

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

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**Knowledge-driven agriculture  
for Africa's resilience**



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# FOREWORD

## KNOWLEDGE-DRIVEN AGRICULTURE FOR AFRICA'S RESILIENCE

The Forum for Agricultural Research for Africa (FARA) is mandated to advocate for and coordinate agricultural research on the continent to improve the development impact of research and to increase investments in research and the returns therefrom. FARA executes this mandate in partnership with several actors across the agricultural value chain including the sub-regional agricultural research organisations, national agricultural research systems, university networks, policy networks, civil society actors, advisory service providers, international agricultural research institutions, private sector actors and funders / development partners.

FOREWORD KNOWLEDGE-DRIVEN AGRICULTURE FOR AFRICA'S RESILIENCE

The year 2019 marked the commencement of the implementation of FARA's new Strategy (2019-2028) and Business Plan (2019-2023). FARA's strategic objective during this planning phase is to contribute to the achievement of the African Union's agricultural development targets elaborated in the 2014 Malabo Declaration by increasing the application of the appropriate science, technology and innovation in African agriculture. The specific targets that constitute the focus of FARA's work are: doubling productivity, halving postharvest losses and increasing resilience to climate-related risks, all to be achieved by 2025. The main tool deployed by FARA towards achievement of this objective is the Science Agenda for Agriculture in Africa (S3A). With the COVID-19 pandemic still affecting many sectors, FARA in 2021 continued to dominate the online space, providing engagements opportunities for all actors in AR4D. Through the CAADP-XP4 programme, there was strengthened partnership with the European Commission (EC). The programme aimed at strengthening the collaborative capacities of regional agricultural research institutions including FARA, AFAAS, ASARECA, CCARDESA and CORAF to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their support to national agricultural research systems. The funding provided by the EC to carry out this work is administered by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

In 2021 FARA launched the Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development (KM4AgD) agenda, implemented through an integrated, strategic, educational and transformational approach, as a lighthouse initiative for knowledge-based development in AR4D in Africa. 28 beneficiaries from 21 NARES were certified as Knowledge Managers, with national KM policies and organizational strategies developed for implementation. Also, the Agricultural Research and Innovation Fellowship for Africa (ARIFA) programme received further boost from both the Governments of Nigeria and Brazil. The Common African Agro-Parks Programme (CAAPs) proposed as an Agenda 2063 Flagship Programme for the next 10 Years Implementation Plan also received overwhelming endorsement by the AU and other relevant partners.

Executive Director FARA  
**Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo**

# ABBREVIATION

ZIPS	Innovation to Impact Partnerships & Systems
AAPHCE	All Africa Post Harvest Congress and Exhibition
AFA	African Foresight Academy
AFAAS	African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services
AfCFTA	African Free Trade Agreement
AfDB	African Development Bank
AgMOOCs	Agriculture Massive Open Online Courses
AIRTEA	Strengthening Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Ecosystem for Inclusive Rural Transformation and Livelihoods in Eastern Africa
AR4D	Agricultural Research for Development
ARI	Agricultural Research and Innovation
ARIFA	Agricultural Research and Innovation Fellowships for Africa
ASARECA	Association for strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Southern Africa
ATI	Agricultural Transformation Initiative
AUC	African Union Commission
AWARD	African Women in Agricultural Research and Development
BADEA	Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa
BMGF	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
BP	Business Plan
CAADP	Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme
CAADP-XP4	Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme ex-Pillar IV
CCAFS	Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security
CCARDESA	Centre for Coordination of Agricultural research and Development for Southern Africa

CDTO	Capacity Development and Technology Outreach
CGIAR	Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research
CoL	Commonwealth of Learning
CSA	Climate-Smart Agriculture
CSAYN	Climate-Smart Agriculture Youth Network
CSIR-STEPRI	CSIR-Science and Technology Policy Research Institute
CSIR	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
EDU	Executive Directorate Unit
FANRPAN	Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
FDNs	FARA Dissemination Notes
FPBs	FARA Policy Briefs
FRRs	FARAResearch Reports
GACSA	Global Alliance on Climate-Smart Agriculture
GASIP	Ghana Agricultural Sector Investment Programme
GFAR	Global Forum on Agricultural Research and Innovation
HRA	Human Resource and Administration
ICF	Institutional Capacity and Future Scenarios
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IITA	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
KALRO	Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization
KM4AgD	Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development
KMLC	Knowledge Management, Learning and Communication
LEAPFNSSA	Long-term Europe-Africa Research and Innovation Partnership for Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture
MEL	Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (system)
NAASRO	North Africa Agricultural Research Organisation
NAIPs	National Agriculture Investment Plans and Programmes
NARI	National Agricultural Research Institute
OWSD	Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World
PANAP	Pan-African Network for economic Analysis of Policies
PARI	Programme of Accompanying Research for Agricultural Innovation
PO	Programme Oversight
ReNAPRI	Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes
RPIIn	Research, Policy and Investment
S3A	Science Agenda for Agriculture in Africa
SROs	Sub-regional Organisations
STI	Science, Technology and Innovation
TAAT	Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation
UNFSS	United Nations Food Systems Summit
YPARD	Young Professionals for Agricultural Development

# Structure of FARA's Programme and support functions

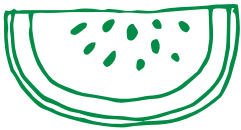
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## Outcomes

Contribute to achievement of CAADP-Malabo 2025 targets:



Doubling agricultural productivity



Halving post-harvest losses

≥30%

of producers are resilient to the effects of climate change by supporting increased application of STI



