

Standards and Agro Food Exports (SAFE) Research Programme -- SUA component

Short Description of Research Project

Sustainability Standards Project:

Sustainability Standards And Traditional And Non-Traditional Export Trade In Tanzania

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The main reserch objective under sustinability sub-project is **to improve the understanding on costs and benefits of complying with the EUREPGAP protocol and the Utz Kapeh Standards.** The project is conducted in the Northern regions of Arusha and Kilimanjaro in Tanzania..

The specific objectives of the research are to:

- Examine and identify critical quality, traceability and food safety challanges contained in certified sustainable standards for coffee and vegetables
- Assess levels of compliance and problems experienced in complying with these standards by Tanzania's exporters and producers
- Assess costs and benefits of complying with standards for selected exporters and contracted producers
- Assess direct and spill over effects for complying with standards at the farm level

Two studies are being carried out: (1) A study on fresh vegetables is conducted in Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions, which are the main vegetable exporting regions in Tanzania and the only locations in the country where EurepGAP compliant exporters are found. This study is undertaken

by the Ph.D student; (2) A study on coffee in Kilimanjaro, the region in Tanzania where there are estates certified to the Utz Kapeh standard. This study is conducted by senior researchers.