

<b>Project name</b>	Jinja Trade Logistics Cluster
<b>Desired results</b>	<p>The project is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve export capability for selected sectors.</li> <li>• Improve Exporters' compliance to standards.</li> <li>• Reduce post-harvest losses through improved storage facilities.</li> <li>• Leverage on investment to further improve operability of the TLC and increase productivity.</li> </ul>
<b>Implementer</b>	Uganda Free Zones Authority
<b>Target Group</b>	Importers, Exporters, Transporters, Regulatory Government Agencies
<b>Value (USD)</b>	USD 520,000
<b>Implementation period</b>	2018 – 2022
<b>Geographical Focus</b>	Uganda
<b>Why?</b>	<p>Despite promising developments in Uganda, industrialization remains elusive. The Country continues to be heavily import-reliant, importing four to five times its exports, while regional trade remains low.</p> <p>Whilst much progress has been made with TMEA's support in reducing time and costs of trade in the region, and lowering import costs, there has been a muted production response at firm level.</p> <p>Export profiles are still dominated by primary commodities with limited value addition. Unemployment is persistently high across the country, particularly amongst youth.</p> <p>Uganda put in place a national Industrial Policy in 2008 however its implementation remains a challenge.</p>
<b>What?</b>	<p>The Jinja TLC, which will be situated on a 20 acres parcel of land within the Jinja Industrial Park, is designed to unlock constraints to value addition in export-oriented sectors that have high growth potential for manufacturing and labour absorption, these include horticulture (fruit and vegetables), light manufacturing (automotive) and aquaculture. The TLC will provide storage infrastructure especially for horticulture produce, address issues of standards and compliance which are critical for competitiveness and export readiness.</p> <p>TMEA plans to jump start growth in the country through a co-ordinated public private partnership approach with the Government of Uganda and the private sector. The approach is demand-led and aligned with the government's industrialisation and export development strategies. These shall be achieved through promoting a localized economy in which many manufacturing companies, services industries, the Trading community (Importers/Exporters/Transporters) and government regulating agencies exist in proximity to one another.</p>
<b>How?</b>	TMEA, with funding from the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), is providing financial and technical assistance to Uganda Free Zones Authority.
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