Tripling intra-Africa trade



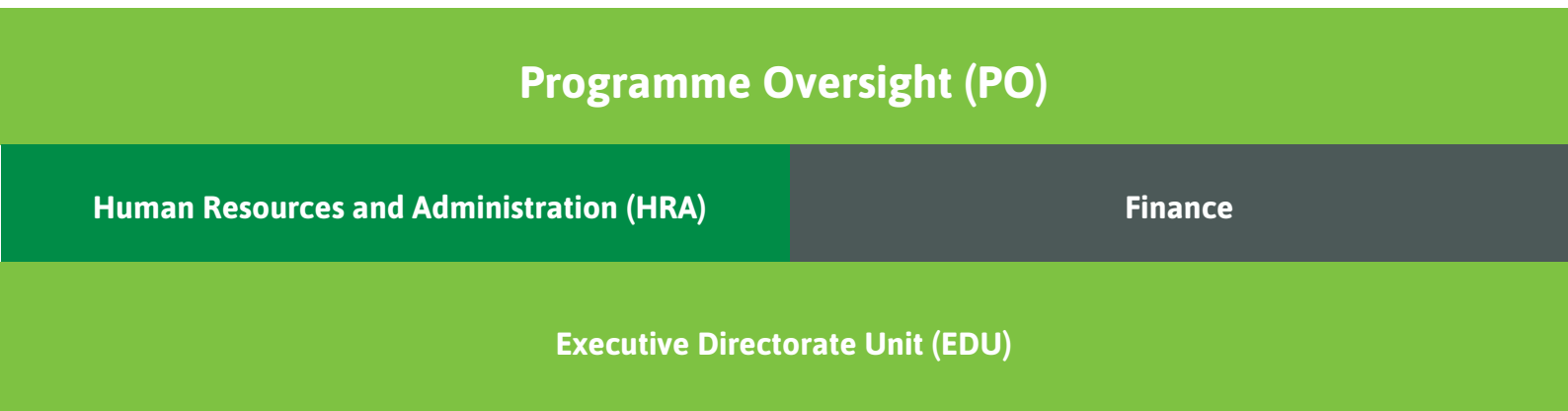
# Strategic Objectives



## Programme Clusters



## Oversight and support functions



# Summary of achievements and Progress

Structured according to programme clusters



Structured according to programme clusters

# 3.1 Innovation to Impact Partnerships & Systems (2IPS)



## Outcome:

Each year an additional 100K smallholder farmers and other value chain actors using improved technologies and information on good agricultural practices.



## BROAD ACTIVITIES:

### Deployment of multi-stakeholder partnerships and innovation system approaches to advance:

1. Scaling technologies
2. Responding to emerging issues and megatrends affecting African Agriculture,
3. Strengthening partnerships and strategic alliances for translating innovation to impacts,
4. Strengthening Science-Agribusiness linkages and Youth

## RESPONDING TO EMERGING ISSUES

### FOOD SYSTEMS APPROACH (FSA) WAS ADVOCATED BY THE UNFSS.]

- Developed a proposal with NORAD on mainstreaming the FSA in NAIPs
- Following FARA's organization of a UNFSS dialogue on underutilized foods a grant was secured to assemble a compendium of these foods in Africa
- African food cities H.Europe call: linking rural and urban producers, markets and consumers

### CLIMATE CHANGE

CSA mapping findings disseminated;  
Mapping tool and policy brief

**Grant to organize a consultation on  
FAO CSA strategy**

### SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Soil Initiative for Africa. A proposal for a continental programme on improving soil health. An action plan of the upcoming AU Soil Health and Fertilizer Summit

**Responding to a Horizon Europe call on Agroecological  
approaches in African agriculture Systems**

**AFRICA-EUROPE [N-S]**

Smooth transition of the coordination of the Long-term Europe-Africa Partnership on Food and Nutrition Security, and Sustainable Agriculture (LEAP4FNSSA) from CIRAD to FARA. On course

EC/Joint Research Center on operationalization of the Pan Africa Network on economic Analysis of Policies (PANAP)—an AU-EU initiative.

**AFRICA-BRAZIL [S-S]**

120 fellows enrolled in Brazil universities. 12 travelled to Br.

**AFRICA-IFAD-CHINA [TC]**

Transfer of small dyers technology for post-harvest

Science-agribusiness forum at the 3rd All Africa Post Harvest Congress. Papers in Special issue of AJFAND

Strategy for engagement between ag. research and business. Includes strategy for commercialization of technologies. Consultation completed.

**500K**

Common Africa Agroparks (CAAPs) programme secured USD 500k for feasibility studies

