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Tii Ki Komi Cassava Commercial Growers produces cassava and processes it into chips, flour and peels of high quality. While improving the socio-economic conditions of the population, the enterprise contributes to sustainable agriculture.



Tii Ki Komi Cassava Commercial Growers, Uganda

BUSINESS MODEL

Tii Ki Komi Cassava Commercial Growers (TCCG) sources fresh cassava from local farmers and processes them into chips, flour and peels of highly competitive price and quality. The company provides training on agronomic practices to enhance cassava post-harvest handling and production of organic manure.

Products are currently sold for household consumption and to breweries, and the innovative production and sale of cassava peels as animal feed has developed new market opportunities. The enterprise plans to expand in scale and to enter local and foreign markets.

ENTERPRISE FAST FACTS:

Location	Lamwo district, Uganda
Year founded	2008
Sector	Sustainable Agriculture
Product/Service	Cassava chips, flour and peels

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Social impacts:

- Reducing the general poverty level of the community by creating minimum income of UGX 15,000,000 for 130 farmers so far and 7 enterprise employees trained on the processing.
- Improving food security and nutrition with affordable carbohydrates.

Environmental impacts:

- Preserving trees and reducing carbon emissions, as cassava production keeps farmers from charcoal burning.
- Feeding animals with cassava pellets, reducing overgrazing and soil degradation.
- Restoring soil fertility by creating organic manure from cassava waste products.

Economic impacts:

- Increasing level of farmers' household income through expanded sales of cassava and enhanced employment opportunities.
- Contributing to the growth and development of the local cassava industry by strengthening the value chain and developing new market opportunities.

” Innovative processes to produce high-quality cassava chips, flour and peels improve food security and strengthen the local agro-economy.

Scaling up activities:

- Expand cassava production to 25,000 acres by 2019, where each of the targeted farmers grows at least 5 acres of cassava, resulting in 425,000 tons of fresh cassava per year.
- Purchase a kiln for fuel production and a cassava grater, a sieve and moisturiser for production of high-quality cassava flour.
- Increase cassava peel production to 12 tons and the amount of cassava leaves and stems to feed animals to 10 tons by 2019.
- Develop and produce fuel briquettes from cassava peels for cooking by 2019.



Partnership

• **Tii Ki Komi Cassava Commercial Growers** produces and processes cassava, is in charge of distribution and sales, and trains employees and farmers.

• **Private Sector Foundation Uganda**, a governmental agency, has trained employees in quality control and standards, food certification, value addition, post-harvest handling and entrepreneurship.

• **Food and Agriculture Organisation** supplied 50 bags of high-quality cassava cuttings to be multiplied and distributed to affiliated farmers.



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