASDP II "driver" 2 and 3 as indicated in Annex I.

FFF demonstrates what a results-focussed farm looks like. In its first year it has already achieved impressive productivity increases in the form of maize yield three times the local average. FFF has invested both time and money in improving the quality of the soil at the farm and t will continue to do so for the coming years. Conventional and deep tillage (ripping) in combination with judicious use of fertilizers has significantly increased the nutrient content and organic carbon in the soil. This investment lies behind the impressive first-year yield and will bear fruit for many years to come. Furthermore the enhanced nutrient content of the soil translates into higher nutritional quality of the final crop especially sulphur, boron and zinc.

These are all key factors in demonstrating the path towards food security and increased nutrition for the Tanzanian people. We believe that the Kilolo district has the latent capacity to produce maize and other commodity crops in sufficient quantity, to both feed its local people and also to export its surplus to other Tanzanian districts. FFF shows what can be achieved within and beyond its 250 hectare perimeter.

Whilst the focus is on commercial maize for the first three years, FFF plans to diversify into higher value crops such as seed maize, macadamia nuts etc. FFF is committed to practicing and teaching conservation farming. The sustainable and efficient use of irrigation is central to FFF's plans for the coming years. FFF places sustainability at the core of its philosophy. The improvements in soil quality will reduce the future usage of fuel powered machinery. Twenty thousand trees will be planted and many other initiatives are under way.

But FFF serves not only as a beacon of best practice in Tanzania. FFF is fully committed to spreading its experience and best practice throughout the agricultural sector of Tanzania. Demonstrating a commercially successful farm and playing an important role in the agricultural development of Tanzania are the dual and equally important goals of FFF.

FFF is currently assembling a collective of twenty local farmers and farming groups. Through this partnership program, called F20, FFF intends to transform farming practice and efficiency well beyond its perimeter. FFF and its established partners will train these selected neighbouring farmers, sharing its expertise and experience. FFF machinery will be made available to these farms and they will enjoy the reduced input pricing that the combination of FFF and F20 can achieve. FFF will closely monitor the progress of these farmers and drive the changes required. These farmers will then serve as exemplars within their own communities thereby positively impacting the practice on an even wider basis. F20 if successful will, of course, be repeated in the years to come. FFF is passionate about the imperative of smallholder commercialisation in Tanzania. Smallholders need to move beyond mere subsistence farming and transition into running their farm as a business and producing, at least in part, for the market.

FFF will not only act as a partner for local farmers but also as an input provider through the provision of seed and as an output market through the purchasing of maize. FFF will have its own mill and even bakery demonstrating that local organisations need not be locked out of any part of the value chain. Dairy and meat production will be an additional branch of FFF's activities from 2022.

FFF is committed to making farming an attractive and profitable career for the young people of Tanzania. This is why FFF will build "Kids Farm for the Future" a place where local school children can immerse themselves in a playful environment whilst learning about farming. We are committed to ensuring full access to the sector for women. Our farm manager is a young woman. FFF through its training organization (ACE – Agronomic for Community Empowerment) is running a three year training program for young mothers teaching them the practice and business of farming and entrenching their knowledge of their rights.

Farm for the Future is a unique undertaking. Its duality of purpose ensures that it focusses equally on best commercial farming practice and on driving agricultural development in Tanzania. As such it is very well aligned with the Tanzanian government's ASDP II program. FFF is a project that can be scaled up or down as required and, critically, can be copy and pasted throughout Tanzania. The achievements of FFF are even more impressive when one considers the short time frame and the fact that 1 million US dollars have already been invested from private sources. It should be mentioned that FFF's success to date relies heavily on the excellent partners with whom it works.

The passion, commitment and focus of its board, management and team, mean that it is a project that deserves support.

We the advisory board commend FFF as an excellent initiative and state unequivocally our commitment to it.

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ANNEX I

1. Production/Productivity and Trade. Increasing sustainable productivity of crop, livestock/fish and export commodities, would improve household nutrition and food security, but also marketable surplus. Increased competitiveness and farmer profitability will be enabled by: (i) sustainable productivity-enhancing technologies (including climate smart), facilitated through strengthened research–extension linkages; (ii) effective extension models using ICT; (iii) expanded and inclusive private sector role; (iv) sustainable access to rural financing; and (v) stronger and more effective farmer cooperatives and organizations which also would support and incentivize expanded marketed production, and value chain development.
2. Inclusive Private Sector. Stimulating expanded and inclusive private sector-driven development and integration, facilitated by: (i) effective and viable public–private partnerships and public support services, and (ii) expanded rural infrastructure (especially small-scale irrigation, post-harvest facilities veterinary infrastructure, storage facilities and rural feeder roads). This would contribute also to much needed expanded off-farm employment opportunities.