



# Gender-responsive innovations for soil rehabilitation, alternative fuel and agriculture for resilient refugee and host community settlements in East Africa

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# Introduction

- Project is led by International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
- Major focus is on soil degradation, alternative fuel and nutrients, refugee settlements, gender, food security, resource recovery & reuse
- To be implemented in Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda
- Supported by BMZ for 3 years
- Beneficiaries - 3600 direct and 200,000 indirect including both refugees and host communities
- Six refugee settlements in 3 countries
- For Uganda: Rhino Camp and Imvepi in West Nile sub-region

# Project Purpose And Aim

- **Purpose:** to pilot and scale technically applied, locally viable, and gender-responsive solutions to reduce soil degradation and competition for natural resources between host and refugee communities in Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia.
- **Aim:** best use of alternative biomass fuel options, reclaimed water and compost for soil rehabilitation from different household and community based waste sources, using gender-responsive solutions.

# Outputs

- Local authorities supported in the implementation and scaling of innovative and gender-responsive fuel and farming options in refugee and host communities
- Local trainers, refugees and host community members trained in waste based options for a) safe production and marketing of dry fuel briquettes, and b) low-space farming and agroforestry innovations for subsistence needs and cash crop production
- Household- and community based pilots established, analysed for their viability and scaling potential (opportunities, impact and challenges)
- Tested and verified solutions integrated in the programs and activities of project upscaling partners, aid and donor agencies.

# Stakeholders

- **Provision of knowledge** the three CGIAR centres IWMI, CIAT and ICRAF
- **Knowledge sharing** via capacity development and implementation pilots, (ADRA in all three countries)
- **Knowledge adoption**, the local beneficiaries in refugee and host communities and implementing partners
- **Knowledge scaling** to other settlements through collaboration with other partners
- **Technical backstopping:** Coventry University (Humanitarian aid) and Penn State University (Gender Integration and Social Inclusion)