

ISUIKWUATO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

Agriculture and Food Security Policy

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Policy Statement

Isuikwuato Local Government Area is committed to promoting sustainable agriculture, improving food security, increasing agricultural productivity, and creating economic opportunities for farmers and agribusinesses.

Background

Agriculture has long been central to Isuikwuato's economy and remains important to the Local Government's growth and social development. The Council is promoting mechanized farming, commercial agriculture, value addition, and strategic partnerships to increase productivity while ensuring environmental sustainability.

Policy Objectives

- Strengthen food security.
- Promote mechanized and climate-smart agriculture.
- Increase agricultural productivity and farmers' incomes.
- Encourage youth and women participation in agriculture.
- Support agro-processing and value addition.
- Attract investment into the agricultural sector.
- Promote sustainable land management and environmental conservation.
- Improve market access for agricultural products.

Guiding Principles

Food Security — Every effort shall be made to increase local food production and improve access to nutritious food.

Sustainability — Agricultural development shall conserve natural resources and protect the environment.

Innovation — The Local Government shall encourage modern farming techniques, improved seedlings, mechanization, and agricultural technology.

Inclusiveness — Programmes shall promote participation of women, youth, cooperatives, and smallholder farmers.

Current Initiatives and Achievements

- Introduction of the 50-Hectare Cassava Production Cluster Project, with approximately five hectares of mechanized cassava cultivation in each of the ten wards.
- Revival of mechanized farming within the Local Government after more than three decades.
- Encouragement of cooperative farming and community participation.

- Promotion of partnerships with relevant government agencies, research institutions, and development partners.
- Support for initiatives that strengthen food production and rural economic development.

Implementation Framework

- Promote mechanized farming and improved agricultural practices.
- Facilitate access to agricultural extension services where available.
- Encourage formation and strengthening of farmer cooperatives.
- Support investments in agro-processing, storage, and agricultural marketing.
- Collaborate with government agencies, research institutions, financial institutions, and development partners.
- Promote sustainable farming practices.

Our Commitment

Isuikwuato Local Government Area remains committed to building a resilient and productive agricultural sector that guarantees food security, creates employment, improves household incomes, and contributes to sustainable economic growth.