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ProAgro Angola

Rebuilding Angola's Agricultural Industry

THE CHALLENGE

Prior to its independence, Angola enjoyed a strong agricultural sector that was marked by its competitive exports and self-sufficiency. However, a 27-year civil war prevented the country from maintaining and developing its agricultural economy and infrastructure. Since the end of the war, the Angolan people and government are working hard to restore the country's capacity in creating broad-based economic growth. Capitalizing on its abundance of natural resources, Angola is succeeding in transitioning away from humanitarian food assistance, but faces challenges as their farmers move to produce beyond subsistence levels.

THE APPROACH

USAID and Chevron developed a partnership to strengthen the agricultural value chain in Angola by establishing ProAgro Angola, a five-year, \$5.5 million program that focuses on four key links: finance, production, processing, marketing. A USAID guarantee facilitates a \$15 million loan portfolio for agribusiness lending, providing agricultural enterprises with a foundation for developing sustainable relationships with commercial banks. The program also provides technical assistance in modern production and processing techniques to allow farmers to become more efficient and effective in an effort to increase crop yields and improve their quality as it reaches the markets. Finally, ProAgro Angola alliance assists Angolan agricultural enterprises to develop the capacity to uncover and create business opportunities through the use of market information systems and improved marketing strategies.

PARTNERS

Chevron



RESULTS

- Organized over 3,000 small agricultural producers into 32 associations.
- Trained more than 3,000 farmers in plant sanitation and cultivation, while increasing their access to wholesalers.
- Facilitated access to loans for 24 producers to promote production in coffee, bananas, and potatoes.
- Generated \$1.2 million in sales transactions for input suppliers and buyers.