PROJECT FACTSHEET

RWANDA DAIRY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PHASE TWO (RDDP II)

Building an inclusive, climate-resilient and competitive dairy sector

Project overview

The Rwanda Dairy Development Project – Phase II (RDDP-2) is a six-year initiative aimed at reducing poverty among targeted rural households while minimizing the dairy sector's environmental and climate impact. Operating in 27 of Rwanda's 30 districts, the project builds on the achievements of its first phase to advance a greener, more productive and inclusive dairy value chain. RDDP-2 is co-financed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Government of Rwanda and Heifer International.

PROJECT PERIOD	**Six years; 2024-2029**	**GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE**	**27 districts: 14 continuing and 13 new**
OVERALL PROJECT BUDGET	**USD 100.37 million**	**Target Participants**	**185,000 rural households**
FEMALE Participants TARGET	**45%**	**YOUTH Participants TARGET**	**25%**
HEIFER MANAGED GRANT	**USD 12 million grant and technical assistance**	**LEAD IMPLEMENTING PARTNER**	**Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Board (RAB)**

Development objective

Enhance the income, nutrition and resilience of rural households through a more inclusive, sustainable, digitalized and competitive dairy sector.

Three delivery pillars

PILLAR	FOCUS
1. Productive and resilient farms	Increase climate-smart productivity and resilience in smallholder dairy systems.
2. Efficient dairy markets	Scale investment, market access, value-chain efficiency and dairy consumption.
3. Enabling systems	Strengthen policy, institutions, project management, monitoring, evaluation and learning.

Expected results by project closure

RESULT AREA	PROJECT-CLOSURE TARGET
Household income	90% of targeted dairy households increase their income by 30%.
Jobs	28,800 new jobs created across dairy production, marketing and processing.

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Climate resilience	60% of targeted dairy households adopt environmentally sustainable and climate-resilient technologies.
Nutrition	45% of targeted households report improved nutritional security.
Infrastructure	299 milk storage and processing facilities constructed or rehabilitated.
Digitalization	94 milk collection centers equipped with digital milk-transaction management systems.
Enterprise development	85,000 people supported in dairy entrepreneurship through improved access to finance.

PROGRESS TO DATE

Combined results from July 2024 to June 2026

DAIRY ASSETS AND FARMER SERVICES

Indicator	Reported achievement
Girinka cows placed (Original Placement)	1,950
Modern cowsheds constructed	1,950
Rainwater-harvesting tanks distributed	1,950
Cows passed on through Passing on the Gift model	1,670

FARMER ORGANIZATION AND CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT

Indicator	Reported achievement
Farmers trained in Values-Based Holistic Community Development	44,557
Frontline personnel trained	592
New Self-Help Groups and members mobilized	1,146 groups and 35,520 members
Groups legally registered as formal cooperatives	6
Self Help Groups registered at Sector level as tontines (in the process of becoming formal Cooperatives)	1,627

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Indicator	Reported achievement
Local resources leveraged – Total FY25+FY26	RWF 2.0 billion
Self-Help Group loans disbursed - Cumulative	Rwf 830,543,997
Self-Help Group member investments Cumulative	Rwf 633,097,705
Cash & In-Kind Contribution – from other partners (Rwf)	633,097,705
Passing on the Gift value in Rwanda Francs	688,661,600

PRODUCTIVITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Indicator	Reported achievement
Milk production and sales	546,105 litres produced; 211,522 litres sold (38.7%)
Manure production	1,634,668 kg
Combined value of sales (milk and manure)	RWF 88,565,275 million
Climate-smart practices	45,822 avocado seedlings planted (77.5% initial survival); 1,697 households established compost pits and 230 households constructed compost piles

Sources: Project design parameters and closure targets – RDDP-2 Final Design Report (2023). Implementation achievements – RDDP II Two-Year Achievements Report covering FY25 and FY26

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