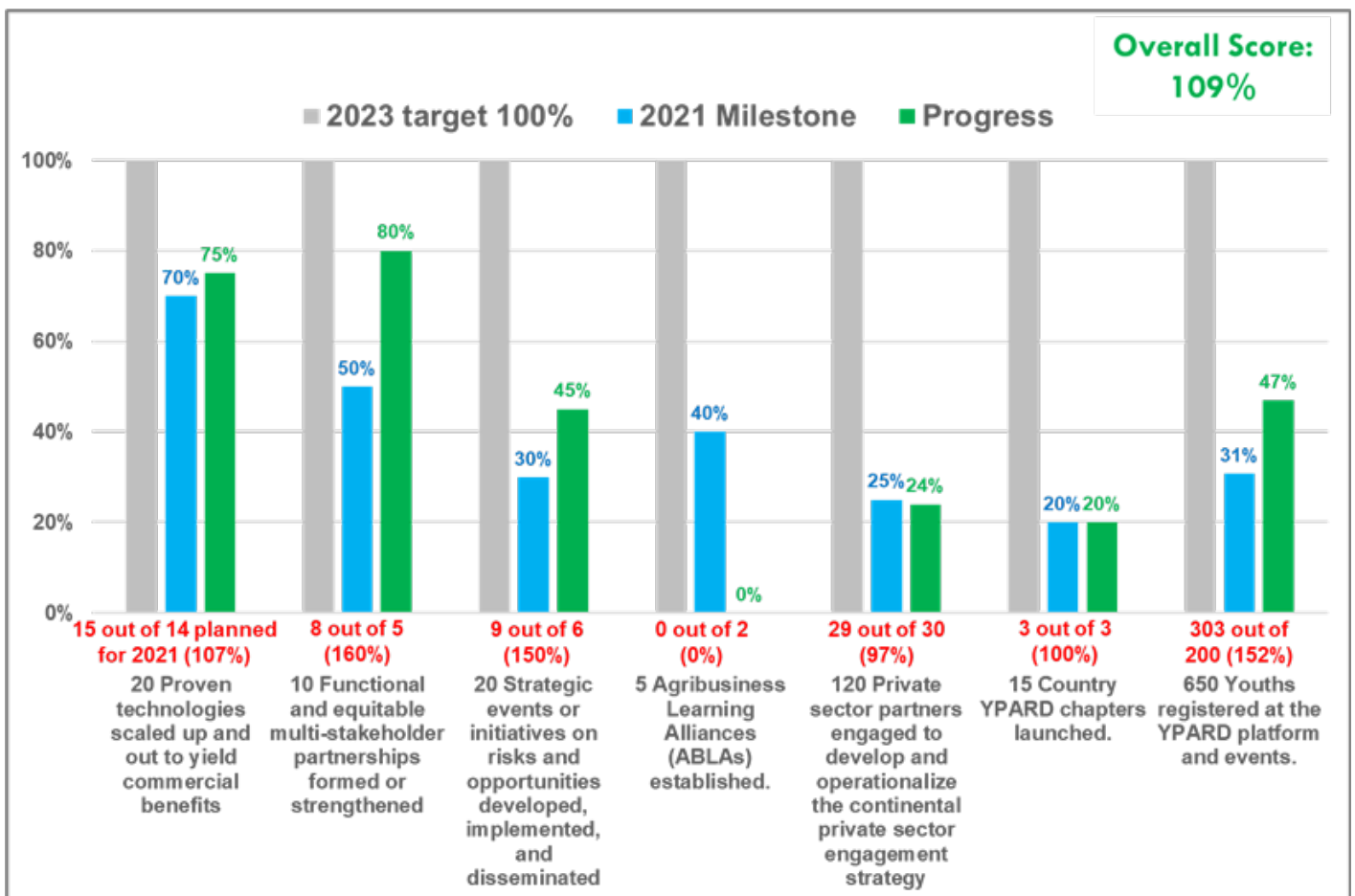
## Strengthening Partnerships



## Strengthening Science-Agribusiness Linkages and Youth engagement



## Innovation to Impact Partnerships & Systems (2IPS)



## KEY 2IPS TARGETS FOR 2022

Results	Funder	Partners
15 Countries sensitized on Food Systems Approach	NORAD	AUDA, CAADP XP4, RECS
Compendium on Forgotten Foods prepared	FAO	FAO
Biennial CSA Conference (CSA roadmap) FAO CSA Strategy Validated	CAADP XP4 FAO	CAADP XP4, AUDA, AGNES consortium of CSA institutions
Soil Initiative for Africa: Action Plan	EC/IFAD BMGF	CAADP XP4, FAO, IFDC, ReNAPRI, AUC
Soil information System methodology validated	USIAD, EC	WUR
Proposal on Agroecology and African Food Cities	CAADP XP4	Numerous
Framework/instrument for collaboration among CAADP XP4 organisation	CAADP XP4	CAADP XP4
Africa-Germany-india Cooperation	PARI	CAADP XP4, ZEF, India Institutions
AU-EU International Research Consortium	EC/REA	LEAP4FNSSA Consortium
One CGIAR-CAADP XP4 Partnership strengthened	NORAD	One CGIAR, AUC, CAADP XP4
ABLA Framework operationalized	AIRTEA	ASARECA, EAFF
Ag. Research - BUbusiness engagement strategy	CAADP XP4	CAADP XP4
Africa Agribusiness and Science Week	CAADP XP4	CAADP XP4, GFAR, YPARD



# 3.2 Knowledge Management, Learning & Communication (KMLC)



## Outcome:

At least 3.5 million actors have access to relevant information and expert solutions on AR4D in Africa through FARA's observatory for informed decision making



## BROAD ACTIVITIES:

### Knowledge management, learning and communication

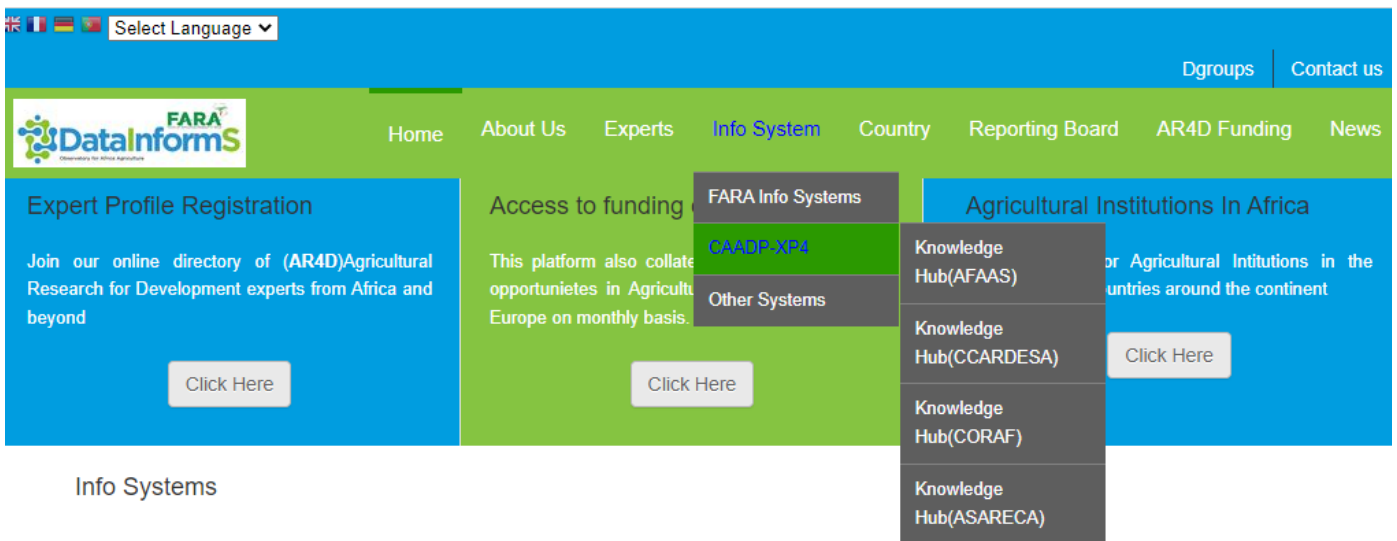
1. Developing and maintaining an interoperable Agricultural Research and Innovation Data Management System - FARADatInformS
2. Assembling and disseminating FARA's Flagship--the Africa Report on Research & Innovation- AfARR)
3. Facilitating and promoting knowledge and information dissemination, and Communication among ARI actors



