

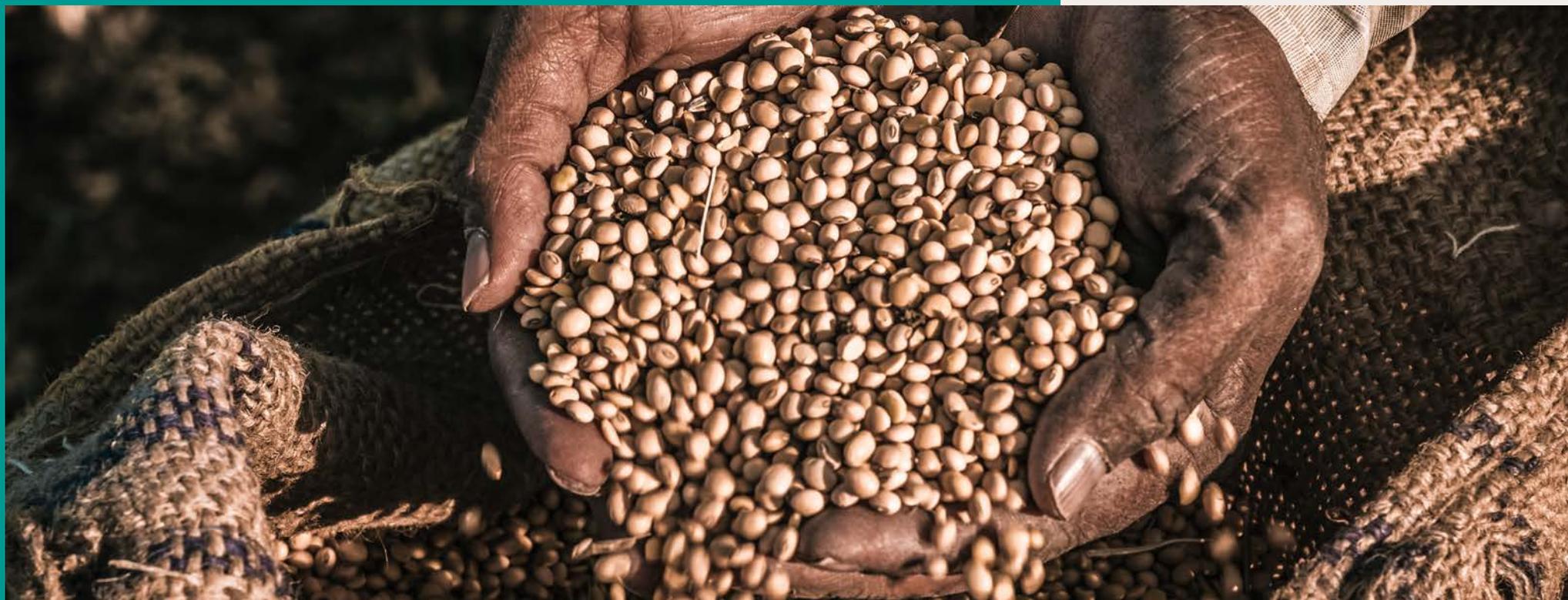
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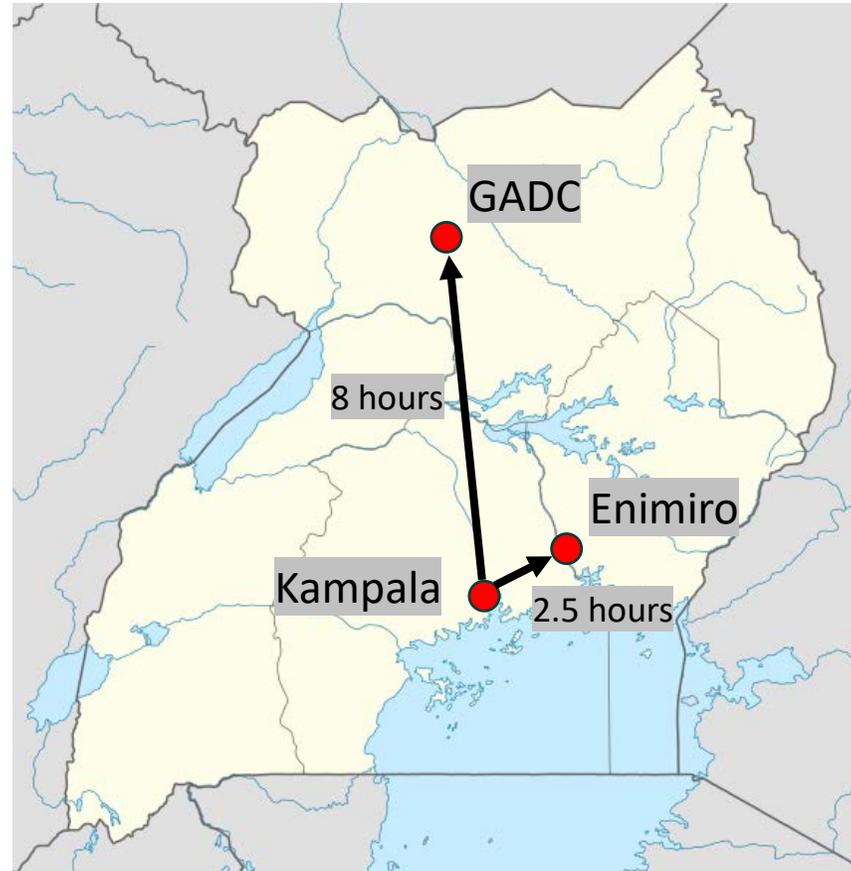
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## CFC investing in Uganda

