



Commercial Village Stores [CVS] Establishment

Quarter 8 Progress Report

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Project: Commercial Village Stores Establishment
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Region: Jinja (Uganda) and Meru (Kenya)

Executive Summary

Commercial Village Storage (CVS) project funded by USAID COMPETE and implemented in Kenya, Meru region in Eastern Province and Eastern Uganda Jinja district by FCI has continued to immensely benefit farmers in the project sites. Over 15,000 farmers have benefited from the project post harvest management interventions. During the 8th quarter, commercial village farmers' capacity was further enhanced on good post harvest management practices. Business linkages to agro-input suppliers for collective access of inputs was promoted since for farmers to achieve quality output and reduced post harvest losses, inputs and technical support in crop management are critical components. This last quarter of the project encompassed concerted efforts being directed to ensuring sustainability of the CVS intervention. The trainings carried out were mainly aimed at equipping farmers in post harvest handling, marketing and savings.

Store Upgrading and Branding

During the quarter, several stores were identified in partnership with the communities, renovated and branded as transitional stores for collectively storing of grains. The stores were installed with rodent guards, pallets/dunnages to improve aeration and branded. The procurement of store equipment (weighing scales and moisture analyzer) was vital in scaling-up equipping of farmers in commercial villages that were previously sharing some of the equipments.

Regional Grains Symposium

In disseminating the experiences and technologies implemented under the CVS project, FCI organised a Regional Staple Foods Symposium which brought together stakeholder in the grain sector. The symposium was attended by traders from the various markets segments targeted for market linkages with the commercial villages as well as private company buyers including Imperial foods, Export

Trading Company, PISU, Hiltop Farm Ltd as well key wholesale traders in the informal markets among others drawn from Thika, Nairobi, Meru and Jinja. The participants discussed, among others, the interventions implemented under the project in streamlining post harvest management of grain by smallholder farmers in the project area and marketing. In the proceedings, the participants articulated that the interventions carried out by FCI in the grain sector were timely and appropriate and had greatly helped improve incomes for smallholder farmers as well as reduced sourcing time and cost, addressed quality management and bulking for efficient trading for buyers.

Stakeholders' Forums

Two stakeholders' forums were held in the two sites (Meru and Jinja). These forums brought together other key stakeholders and partners in the grain sector including; research institutions, extension agencies, grain traders, development agencies and other players. This aimed at bringing together all actors at the local level in sharing lessons learnt, challenges facing the grains sector and deliberating on the way forward.

Capacity building

The aspect of capacity building continued in this last quarter with great emphasis being put on post harvest management, record keeping bulking and marketing skills. This was deliberate in ensuring farmers were able to maintain viable commercial units that will continue to address issues in the grains sector even after the end of the project period. Demonstrations were carried out on use of store equipment(weighing scales, oxygen meters, moisture meters, dunnages and pallets, packaging materials, sampling spears, threshing machines and tarpaulins.

Market Exposure & Farmer Exchange Visit

Market exposure visits were carried out to expose farmers to the market and hone their skills in negotiating. Farmers' representatives from the marketing sub-committees of the Commercial Villages were able to visit various markets and hold buyer seller forums with key traders. The forums were held with cereal traders in Jamhuri Market, Thika. The farmers were also able to visit and hold a meeting with PISU Ltd, a major cereal trading company in Nairobi and discussed modalities of supplying grain to the company.

In expanding and exchanging experiential knowledge of farmers, seven farmer representatives from Jinja Uganda were able to visit their counterparts in Meru and learn various aspects regarding the Commercial Villages operations, post harvest handling of grains, bulking, marketing, agro input sourcing and agronomic practices to enhance their understanding on the critical grains agronomic and post harvest management aspects .

Activity	Deliverables	Achievements	Remarks
<p>1. Selection of commercial village stores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Stores identification and negotiation ◆ Stores branding ◆ Establishment of individual stores by farmers 	<p>Store Identification.</p>	<p>Imenti South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A transitional store was established at Mweru CV. • The store was branded with FCI & USAID COMPETE logos. • Improved 14 household stores within four commercial villages which were fitted with rat guards, dunnages and improved on aeration. <p>Tigania West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One store was been branded. • One store has been refurbished • One store has been leased for one year by farmers whereas USAID-COMPETE have contributed rent for three months. • 12 household stores have been upgraded <p>Tigania East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 house hold stores identified and upgraded as model stores for the commercial villages • 1 cocoon has been established • 3 transitional store upgraded and stored with grains • 1 model metal silo set up in the area <p>Tharaka</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 household stores were upgraded to demonstrate better storage management • 1 transitional store was established in Tunyai to enhance bulking and storage • Bulking of grains in Tunyai and Wamiuka CVs(at least 30 bags of assorted grains in store) • Replica transitional stores to were done in Gatunga and Marimanti • A signage already in place to show the location of the transitional store 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several stores were fitted with rat-guards and Dunnages. • The subject of aeration of the household stores was principally emphasized. • Use of proper packaging material was emphasized

