

Here is how **SAO Agro** made its mark in **2025**



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In 2025, SAO Agro consolidated and expanded its commercial activities, increased local employment, developed infrastructure, and laid the groundwork for agro processing and large-scale cash crop development.





Our Internal Operations

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SAO Agro implemented a wet season farmers' programme targeted at smallholder producers. This national initiative helped smallholders maintain productivity during the wet season while improving their resilience and income stability.

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We undertook structured land preparation and clearing activities across operational areas. These activities were carefully managed to support efficient planting while maintaining soil quality and long-term productivity. Local labour was prioritised during land preparation, providing short- and medium-term employment opportunities and injecting income directly into host communities.

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We commenced a pilot project of cultivating a variety of fruits and vegetables.

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Our expansion in commodity trading was targeted at diversifying the company's business portfolio



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Our External Operations

We worked closely with clients across the agricultural value chain to develop, scale, and strengthen projects that deliver both commercial returns and community impact. Our role went beyond cultivation, focusing on end-to-end project development, advisory, and operational support.

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Project Development of processing facilities: To reduce post-harvest losses and improve value retention, we led and supported the development of various agro-related processing facilities for clients.

2

Advisory on crop cultivation per season: We provided season-based advisory services to clients. This advisory covered: selection, planning, planting, input application aligned with seasonal patterns, and risk mitigation for weather-related yield losses.

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Over 5000 Hectares of oil palm plantation were developed and maintained for various clients.



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Community Impact

Job security and economic growth:

Hundreds of workers earned income directly from plantation activities, including land clearing, planting, maintenance, security, and logistics. Beyond direct jobs, many more benefited indirectly through transport services, food vending, and small trading activities around the project sites.



Food security and nutrition: By expanding our crop varieties production capacity, we contributed to reducing reliance on imports and improving the availability of edible oil within nearby markets. This supported household nutrition and stabilised local food supply chains.

Infrastructure development and security:

With organised plantation activity came improved land monitoring and protection. Community-based security arrangements reduced illegal encroachment, protected farm assets, and improved safety for workers and neighbouring farmers.



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Partnerships and Stakeholder engagement

We partnered with our host state government in a number of youth engagement activities.

- ⇒ Engagement in state-sponsored poultry farming
- ⇒ Expansion of employment opportunities for first-time job seekers.
- ⇒ Skill acquisition training in agro-related business management and operations.

We partnered with the Amamhoro Coalition, an organization focused on providing thousands of internally displaced persons with various job-centered opportunities, including farming.

Beyond formal partnerships, SAO Agro maintained active engagement with community leaders, landowners, and local stakeholders. These relationships were crucial to smooth operations, trust-building, and the long-term stability of projects.



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Sustainability Approach

Sustainability in 2025 was practical.

- ➔ Land was cultivated responsibly, with a focus on long-term productivity.
- ➔ Jobs created reduced rural-urban migration pressures.
- ➔ Communities became active stakeholders rather than passive observers

In doing this, we contributed to making rural settlements more inclusive, safer, resilient, and economically sustainable.



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➔ Looking ahead to 2026 SCALING & VALUE ADDITION

We plan to:

- ➔ Develop multi-hectares of Cassava, Fruit, and Vegetable
- ➔ Feed mill project development and production
- ➔ Expand Oil Palm Plantation across the South Western Region
- ➔ Construct a palm oil refinery to process locally, create more jobs, and retain value within Nigeria.
- ➔ Cultivate 10,000 hectares of cocoa plantation, expanding into another critical cash crop.
- ➔ Deepen collaboration with the government and other stakeholders to strengthen food security, job security, and smallholder farmer relationships.