# DataInforms

Info systems linked to knowledge hubs of all CAADP-XP4 Institutions

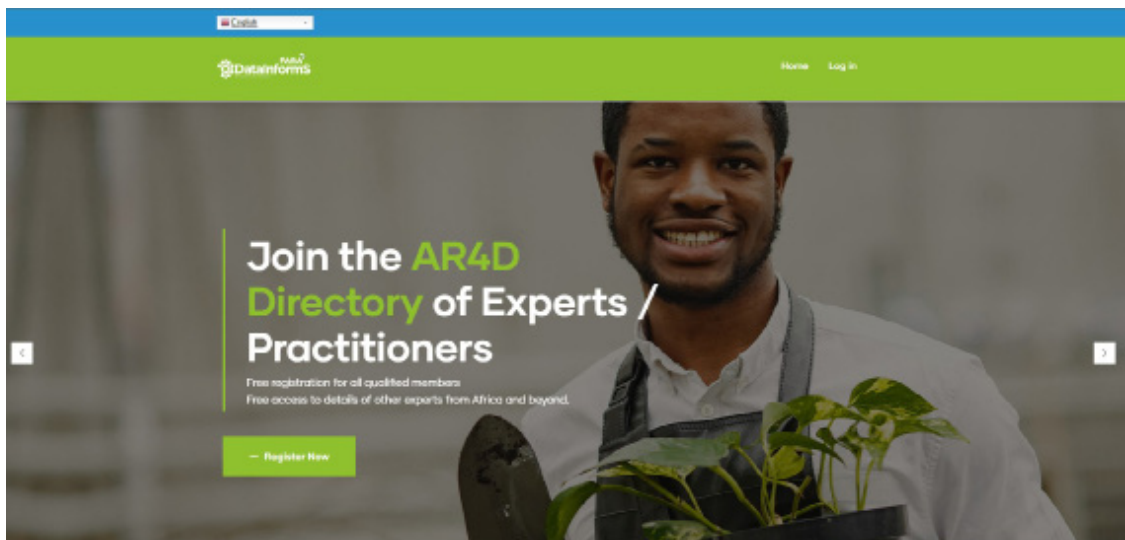
250k stakeholders used the portal to access information



Info Systems

Expert directory: 216 additional individuals added, making a total of 2,716 experts registered.

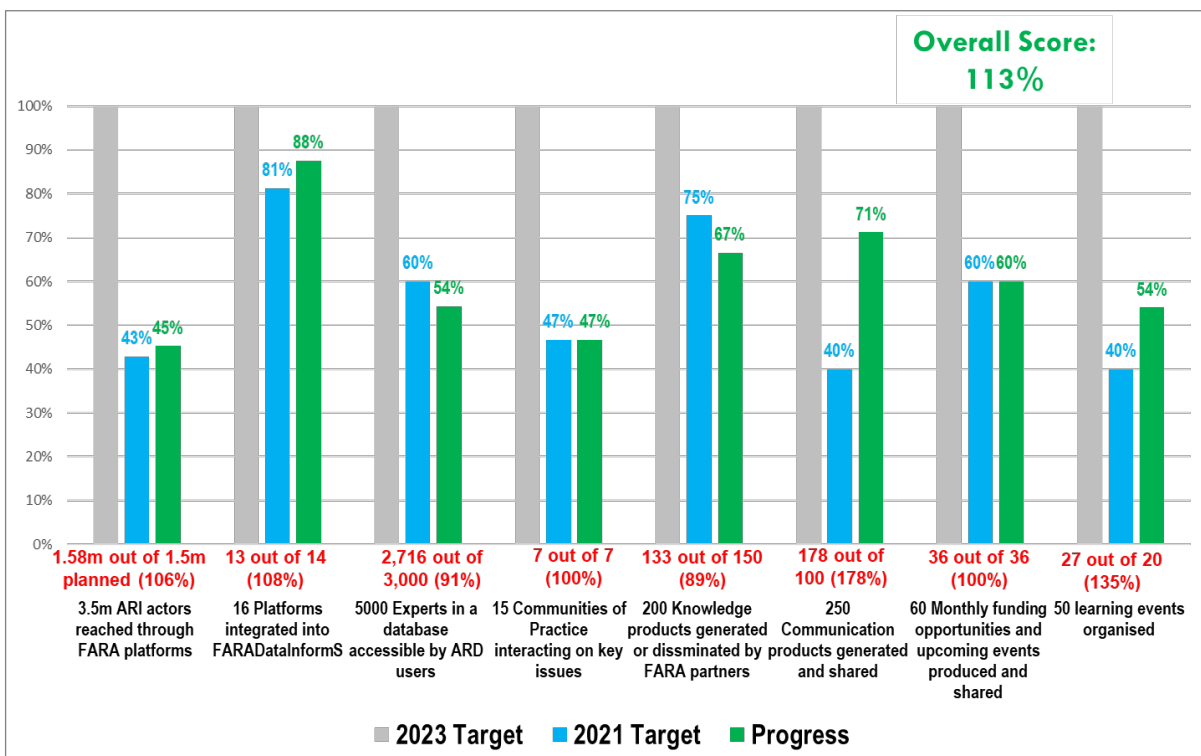
6 issues of Funding opportunities and upcoming events disseminated



# KM4AgD Challenge

## OBJECTIVES

- Build KM capacities (certification in KM)
- Community of practice
- Mechanisms for Knowledge generation



## KEY KMLC TARGETS FOR 2022

Results	Funder	Partners
2nd AgKM4agD Challenge + Conference	CAADP XP4	CAADP XP4, K4DP
DataInFormS maintained as interoperable platform and further developed to integrate portals of new projects	CAADP XP4, INTERFACES	CAADP XP4, ZEF, DIE, H-BRS, WASCAL, SASSCAL
Biennial CSA Conference (CSA roadmap) FAO CSA Strategy Validated	CAADP XP4 FAO	CAADP XP4, AUDA, AGNES consortium of CSA institutions
1,000 Experts registered in the Portal	CAADP XP4	KM4D Community of Practice
First edition of AfARR published	NORAD	CAADP XP4, AUDA
Develop and disseminate Publications and Visibility materials	CAADP XP4, INTERFACES	CAADP XP4, ZEF, DIE, H-BRS, WASCAL, SASSCAL

# 3.3. Institutional Capacity and Future Scenarios (ICF)



## Outcome:

At least 300 AR4D institutions in Africa have adequate capacity to plan and respond to national capacity requirements in the area of Foresight, STI and gender mainstreaming



## BROAD ACTIVITIES:

Institutional capacity strengthening, foresight and gender mainstreaming

1. Capacity needs assessments and action plans
2. Capacity development for science, research management, outreach, foresight and gender mainstreaming



