

**Q1: Respondent details**

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**Q2: Country or customs territory** Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

**Q3: Organization** Public sector

**Q4: Title of case story**

Productive and trade capacity-building project for the palm oil subsector in the oil-producing area of Mayombe in the Kongo Central Region.

**Q5: Case story focus**

Infrastructure upgrading and the development of related services markets, including through investment climate reforms.

**Q6: Case story abstract**

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During the first phase, a few projects were developed in certain subsectors identified in the DTIS, including the palm oil subsector project, which is already financed by the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) Trust Fund to the tune of US\$2,661,080 and has received contributions from the DRC Government amounting to US\$237,680. This is a pilot project, officially launched in July 2015, which will extend to other palm oil producing provinces in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Implementing the different activities of the project will involve, *inter alia*, investigations to collect data with a view to revising the DTIS, investigations to collect data on the coffee and cocoa subsectors as indicated in your correspondence of 30 May 2015, sharing experience with the countries that have made breakthroughs in palm oil production, support in defining sectoral trade strategy for agricultural products, revitalization of the subsector, rehabilitation of former palm groves, improvement in production (quantity-quality), applied research on acidity reduction, applied research on the development of professions linked to palm oil (soap making, margarine production, feed mills, etc.).

**Q7: Who provided funding?** Multilateral organization

**Q8: Project/programme type** Single country

**Q9: Your text case story**

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**Q10: Lessons learnt**

A very good project that supports family and village palm oil producers.

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