

# High Value Non Staple Crops Programme

The importance of high value non-staple-crops cannot be overstated. Non-staple crops are a crucial source of nutrition and good health. More than ever before, nutrition and good health are becoming major issues worldwide. Besides, high value non-staple crops are increasingly proving to be top-notch income earners for households. It is for this reason that the programme was initiated to prioritize research in these crops. To date, the programme, working with partners across the region has made the following achievements:



## Post-harvest Processing

The programme partners in Tanzania and Rwanda have successfully produced:

- ✦ High quality mango and passion fruit-based juices and mango bars for snacks.
- ✦ Amaranth soup
- ✦ Drying and packaging techniques for amaranth leafy vegetable



## Snap Bean

The programme partners in Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Kenya have:

- ✦ Released new snap bean varieties
- ✦ Formulated snap bean-based recipes
- ✦ Described good agronomic practices for enhanced snap bean production

## Climbing Bean

Partners of the HVNSC programme in Rwanda, D.R. Congo, and Burundi have:

- ✦ Tested and validated appropriate staking methods for climbing beans using banana and sisal fibre
- ✦ Tested and validated good agronomic methods for climbing beans using crop rotation and intercropping with cassava, maize and bananas
- ✦ Established farmer field schools for capacity building



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