**ARIFA:**

- 12 in-person training in Brazil.
- 40 universities expressed interest to participate in ARIFA
- Ghana

**AG. MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSES (AGMOOCS)**

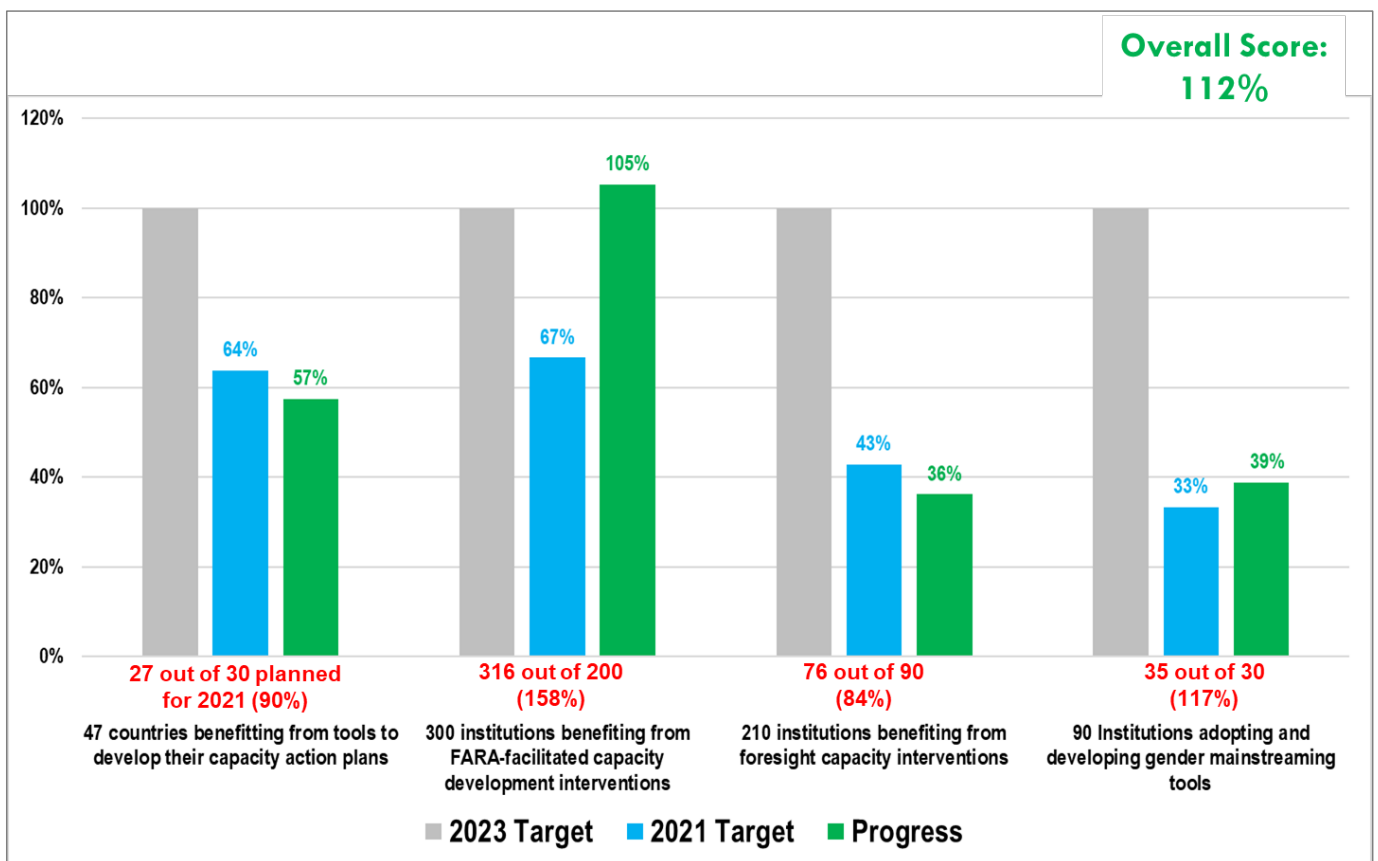
- Sensitization of stakeholders
- Courses: IAR4D, Food Systems, Foresight

**AFRICAN FORESIGHT ACADEMY**

- Framework and Portal validated (135 participants)
- Meta-analysis on foresight and food system processes prepared, to be published



**Online Graduate Courses at Federal University of Viçosa (UFV), Brazil**



## KEY ICF TARGETS FOR 2022

Results	Funder	Partners
Build capacities in Mainstreaming food systems approach	NORAD	FAO, AUDA
120 ARIFA Fellows complete training and Virtual training hubs strengthened	TETFUND	TETFUND, Brazil Universities
Implement 2 AgMOOCs courses	CAADP XP4	CAADP XP4, COL, Foresight-4Food, Oxford University
Foresight curriculum developed and tested	CAADP XP4	Foresight4Food, Maastricht School of Management
Country and regional Foresight Hubs established	CAADP XP4	CAADP XP4
Gender mainstreaming tools developed and applied	CAADP XP4	CAADP XP4, AWARD
Transfer of Small dryer technology for improving post harvest management	IFAD	

# 3.4. Research, Policy & Investment (RPIn)



## Outcome:

At least 40 African countries self-assess and improve their AIS policies, and at least 10 continental programmes developed to emerging challenges and opportunities



