

Projected Impact



Production of 2,000 metric tons (MT) of high-quality groundnuts with reduced aflatoxin contamination for supply to local RUTF manufacturers



Creation of 50 off-farm jobs



Mobilization of \$1.97 million in private sector contributions



Input Distribution to Farmers from Tsaragi, Tsonga, and Lafiagi Wards of Kwara State. Photo Credit: L&L Foods

About Ladipo and Lawani Foods

Ladipo and Lawani Foods, (L&L Foods) is a food processing and packaging company focused on the Nigerian market. The company sources agricultural produce from local farmers and transforms it into quality snacks, while endeavoring to create iconic local brands in the process. Its primary line of products is a brand of packaged groundnuts called Mr. Ekpa, which comes in a frosted or salted variety.

Co-Investment Partnership

Through the support of the Trade Hub's co-investment, L&L Foods will set up its quality requirement processes and provide modern agronomic training, extension support, and inputs to 1,000 smallholder farmers in Kwara State to produce aflatoxin-free groundnuts for sale to local Ready-To-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) manufacturers. This co-investment is particularly important as the local production of RUTF, which has aflatoxin-free groundnuts as a major ingredient, will go a long way in combating child malnutrition in Nigeria.

As part of the partnership, L&L Foods was awarded a \$615,786.64 grant for a project to produce 2,000 MT of acceptable aflatoxin-free groundnuts (with contamination levels reduced from 20ppb to 4ppb) to be sold to local United Nations World Food Program (UN WFP)-accredited RUTF manufacturers. The partnership will also increase the incomes of smallholder farmers, as they will be able to produce higher yields of acceptable groundnuts (from 0.9 tons per hectare to 2 tons per hectare), which will be purchased by L&L Foods to process and sell to Nigerian RUTF manufacturers.

Partnership Opportunities

With L&L Foods set to take the lead in the supply of aflatoxin-safe groundnuts to the domestic market, especially to RUTF manufacturers who currently have to source internationally, there are available investment opportunities designed to take advantage of the local demand by the RUTF sector. Enterprises will now be able to purchase high-quality groundnuts from L&L Foods at significantly cheaper costs, greatly increasing both the economic and the health-related return on investment.