

Monthly Report Template for COMPETE Grantees

Grantee: Farm Concern International

Report for the month of: February 2011

The main activities for the Commercial Village stores Project across the five project sites were mainly capacity building both for project staff, extension staff, technical farmers and the community. The project staffs were trained on monitoring and evaluation parameters, data collection, data presentation and use of support documents. This training was facilitated in collaboration with the USAID COMPETE Monitoring and evaluation team who exposed the implementation to various grant reporting requirements. The ToTs and CoTEFs training covered recommended best practices to enhance quality management of grains from production, inputs, and agronomic practices with greater emphasis on post harvest management and marketing.

However, the ToT and CoTEFs training in Jinja Uganda have been delayed and scheduled for the second week of March due to the political volatility that prevailed during the electioneering period in Uganda.

The project activities for February 2011 per site are as follows;

THARAKA

Activities	Activity Status
M&E training	Two days training conducted on M&E tools and indicators used to measure progress and achievement along the project timeline
ToTs training	6 ToTs(2 males and 4 females) from Tharaka trained on Post harvest management, Aflotoxin, Household based storage, Collective action and marketing
COTEFs Training	17 COTEFs (4 males and 13 females) trained on Post harvest management, Aflotoxin, Home based storage, Collective action and marketing
Dissemination of household storage technology to farmers	Discussion held with farmers on the use of metallic silos as a storage technology

Additional comments or results:

- ❖ More females attending meetings/trainings as compared to men
- ❖ This season bulking may not be achieved because of the persistent drought affecting the region

TIGANIA WEST

Activities	Activity Status
Community technical farmers(COTEFs) capacity building	25 COTEFs were trained on EAC standards and CVM model
Grow awareness on storage options for better quality of grains	Held a baraza at chiefs camp in Nchoro with an attendance of 281 persons The community formed groups at village level and agreed to sell the grains harvested collectively.
Training of TOTs for EAC maize standards	7 TOTs were trained on EAC maize standards a) Ministry of Agriculture b) Opinion leaders c) Agro dealers
Establishment of commercial village stores	Identified four transitional stores for usage in the current harvest period
Dissemination of household storage options to farmers	Awareness campaigns held with farmers on the use of metallic silos as a storage technology and refurbishing of household granary

Additional comments or results:

EVENT NAME	EVENT DATE	GENDER DISAGREGATION		ORGANISATION DISAGREGATION				
		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	YOUTH	PRIVATE	PUBLIC	DONOR/NGO's
CV leaders Training	15/2/2011	11	22	33	11		3	1
Field Day	16/2/2011	11	76	87	34	1	10	4
COTEFs Training	23/2/2011	15	15	30	5	-	1	4
Baraza (community meeting)	25/2/2011	81	200	281	50	-	5	1

TIGANIA EAST

Activities	Activity Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 PARTNERSHIPS FORMED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) AGROSOLUTION b) CARITUS ,MOA&MOH 	<p>Partnerships were initiated and introduced the partner to farmer leaders to offer following services :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer an interest free credit facility to farmers on agrochemicals. • Negotiated weekly repayment framework for the agro chemicals procured. Farmers will be paying from the weekly savings i.e. clear the arrears in affordable installments. • The company will offer technical backstopping services to the farmer’s through periodic monitoring of the effectiveness of their agro chemicals. <p>-Collaborated to train farmers on Aflatoxin awareness.</p> <p>-Carried out campaigns in three schools to emphasize storage of grains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rware secondary school ✓ Kiriene boarding primary school ✓ King’o primary school teachers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community leader’s capacity building. 	<p>Created awareness on good storage practices and control of Aflatoxin to leaders from Mikinduri central who included officers from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ministry of Agriculture b) Ministry of Public Health c) Ministry of Education d) Provincial Administration. e) NGOs &CBOs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field day 	<p>In collaboration with MOA conducted a field day at Igurune commercial village where farmers were trained on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Markets & marketing II. Quality standards III. Good storage practices IV. Aflatoxin-control measures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New technologies 	<p>We have held focus group discussions on adoption of in storage options with the following groups; Mutwiri farmers group, Igarii commercial village, Mutua mbaya farmers group these includes.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mud hut • Metal silos • Cribs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOTs development 	<p>Developed 6 TOTs from the upper eastern region, who included the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ministry of Agriculture b) Opinion leaders c) Agro dealers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COTEFs (Tigania east) 	<p>Developed 24 cotefes from Tigania east district</p>

IMENTI SOUTH

Activities	Activity Status
Training of CoTEFs on EAC Maize standards and GAP.	34 CoTEFs trained on EAC Maize standards and good agronomical practices
Training of ToTs on EAC Maize standards	7 TOTs were trained on EAC maize standards
Dissemination of household storage technology to farmers	<p>Awareness campaigns held with farmers on the use of various storage technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mud hut • Metal silos • Cribs

JINJA, UGANDA

Activities	Activity Status
1. <i>Recruitment and Grouping of recruited farmers (100).</i>	<p>Buyengo Sub county; 5 farmer groups have been formed; -Nabisaga Farmers Group with 40 members and 2 leaders</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Nakajo Farmers Group with 35 members and 2 leaders -Nakitokolo Farmers Group with 35 members and 2 leaders -Bulugo Widows and Orphans Farmers Group A with 30 members and 2 leaders - Bulugo Windows and Orphans Farmers Group B with 30 members and 2 leaders <p>Butagaya Sub county; 1 Group has been formed; -Kamiira womens Farmers Group with 26 members and 2 leaders</p>
2. <i>Appointing of Group leaders/committees</i>	Each group in each sub county has got 2 leaders, chair person and assistant
3. Establishment of Stores.	2 stores have been confirmed in each sub county, 1 to be branded by FCI and the other to be catered for by farmers.
4. Identification of sites for establishment of Cocoons.	2 sites have been confirmed, 1 to be in Butagaya and the other in Buyengo.

Additional comments or results:

The ToT and CoTEFs training which were scheduled for the last week of February were postponed due to the political uncertainty which was experienced during the election period.

The training of ToTs is to be conducted on 8th and 9th March 2011, and CoTEFs on 10th, 11th and 12th for each sub county.

PHOTOS



COTEFs training Tharaka



TOT, Nkubu