

Cereal Growers Association

Monthly Project Report (May 2011) – Draft

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A. Executive Summary

The project activities undertaken for this reporting period were; uplift of 189.95MT of maize and 14.5MT of beans by WFP from Trans Mara, trainings on farmer organization records keeping & participatory farmer monitoring, gender workshop looking at women involvement and benefits in the cereal marketing sub sector, entrepreneurial and Post harvest HH trainings in Kongwa and the tonnage allocation for Transmara FOs for the Forward Delivery Contracts (FDC) of 952 MT of Maize and 56MT of beans.

B. Details of accomplishments

1. Establishment and Enhancement of Storage facilities

Due to the limited access to suitable storage structures in the project areas, CGA sought to identify FOS that could be considered under the WFP - P4P storage structures support and those that could be renovated into suitable grain stores. A total of three (3) sites have been identified for consideration in Trans Mara.

- a. Romosha Farmers Association together with other groups within Meguarra Location, Pirrar division of Transmara have managed to get an allotment letter for 0.118 HA plot within Romosha shopping center from the county council of Transmara. The Farmers have managed to collect some building materials (stones) and mobilized US\$ 3750 from the Good Neighbours (an NGO) operating in the area. The Farmers are finalizing on payment of US \$ 106 as charges for the allotment and synchronization of the name of the Umbrella group with the name of the Allotment letter for the piece of plot and account opening so as to bring the farmer groups in the area on board to own the storage facility.
- b. Olopi – Lolgorian Grain Growers Store will be renovated and expanded so as to carry over 700 MT from the current 150 MT. The Bill Quantities is being worked out by the surveyor from the Ministry of Public works and is expected in the first week of June 2011
- c. The third storage facility is to be built at Oldonyo Orok. The FBOs in the bulking center are looking for the piece of land to buy in the shopping center as they wait for the plot promised by the council.

In Kongwa, Tanzania, the effort is geared towards the registration of the farmer operated stores at four sites: Pandambili, Lenjulu, Hogolo and Kibaigwa. This will correct the situation where the farmers' margins from joint sales are significantly eroded by both the warehouse operator and bank charges under the Warehouse Receipt System (WRS), as was observed in the just concluded season.

2. Joint Produce Consolidation and Selling

There was an uplift of 189.95MT of maize and 14.5MT of beans by WFP from Trans Mara this Month. Out of this tonnage there was a default of 12.05MT of maize and 13.5MT of beans from Lolgorian Grain Growers group which was contracted to supply 90MT of maize and 28MT of beans respectively. During this month the farmers were paid 80% of the maize/ beans taken over and locked by WFP and payment made within a record 3 days in Transmara.

Meanwhile the tonnage allocation for Trans Mara FBOs for the Forward Delivery Contracts (FDC) for the July 2011 season is 952 MT of Maize and 56MT of beans at a floor price of KES 1,800 and KES 3,228 respectively. WFP will also purchase through the direct negotiation with the remaining groups in case of surpluses.

The delayed payments from WFP in Tanzania have now been settled. The agreement is that in future, starting this harvesting season WFP will be paying 40% to the farmers on signing the tender. This is based on the farmers' trust.

3. Strengthening the capacity of FBO

a) Training of Trainers (ToTs)

A total of 104 representatives were trained through four (4) ToTs with 48 of them or 46% of them being women. Two (2) of the ToTs were in Trans Mara with 54 (18 female; 36 male) FBO members participating. In Kongwa District, two (2) ToTs were conducted with 50 (30 female; 20 male) FBO members benefiting. The topics covered under the ToTs were: Entrepreneurship and Personal Entrepreneurial Competencies (PECs), gender mainstreaming workshop looking at women involvement and benefits in the cereal marketing sub sector, Post Harvest Handling and FOs Records keeping and Participatory Farmer Monitoring.

b) Grassroots Level Training (GLTs):

A total of 88 (46 or 52% of them being female) FBO members were trained in 2 GLTs (at the FBO level) on Farmer Organization (FOs) record keeping all conducted in Trans Mara in at Olopi - Lolgorian and Angata in Transmara District by the CGA and WFP teams.

Table showing a summary of the ToTs and GLTs conducted during the last 14 months

Title of training	Venue / date	No. of sessions	ToTs/ GLTs	No. of participants		
				Female	Male	Total
Entrepreneurship and Personal Entrepreneurial Competencies (PECs)	Kongwa / 19 th to 21 st May 2011	1	ToT	19	11	30
Post harvest handling (PHH)	Kongwa / 25 th to 26 th May 2011	1	ToT	11	9	20
Gender Mainstreaming – women	Trans Mara	1	ToT	12	26	38
FOs records and record keeping	Trans Mara	2	GLTs	46	42	88
FOs records keeping and Participatory Farmer Monitoring	Trans Mara	1	ToT	7	9	16
TOTAL		6		95	95	190

All the trainings were conducted by both the CGA project staff, WFP team and well trained, experienced and tested Consultant trainers drawn from the CGA pool of trainers.

C. Activities for June 2011

- ✓ To conduct grass root meetings in eight villages (Hogolo, Matongolo, Kibaigwa, Hembahemba, Lenjulu, Pandambili, Songambebe and Mkoka).
- ✓ To conduct training workshop on Ware-house management to stores committee members. The same event will be used to conduct technical inspection for Lenjulu and Hogolo stores as the facilitator of this training will come from Ware House Licensing Board.
- ✓ Implementation of the Forward Delivery Contract (FDC) in Transmara
- ✓ To conduct a Post Harvest Handling ToT in Transmara and Organizational Development GLT in Trans Mara.