## BROAD ACTIVITIES

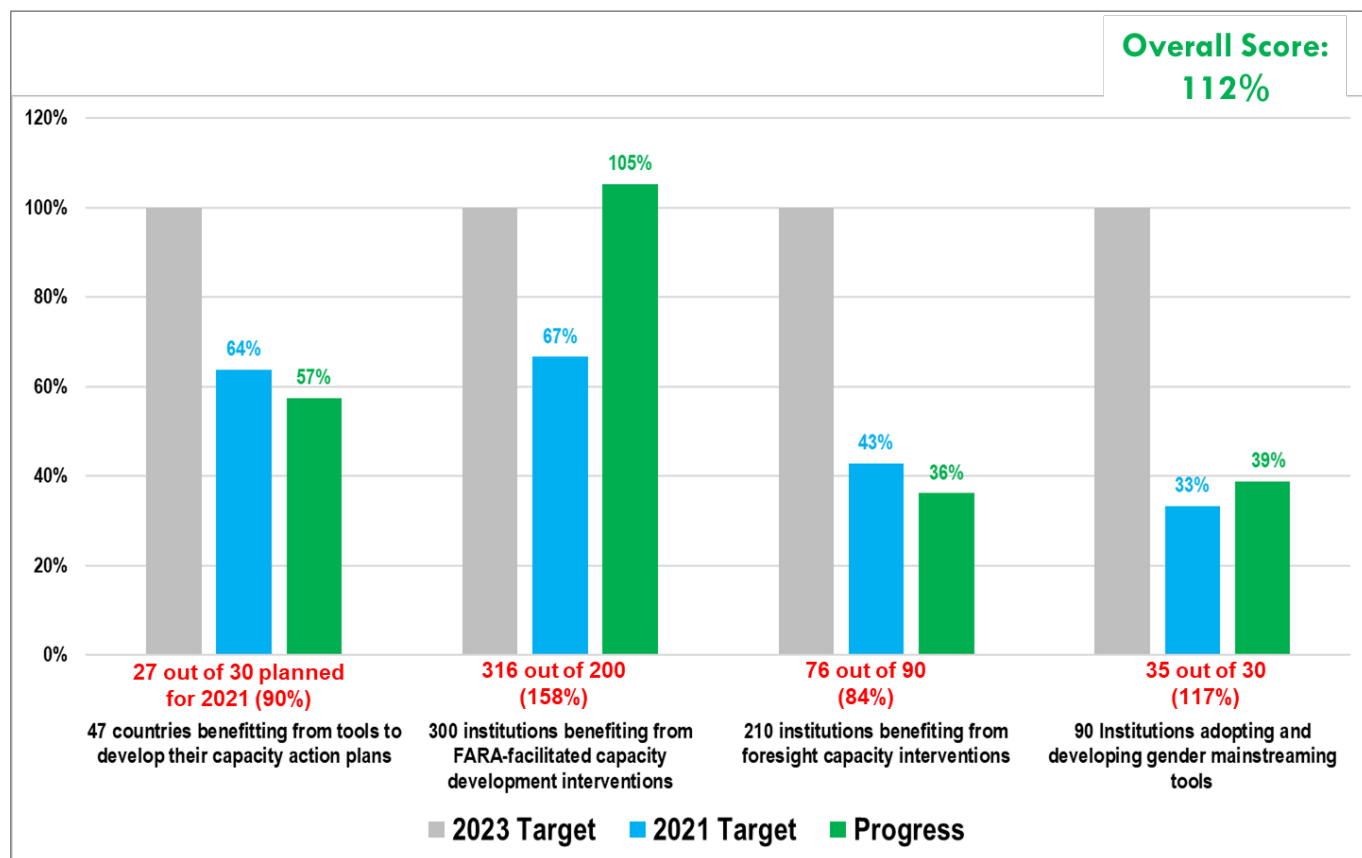
investments in AR4D and

- Improving Policy-Science Environment,
- Mobilizing investments in AR4D
- Mainstreaming the S3A in NAIPS

## RPIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Self-assessments of trade policies** (17 countries)
- **3 Policy briefs** ( CSA upscaling PPI, One Africa Voice)
- **3 flagship programmes** ( Soil initiative for Africa, Food Systems mainstreaming, CAAPs)
- **USD 2.91m mobilized** (cumulative for the year USD 3.44m)
- Ghana first country to develop S3A investment proposal





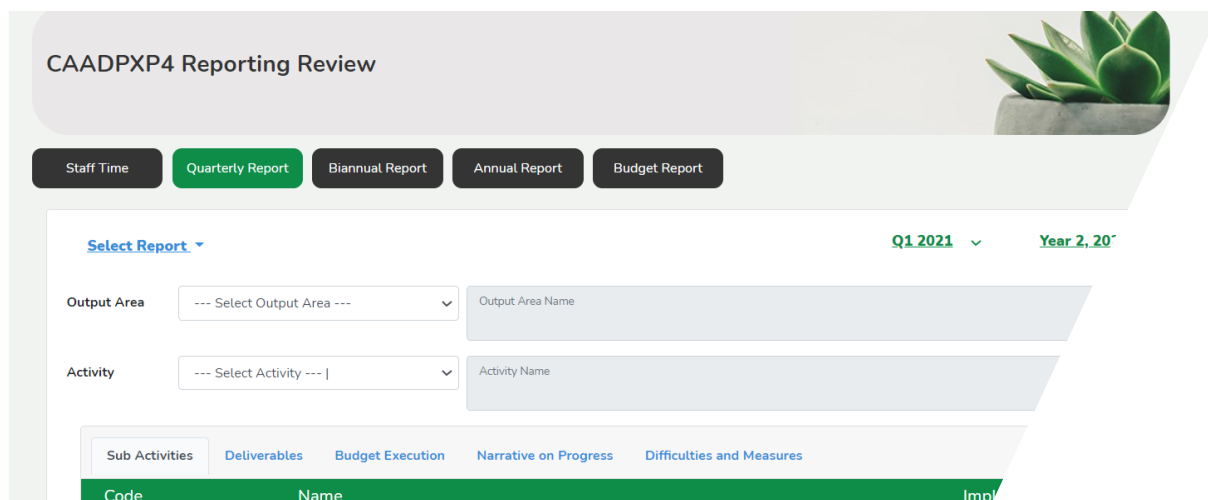
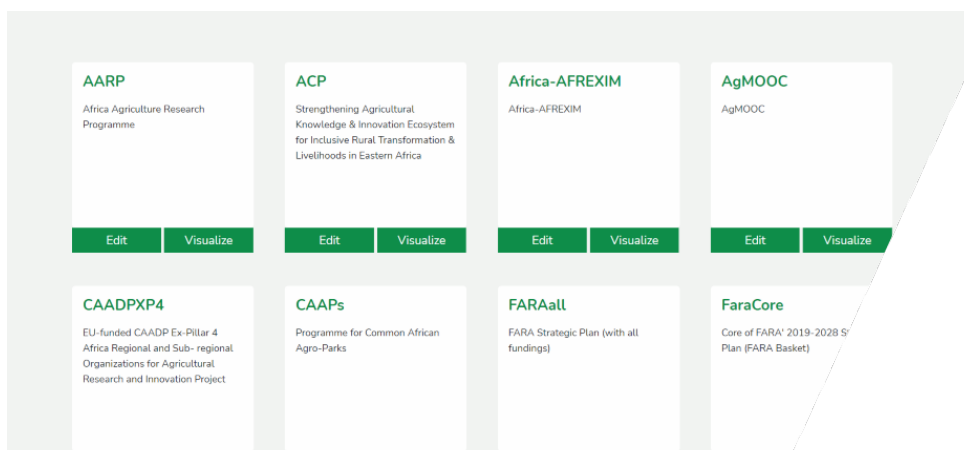
#### ACTIVITIES JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY FARA-AFAAS-SROS

