

COMPETE PROGRESS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2011

Highlights

The major highlight of the month of October was the joint grain aggregation, uplift and selling to a variety of traders. A ToT on the use of aflatoxin kits testing on stored grain and use of collapsible drier cases was conducted in Trans Mara where 23 participants (10 being women) were trained. In both Trans Mara and Kongwa FBOs started plans towards the construction of own storage structures.

Details of accomplishments

1. Joint Produce Consolidation and Selling

There was an additional award of 220MT of maize tender to the Cereal Growers of Kongwa (CGOK) by WFP/P4P through a competitive tendering process besides the 1st award of 65MT which has since been serviced and farmers paid. The entire tonnage was delivered to Dodoma at a price of TZS 530,000.00 (USD 344.16) per MT by 25th October 2011. 38 farmers (13 female and 25 male) contributed the stock uplifted.

In Trans Mara, the wet weather continued to pose challenges in drying and cleaning of the grains and for this reason there were delays in uplifts stretching beyond the October uplift schedule. Even so, the farmers were able to jointly bulk 378.87MT of maize in October bringing the cumulative total bulked to 908.87MT, 31.268MT of beans were also bulked during the month bringing the cumulative bulked to 164.19 MT as well as 61.5MT of sorghum. Out of this tonnage 448.989 MT of maize were sold to WFP at US\$ 134,734 and 126.387MT sold to NCPB from Angata and Oldonyo Orok. Due to competition NCPB was forced to open up buying centers at Angata and Oldonyo Orok in Lolgorian division. This is in addition to FARM SECURE that has been purchasing maize directly from the farmers in the same area and selling to other large buyers for a profit. Another 61.95MT of beans worth US\$ 45,091 were delivered to WFP and 28.98 MT worth US\$ 17,353 were supplied to schools and traders. 61.5MT of Sorghum were also sold to Kenya Seed Company.

Summary of joint bulking and selling during the month of October 2011 (exchange rate of USD 1= KES 90 and TZS 1,500)

2. Strengthening the capacity of FBOs

Only one (1) ToT on Aflatoxin testing kits and use of collapsible drier cases was conducted in Trans Mara during the month. The total attendance was 23 participants (10 being women) with 15 farmer representatives and 8 CGA staff. This was on 31st October, 2011.

3. Establishment and Enhancement of Available Storage Capacity

In view of the limited access to suitable storage structures that smallholder farmers suffer in the project areas, the FBOs have started plans towards the construction of their own permanent stores. WFP-P4P will contribute the roofing materials for the stores.

In Trans Mara three Umbrella FBOs; Meguarra Community Grain store, Angata Farmers Association and Oldonyo Orok Farmers Association have acquired plots and contributed funds towards the start of the building of own stores. Meguarra Community Grain store group has completed the foundation of the store measuring 70ft by 32ft while Angata Farmers have contributed US \$ 1900 deducted from the 336MT of Maize sold to WFP. Half a dollar was deducted from every 90kg bag delivered WFP. Oldonyo Orok Farmers Association is expected to lay the foundation in two months.

In Kongwa, a request by CGOK to the United States and African Development Foundation (USADF) to support the construction of warehouse in Kibaigwa was approved this month and will be supported to a tune of TZS 172,000,000.00 (US\$110,256). The support will cover; the construction of the warehouse with a capacity of 1000MT, capacity building and employment of an accountant & a store Assistant for the initial one year period of the operations of the store.

Lesson learned

- Competition led to NCPB to open up buying centers in some parts of Trans Mara thus benefiting the farmers.
- Other large traders have been attracted to these FOs due to the quality of produce they are assured to

COMMODITY	REGION	CURRENT BULKED (MT)	SOLD (MT)	BUYER	VALUE (US\$)	BENEFICIARIES	AVAILABLE STOCKS (MT)
Maize	Trans Mara	908.87	448.989	WFP	134,734	103 Farmers Women = 34	333.494
			126.387	NCPB	47,068	19 Farmers Women = 4	
	Kongwa	220	220	WFP	75,715	38 Farmers Women = 13	0
Beans	Trans Mara	164.19	61.95	WFP	45,091	41 farmers Women = 12	73.26
			28.98	Traders	17,353	18 Farmers Women = 7	
Sorghum	Trans Mara	61.5	61.5	Kenya Seed Ltd	34,167	17 Farmers Women = 10	0
TOTAL		1354.56	947.806		354,128	236 Farmers Women = 80	406.754

get at the bulking centres of the FOs as a result of the training effort on these FOs.

Activities for November 2011

- Continued implementation of the FDC contract
- Capacity building through trainings
- Registration of FOs into Umbrella groups as WFP vendors
- Monitoring the progress made in the group store construction effort