# Rwanda: Ruhengeri Farm, Diocese of Ruhengeri

## **LOAN DETAILS**

**LOAN AMOUNT** \$225,000

**INITIAL INVESTMENT** 6/2021

## **INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**

**ENTERPRISES** 

**Crops** – Seed Crops, Horticulture, Avocado **Services** – Land Rental, Tractor Hire

#### **USE OF LOAN**

- Construction of a greenhouse
- Drip Irrigation on 25 Ha
- Purchase of a tractor and implements
- Working capital

#### INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Strong historical financial performance: the farm recorded revenue growth of 11% and EBITDA margins over 50%+ in 2019 and 2020
- Secure markets: The farm has signed contracts for all major crops including partnerships with the Rwandan Agricultural Board and Rwanda's National Agricultural Export Development Board to offtake seed production
- Strong Farm Management: The project leader, Father Jean-Claude Twizeyumukiza, has served as farm manager since 2010
- Partnership with experienced agribusiness Pride Farms for technical assistance and development of commercial maize farming

# RUHENGERI FARM

Location: Ruhengeri, Rwanda

Size: 1,482 acres





Project Leader - Jean-Claude Twizeyumukiza



Terraces at Ruhengeri Farm



The Diocese development team with the project leader and the Pride Farms team

# **IMPACT**



# SHARED PROSPERITY

- The farm will employ 45 full time employees and 280 casual laborers
- The farm will provide seeds and training for 15,000 farmers per year



# RESILIENCE / LAUDATO SI'

- The farm uses terraces to prevent soil erosion
- The farm uses an integrated farming approach
- The farm will expand its water-saving drip irrigation from 50 Ha to 75 Ha
- The farm plans to plant 50,000 trees per year



#### STRENGTHENED SOCIAL ENTITIES

- Income from farm supports a hospital, 9 health centers, 130 primary schools, 3 technical schools, and 9 secondary schools
- The farm will provide food to 4,500 vulnerable households and clean water to 200 households



# MISSIO INVEST ADVISORY & SUPPORT

 Missio Invest will provide guidance on improving the borrower's financial management and accounting systems

