



SOMALIA

ONGOING PROGRAMMES

Fit For Market (FFM, FFM SPS, FFM+)



Boost Africa



FO4ACP



Business ACP



ACP Quality Infrastructure



DESCRIPTION OF INTERVENTIONS

Fit For Market (FFM) programmes support companies in the horticultural sector and their environment to ensure their international access to horticultural and national markets while complying with sanitary and phytosanitary regulations and market requirements, individually or collectively. Support includes food safety, environmental management, social compliance and business management. The main types of support are related to the implementation of a management system (on social themes, environment, quality) meeting the requirements of international certification standards required by customers (GLOBALG.A.P., HACCP, Rainforest Alliance, SMETA, etc.). Set up in the continuity of FFM past programmes, the new FFM+ programme support is tailored to facilitate the transition of ACP horticulture towards more sustainable food systems, addressing the priority areas identified in the Farm to Fork strategy of the European Green Deal. FFM organised training on health quality management and crop protection as well as capacity building on training and communication techniques for the staff of the **Jubba Agro company** (mainly banana producer).

In 2022, Kenya hosted a study tour by the Somalian competent authorities – the **Somali Bureau of Standards (SOBS)** and the **Somali Agricultural Regulatory and Inspection Services (SARIS)**, part of the **Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation (MoA)**. They visited the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) and the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) among other key stakeholders in the country – the Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya (FPEAK), Pest Control Products Board (PCPB), Bureau Veritas and Naivasha VegPro Group. The objective was to support the Somali authorities to gain a good understanding of the legal and administrative frameworks involved in the successful functioning of a National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) and of national standards bodies. The goal was to support the country's competent authorities to develop a joint strategy for the development of technical regulations and standards for plant health inspection services, based on regional and international best practices.



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FO4ACP The overall objective of the programme is to increase income and to improve livelihood, food and nutrition security and safety of organised smallholder and family farmers in ACP countries. Farmers' Organisation for ACP is active at the regional level through the **East African Farmers Federation (EAFF)** which adopted a new Strategic Plan 2021-2028 and rolled out a regional COVID-19 sensitisation campaign supported by the programme. Two regional policy studies – for dairy and maize value chains – were conducted aiming at improving business environment. In this context, two business to business (B2B) meetings for the above value chains were organised, and MoUs were signed.

The **ACP Quality Infrastructure (QI)** programme supports ACP policy makers, institutions and private sector actors to **(i)** enhance the regional Quality and Regulatory infrastructure governance; **(ii)** strengthen the availability of the value chain-specific QI services; **(iii)** promote quality culture and practices. The programme complements and builds on the ongoing achievements of the ACP Business-friendly programme reinforcing the UNIDO's programme action. **ACP QI** for the African region was officially launched in Luanda in December 2022, during the OACPS Business Days held on the margins of the OACPS Heads of State Summit.

Boost Africa is implemented by the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the European Investment Bank (EIB). It offers blended finance and focuses on supporting entrepreneurially-driven, early stage, and start-up SMEs on the African continent. Boost Africa targets innovative investments in any sector, with special focus on those that have a high potential for economic impact. Boost Africa also provides technical assistance to: **i)** venture capital funds which are considered for investment by Boost Africa; **ii)** investee companies of funds in which Boost Africa has invested. Training to start-up owners covers Somalia.

MORE INFORMATION

- **Read the Monitoring Report 2021:**

<https://businessacp.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Annual-Report-online-version.pdf>

- **Visit the "Programmes' Highlights" page on the Business ACP website:**

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