### Common Fund for Commodities

- Established in 1989 as outcome of UNCTAD Integrated Programme for Commodities.
- International Financial Institution with 101 member states.
- Operating impact investment fund investing into agri-SMEs in developing country member states.
- Currently six active investments in Uganda including Gulu Agricultural Development Company (GADC) and Enimiro Products Uganda.



## Gulu Agricultural Development Company Ltd (GADC)

### Company fundamentals

- Established in 2009 following end to civil war in Northern Uganda.
- Processer and exporter of organic sesame seeds and cotton lint.
- Sourcing from over 50,000 smallholder farmers in Northern Uganda.

### Company investments

- UV and infrared sesame seed radiation.
  - CO2 and ozone packaging in airtight liners.
- Reduced post harvest losses, improved quality and extended shelf life, organic compliance.

### Value addition impact

- Increasing value of crop from reduced post harvest losses.
  - Value retention from relocation of advanced, mechanised cleaning to Uganda.
- Increased profitability, more skilled jobs, and better smallholder market conditions.



## Enimiro Products Uganda Ltd (Enimiro)

### Company fundamentals

- Established in 2019 to for more stable vanilla supply chain.
- Exporter of vanilla, coffee, and dried fruits
- Sourcing from over 4,000 smallholder farmers in Eastern and Western Uganda.

### Company investments

- Modular drying facilities.
- Reduced contamination, increased quality control, faster shortened production cycle.

### Value addition impact

- Increasing value of crop from improved quality.
- Value retention as shorter production cycle reduces financing costs.
- New value chain introduced as drying allows for economic jackfruit transportation costs.
- Increased profitability, more skilled jobs, better smallholder market conditions, and new smallholder value chain.



## Potential of mechanised post-harvest processing

- Increased value of crop through reduced post-harvest losses.
  - Increased value of crop through improved quality.
  - Increased value capture through localising advanced cleaning and quality measures with exporters.
  - Increased value capture through shortened production cycle and reduced finance costs.
  - Introduced new value chains for otherwise non-commercial crops.
- Viable mechanisation and value addition in distant, rural communities.



THANK YOU

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