



CASE STUDY

Project Kilimanjaro

HIGHLIGHTS

4 000 hectares being developed to sugarcane

200 new farmer beneficiaries

US\$40 million project cost, principally funded by commercial banks on a full cost recovery basis

2 000 direct new jobs created

In the 2019/20 season, private farmers in Zimbabwe delivered 1 050 742 tons of sugarcane to Tongaat Hulett's mills, with an average yield of 69.6 tons/hectare. Our medium to long-term target is to help the 1 070 private farmers supplying cane to the mills to increase productivity on their 22 822 hectares to at least 100 tons/hectare by 2023/24.

In addition to extension services and input procurement support schemes being extended to existing farmers, the company, in partnership with government and local banks, is in the process of developing 4 000 hectares of virgin land to new sugarcane fields through Project Kilimanjaro. A further 200 new farmers will benefit from this project, on a full cost recovery basis, creating some 2 000 new jobs in the process and significant economic opportunities for local contractors and suppliers. Some R309 million has been spent to date with 2 700 hectares of virgin land having been cleared, storage dams and water canals built, water pumps installed and 455 hectares planted to cane.