



L-R: Susan Maarten Regional Director Financial Access East Africa listens as Momo Ssebuliba of aBi speaks to the youth. PHOTO BY RACHEL MABALA

Farmers need more funding – study

A study on the financing of six major crops in the country has revealed that they are profitable with high opportunities to maximise on the same but proposed more funding to achieve their benefits.

The Agricultural Business Initiative Trust (aBi) contracted Financial Access (East Africa) Ltd to conduct and validate value chain analyses for the six crops which include coffee, maize, rice, sesame, sunflower and chilli and identify financ-

ing gaps. "To improve value chain financing, there is need to devote resources to develop finance markets at the down-stream end of the value chain by targeting farmers, farmer organisations, traders, processors, transporters, input suppliers, aggregators as well as integrate VSLA and SACCO system," the study concludes.

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