

# Cassava facts

- ✓ A staple food crop for **800 million people** worldwide
- ✓ A vital **energy source**
- ✓ Tolerates **unexpected droughts**
- ✓ Can be **planted and harvested throughout the year**
- ✓ Grows on **marginal soils**

Africa's  
**2nd most important**  
staple food

Africa  
**produces 57%**  
of the world's  
cassava

Productivity in **east & central Africa** is **devastated** by cassava **mosaic disease** and cassava **brown streak disease**

Annual  
losses  
estimated:  
**\$1 billion**

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