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ABSTRACT

Rwanda economy and the livelihoods of her people are mainly based on farming production. The cooperatives and other farmers' organizations provide opportunities to achieve economic development and food security improvement. The study has been carried out on the total population of 14,462 living in 4 Districts of Southern Province, the most populated of the country. Farmers' organizations such as INGABO try to increase farmers' production by providing technical assistance and financial support. The general objective was to show the contribution of INGABO as a farmers' Trade Union on food security improvement among cooperative members. All of the respondents confirmed that both technical and financial support provided by INGABO including seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, have considerably increased the food security among farmers themselves. However, many obstacles still remain for achieving the goal of food security among rural population as it has been confirmed by the respondents themselves.