

# **Country Focus Results**

In 2024, AGRA supported country-led agricultural transformation by aligning its investments with national, regional, and continental priorities. This infographic highlights AGRA's 12 focus countries, outlining the strategic areas of work and priority value chains in each. It also showcases one result from 2024 in each country, reflecting efforts to build resilience and strengthen market competitiveness as part of AGRA's integrated approach under Strategy 3.0.

## MALI

- **Strategic focus:** Strengthen climate resilience through coherent food systems planning and investment
- Priority value chains: Maize, rice, sorghum, millet, cowpea
- 2024 highlights: Supported adoption of a new National Agricultural and Food Systems Investment Plan, aligning future investments with national transformation goals

## **BURKINA FASO**

- Strategic focus: Build resilience to climate shocks and insecurity through inclusive investment models
- Priority value chains: Rice, maize, sorghum, cowpea
- 2024 highlights: Identified anchor firms and developed tailored financial products to improve off-taker schemes and cooperative financing for smallholder farmers

## GHANA

- Strategic focus: Promote a market-led enabling environment to support farmer access and competitiveness
- Priority value chains: Rice, soybean
- 2024 highlights: Scaled up digital platforms connecting farmers with off-takers, processors, and exporters

## **NIGERIA**

- Strategic focus: Build climate resilience through improved production, market access, and institutional capacity
- Priority value chains: Maize, soybean, rice
- Subnational focus: Kaduna, Niger, Nasarawa
- 2024 highlights: Delivered farmer advisory services to 256,943 farmers on climate-smart practices and improved varieties

## ZAMBIA

- Strategic focus: Boost productivity and competitiveness through inclusive market systems, resilience, and policy support
- Priority value chains: Cross-cutting (aligned with national investment priorities)
- 2024 highlights: Supported the design of Zambia's USD 950 million food systems investment plan under NAIP II/CATSP, prioritizing strategic national agricultural investments

#### RWANDA

- Strategic focus: Boost incomes, jobs, and exports through high-value value chains prioritized by the government
- Priority value chains: Horticulture (avocado, chili), poultry (supported by maize and soy)
- 2024 highlights: Engaged over 20,500 youth in seedling production and agribusinesses in the avocado and chili value chains

## **ETHIOPIA**

- Strategic focus: Strengthen seed systems and scale wheat and soybean production for food security and farmer resilience
- Priority value chains: Wheat, soybean, rice
- Subnational focus: Oromia region
- 2024 highlights: Partnered with the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research to expand early-generation seed supply for soybean and rice, benefiting 302,000 smallholder farmers

# UGANDA

- Strategic focus: Advance agro-industrialization by improving competitiveness and export potential of key staples
- Priority value chains: Maize, beans, rice
- 2024 highlights: Strengthened quality assurance and regulatory systems, contributing to a 211% increase in structured maize exports

### KENYA

- Strategic focus: Advance climate adaptation by scaling sustainable farming practices, improving soil health, and strengthening farmer-market systems
- Priority value chains: Cross-cutting (aligned with national policy goals)
- Subnational focus: Lake Region, Mt. Kenya and Aberdares, Southeastern Kenya
- 2024 highlights: Scaled regenerative agriculture models across four counties, enabling 118,000+ farmers to adopt sustainable practices and boost resilience. Laid critical groundwork to address Kenya's double taxation challenge and continues to remove binding constraints to inter-county trade.

## **TANZANIA**

- Strategic focus: Enhance production and productivity, improve value addition, and connect Tanzania to regional and international export markets
- Priority value chains: Rice, maize, sunflower, horticulture
- **2024 highlights:** Facilitated **USD 129 million** in financing through AfDB for the government's *Building Better Tomorrow* youth program, expanding access to land, financing, extension, and markets

# MALAWI

- Trategic focus: Improve productivity and market access for smallholders, with strong youth engagement
- Priority value chains: Soybean, groundnut, maize
- 2024 highlights: Reached 463,732 farmers, 62% of whom were youth, while supporting 1,147 agro-dealers and 23 off-takers to strengthen input and output market linkages

### MOZAMBIQUE

- Strategic focus: Enhance productivity, resilience, and competitiveness of farmers and agri-SMEs
- Priority value chains: Maize, soybean, rice
- Subnational focus: Beira, Nacala, and Zambezi corridors
- **2024 highlights:** Supported the government's Seed Law, Policy, and Investment Plan in collaboration with key public and private partners

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