- **Consolidation of the CAADP-XP4 annual report for year 2**
- CAADP-XP4 baseline study
- **3 UNFSS independent dialogues on “One Africa voice”, gender responsive investments and “forgotten foods”**
- Toward interoperable MEL systems
- **Linking the knowledge hubs of CAADP XP4 partners**
- The KM4AgD challenge aimed at strengthening KM capacities
- **Mapping of CSA activities and a policy dialogue on scaling up the adoption of CSA**
- Self-assessment of trade policies using the PPI
- **Strategies for strengthening the engagement of research and innovation with the private sector**
- Resource mobilisation, focusing on development of the Soil Initiative for Africa and training of stakeholders on proposal development targeting Horizon Europe calls
- **Side events: (a) investments in agricultural innovation, held at the UNFSS science days pre-summit (6 July 2021), and (b) towards a Joint Action Plan (JAP) for Capacity Development in Africa’s Agricultural Innovation Systems, held at the TAP partners assembly (25 November 2021).**
- Sensitisation on AgMOOCs and the AFA

<b>KEY RPIN TARGETS FOR 2022</b>		
<b>Results</b>	<b>Funder</b>	<b>Partners</b>
SROs supported to facilitate AIS policy self-assessments by 10 countries	CAADP XP4	CAADP XP4
12 policy briefs prepared and disseminated	CAADP XP4, FAO, NORAD, EC/JRC, EC/WUR, AIRTEA, EC/REA	CAADP XP4, EAFF, JRC, WUR, AUDA, FAO, LEAP4FNSSA
10 policy dialogues organized		
6 Continental initiatives developed / advanced	CAADP XP4, NORAD	AUDA, RECs, CAADP XP4, AIRTEA
Joint Resource Mobilization Strategy developed	CAADP XP4	CAADP XP4
S3A investment plan for one additional country	NORAD	CORAF
Transfer of Small dryer technology for improving post harvest management	IFAD	

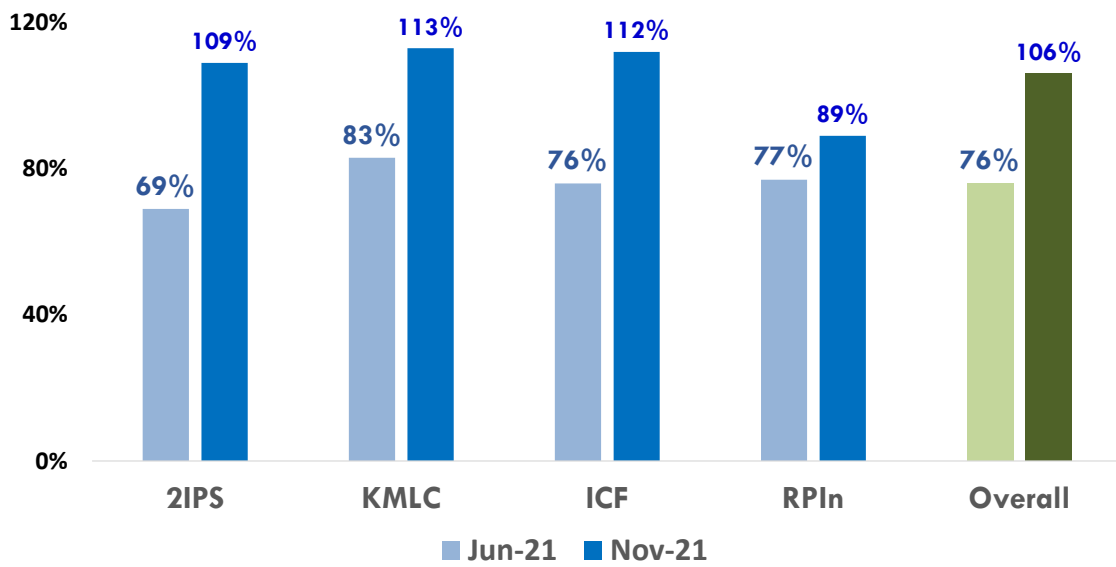
# 3.5 Programme Oversight

- Web-based Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning System that is being made inter-operable with systems of CAADP XP4 partners (CORAF and AFAAS)
- Programme Process Manual elaborated
- Quality Assurance Protocols
- Programme Coordination, Planning and reporting



## Cumulative Progress towards milestones for 2021

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# 4.5 Financial Overview

## 2021 Financial overview

FARA's activities during the year were mainly financed by the Time Bound Activities (TBAs) through bilateral agreements with various Development Partners. The core Secretariat activities were financed by transfer from restricted funds, and other miscellaneous income.

Total revenue during the year ended 31 December 2021 amounted to USD2,550,179 which was grant revenue for Programme Time Bound Activities – see Donors' Contribution schedule for details. Other sundry revenue amounted to USD327,748.

Total expenditure incurred during the period was USD3,242,364 of which 21% was for the Secretariat and 79% for Time Bound Activities. This resulted in a negative net balance of USD235,627 taking into consideration an amount of USD128,810 transferred from Closed Restricted funds for the Secretariat operations.

Funds received during the year came from BMZ/ZEF for PARI activities and African Development (AfDB) for TAAT project. The European Commission (EC) gave support for the AIRTEA project through OACPS, Soil for Africa and LEAP4FNSSA. Other contributors to FARA's activities during the year include GFAR/FAO who gave funding Forgotten Foods and African Heritage of Food Commodity as well as AGRIDEA who supported YPARD and IFAD for Small Scale Dryer project. Commonwealth of Learning (CoL) supported AgMOC.

