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The cotton by-products project: unlocking the hidden value

Cotton by-products represent an untapped opportunity for African countries to increase the benefits they derive from their cotton production. Cotton is grown mainly for its fibre, or lint - the raw material in cotton textiles. Nevertheless, commercial applications exist for other parts of the cotton plant, such as the stalks, hanks, cottonseed and short-staple fibres. In some countries, such as China, India and the USA, by-products from the non-lint parts of the plant have been commercialised, adding value and income, as well as reducing waste in the cotton value chain.
### Key output and relevant activities

#### Output 1: Feasibility studies in C-4 countries + Mozambique

**ACTIVITY 1.1:** Individual country analyses

**ACTIVITY 1.2:** Identification and preliminary assessment of capacities of various stakeholder

**ACTIVITY 1.3:** Assessment of the present state of policy support

**ACTIVITY 1.4:** Based on the above, preliminary identification of priority areas for cotton by-product development by country (pairing of countries and products)

**ACTIVITY 1.5:** Desk research and compilation of findings from UNCTAD studies

#### Output 2. Development of project proposal

**ACTIVITY 2.1:** Coordinate, supervise, and incorporate in project proposal the technical work produced under Output 1

**ACTIVITY 2.2:** Organize 1 regional validation workshop in the C-4 region

**ACTIVITY 2.3:** Organize 1 national validation workshop in Mozambique

**ACTIVITY 2.4:** Incorporate recommendations and feedback from both events into the project proposal.

**ACTIVITY 2.5:** Finalize and submit to donors/partners project proposal including all the sections described in the [RPs of PO](#)

#### Output 3. Resource mobilization

**ACTIVITY 3.1:** Mobilize technical and financial resources so as to make sure that pledges of technical and financial support (for a minimum of 10mn USD) are confirmed at the WTO Partners Conference of 7 October 2019.

**ACTIVITY 3.2:** Present and promote project actions at important development and cotton sector events (including UNCTAD Regional Workshop on by-products in Johannesburg, EU Development Days, Global Review of Aid for Trade, WTO Cotton Days, ICAC Plenary meeting 2019, etc.).
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