FARA is sincerely grateful to, and acknowledges the contributions made by all its development partners mentioned in this report

Statement of Financial Performance for the years ended		
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
Donor Grants		
Secretariat (Restricted Reclassified)	128,810	1,146,006
Programmes	2,550,179	1,491,985
<b>Total Donor Grants</b>	<b>2,678,989</b>	<b>2,637,991</b>
Other revenue	327,748	81,907
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>3,006,737</b>	<b>2,719,898</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Secretariat	692,185	1,386,367
Programmes	2,550,179	1,491,985
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>3,242,364</b>	<b>2,878,352</b>
Excess of revenue over expenditure	-235,627	-158,454
Transfer from Reserves	0	270,000
<b>Net (Deficit)/Surplus</b>	<b>-235,627</b>	<b>111,546</b>

## Statement of financial position

The Balance Sheet showed the Total Assets of USD3,373,721 including Cash and Bank Balances of USD2,899,654 as at 31 December 2021. With the Current Liabilities of USD2,452,316, the net assets of USD921,405 is represented by Reserves of USD883,298 and the Accumulated fund balance of USD38,107

Statement of financial position as at 31 December		
	2021	2020
	US\$	US\$
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Property, Plant & Equipment	<b>13,558</b>	<b>29,630</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,899,654	3,768,856
Advances	406,743	245,724
Inventories	5,853	5,658
Prepayments	47,913	38,484
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>3,360,163</b>	<b>4,058,722</b>
Total Assets	3,373,721	4,088,353
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accrued Expenses & Payables	494,996	646,498
Temporary Restricted Funds	1,957,320	2,284,830
	2,452,316	2,931,328
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>921,405</b>	<b>1,157,024</b>
Represented by		
Reserves	883,298	883,298
Accumulated Funds	38,107	273,726
	921,405	1,157,024

Donor contributions for the Year		2021	2020
Development Partner	Project/Programme	US\$	US\$
European Commission/ OACPS	Strengthening Agricultural Knowledge & Innovation Ecosystem for Inclusive Rural Transformation & Livelihoods in Eastern Africa (AIRTEA)	1,325,313	0
BMZ/University of Bonn	Program of Accompanying Research for Agricultural Innovation (PARI)	130,993	516,043
<b>African Development Bank (AfDB)</b>	<b>Technology for African Agriculture Transformation (TAAT)</b>	<b>293,655</b>	<b>376,365</b>
IFAD	<b>Small Scale Dryer</b>	<b>203,372</b>	<b>0</b>
Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO)	Global Manifesto, Global Plan of Action on Forgotten Foods and Community of Practice	53,739	0
<b>GFAR/AGRIDEA</b>	<b>Young Professionals' Platform for Agricultural Research for Development (YPARD)</b>	<b>15,985</b>	<b>27,371</b>
EC/CIRAD	Long-term EU-AU Research and Innovation Partnership for Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (LEAP4FNSSA)	142,070	46,573
TETFUND	Agricultural Research and Innovation Fellowship for Africa (ARIFA)	0	914,020
EC/ISIRIC	Soil Information System for Africa	75,454	43,028
AgMOOC	Commonwealth of Learning	15,929	
<b>FSFW</b>	<b>Foresight Studies</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42,302</b>
The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)	CTA Legacy Asset Transfer	0	23,844
Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO)	Integrating the Africa Heritage Food Commodities into the Mainstream Food Systems for improved Nutrition	78,000	0
Total received during the year		2,334,511	1,989,545
<b>Net Change in programme funds</b>	<b>Net Change in programme funds</b>	<b>215,668</b>	<b>-1,840,217</b>
Total Revenue		2,550,179	1,491,985

# Concluding Remarks

During the first two months of the year, Ghana experienced a spike in COVID-19 cases and projections across the continent indicated that restrictions on travel and meetings were to be tightened. In response to this development, activities that involved face-to-face or hybrid meetings were either recast to be entirely carried out in a virtual mode or moved to the third and fourth quarters of the year with the expectation that the restrictions would have eased by then. This change affected activities in all the clusters. It also necessitated a 20% cut in the budget for the CAADP-XP4 project.

In addition to the UNFSS dialogues and the pre-summit side events that were not included in the initial workplan, the Secretariat took on two additional activities it considered strategic. These are a regional study on the impacts of the African Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) financed by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) with case studies in Uganda and Ghana and the introduction of the Agriculture Massive Open Online Courses (AgMOOCs) platform as a tool for building the capacity of researchers financed by a small grant from the Commonwealth of Learning (CoL).

Also, the planned roundtable with development partners and African governments that was to be convened by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) evolved into a high-level dialogue coconvened by IFAD and the African Development Bank (AfDB), in collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC), FARA and the CGIAR. This change shifted the focus from mobilisation of investments for regional agriculture research and innovation work undertaken by CAADP-XP4 organizations, to scaling up technologies and development of value chains at country level. The main outcome of this dialogue is a set of commitments by AfDB, BADEA, BMGF, IFAD, and the Islamic Development Bank to invest a total of USD 17.55 billion over the next five years in African initiatives aimed at increasing agricultural productivity, building strong value chains, and improving the enabling environment.

Again, the collaboration with SROs (ASARECA, CCARDESA & CORAF) and AFAAS continued to improve as opportunities for joint actions grow through CAADPXP4 and calls for proposals that require creation of consortia. Key among these are the joint implementation of the KM4AgD Challenge and Conference, the Foresight Academy and the AIRTEA project. This growing cohesion is very necessary for the sustainability of the supra-national AR4D system.

Finally, FARA relocated to a new rented office complex in Achimota and this also came with a lot of adjustments and opportunities. This followed Government of Ghana's assurances and renewed interest in finding a permanent office for the Secretariat.

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# Directors' Profiles



Dr. Yemi Akinbamiyo, a Nigerian national, is the Executive Director (ED) of FARA and has served in this position since July 2013. As the ED, he is FARA's Chief Executive Officer with the prime responsibility of managing the Secretariat's staff, programmes, finances and assets. He is the chief spokesperson of FARA and manages FARA's stakeholders within and outside Africa. He serves as the Secretary to FARA's Board of Directors.



Dr. Aggrey Agumya, a Ugandan national, is the Director for Research and Innovation prior to that he has served as the Director for Stakeholder Engagement and Communication from 2021 to 2016. His portfolio covers strengthening and maintaining relations with FARA's strategic partners, coordinating governance processes, formulating and activating resource mobilization strategies, and communication for enhancing visibility of FARA and its work. He joined FARA in 2006.

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