		<p>Jinja</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Transitional stores have been set up and branded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nakajo (Buyengo sub county) commercial village store ○ Namagera (Butagaya sub county) commercial village store 	
2. Procurement of drying / quality control equipment and hermetic cocoons	Sieves, sampling spears and stores handling gears	<p>Imenti South;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 handsheller was given for demonstartion. • 2 pair of gumboots were given to stores handlers • 2 sieves • 5 food handling gears • 2 drying bag we issued for demos. • Metal silo was installed. <p>Tigania West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 sieves have been constructed. • One hand sheller has been given • Handling gears. i.e. Aprons & gumboots have been procured and given to CVs <p>Tigania East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 cocoon was installed • 1 sieve was given • 2 Pairs of gum boots • 1 medium hand Sheller issued • 6 sampling spears • 6 handling gears • 2 drying tarpaulin bags • 2 moisture meters • 1 oxygen meter • 1 collapsible bag <p>Tharaka</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two metal silos to be fabricated to demonstrate alternative storage techniques • Farmers trained of use of cribs, pots and other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers have been trained on use of stores equipments to increase efficiency and minimize post harvest losses in grain handling.

		<p>traditional methods of storage that are affordable but maintain the quality of the produce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Sieves constructed to help in quality check • Food handling gears-gum boots, aprons, overalls already in place for the transitional store • .Weighing machine introduced to check on the actual quantities of produce stored • A Metal silo of 8.99 capacity introduced to Wamiuka CV to demonstrate alternative storage techniques • Traditional cribs and store are being explored as the other methods of grain storage <p>Jinja</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Cocoons have been installed as models for the farmers in Bituli (Butagaya Sub county) Commercial Village Mbaale (Buyengo sub county) Commercial Village • 4 Sieves were issued to farmers; 2 at Nakajo CV store and 2 at Namagera CV store • 4 Handling gears were distributed to farmers; 1 at Nakajo CV store 1 at Namagera CV store 1 at Bituli CV Store 1 at Mbaale CV store 	
<p>5. Capacity building and training of store personnel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Development of training materials outline ◆ Hiring resource person ◆ Training 	<p>Practical implementation of skills acquired</p>	<p>Imenti South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Security personnel was hired to guard the transitional store. <p>Tigania West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 CVFs have been trained on store management post harvest handling and group dynamics. • A model crib for maize drying, a simple model drier has been issued to Commercial Villages for 	<p>Capacity building and training of stores personnel has enhanced the dissemination of information and their capacity to implement the project activities</p>

		<p>training purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Agriculture post harvest specialist was engaged to train CV farmers on storage <p>Tharaka</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted training on post harvest management , collective bulking and storage to 7 Commercial Villages Trained 5 ToTs in Gatunga on quality management Trained 4 ToTs in Tunyai on Quality Management <p>Jinja</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 477 CoTeFs have been trained on quality management 4 Store personels were trained for Namagera, Nakajo , Bituli and Mbaale Commercial Villages stores 	
<p>6. EAC simplified grain standards materials for producers and traders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Repackage the EAC Maize standards in simple and local languages ◆ TOTs for EAC maize standards 	<p>Simplified EAC maize standards handbooks</p> <p>Maize standard training material</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training materials distributed to participants of the regional symposium at AFMA Centre. Video documentary on East African Grain standards shared to 30 stakeholders attending the stakeholders’ workshops in the two project sites (Jinja & Meru). 	<p>Dissemination of EAC standards materials has been carried out to enhance the adoption of the standards</p>
<p>7. Develop training materials for trainers, farmers and buyers</p> <p>Commercial village training materials</p>	<p>Training modules</p>	<p>Training modules have been developed and disseminated to the farmers on the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Savings and Micro entrepreneurship Production and Natural Resource Management Group dynamics Negotiation skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Developed simple training materials on Formation and management of consumer producer groups, identifying Market opportunities and importance of Buyer-seller
<p>8. Conduct trainings on;</p>		<p>Imenti South</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Trainings were carried out in

<p>Collective Marketing; Post harvest and Quality management (Marketing sub-committees, Commercial Village sub-committees and Warehouse management committees)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Organize workshops and training forums 	<p>Farmers attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained 55 farmers from Ntakani CPG, 32 farmers From Muchui CPG and 193 from Mweru CV on quality management, Post harvest Management and Collective Marketing • Trained 172 farmers from five CPGs on advantages of Collective Marketing and collective sourcing of commodities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Imani CPG-36 farmers(Male 23& Female 13) ○ Marketing committees(17 male &13 females) ○ Muguru CPG -51(15 male &36 female) ○ Ndamene CPG (55 farmers) • One Buyer-Seller Forum held within the quarter involving 30 marketing committee representatives; MOA officers, 1 Agro dealer, and a cereals Trader were present. • The following farmers were trained on EAC simplified grain standards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mweru CV Executive committee (6 men, 4 women) ○ 55 farmers Ntakani cpg (29 male, 26 female) ○ 32 Farmers from Muchui cpg ○ 193 farmers from Mweru Cv (118female,75 male) ○ Imani cpg-36 farmers(Male 23& Female 13) ○ Marketing committees(17 male &13 females) ○ Muguru cpg-51(15 male &36 female) ○ Ndamene cpg (55 farmers) <p>Tigania West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 farmers were trained on post harvest management and storage. • 29 farmers were trained on store management • 14 finance sub- committee members were trained on savings and investment. • Conducted a field day on grain demos and planted 5 different varieties of grain. 	<p>equipping farmers under the various aspects (markets, record keeping, post harvest handling)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Demonstrations were done on this using Dunnages, Gunny bags & hand shellers.
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		<p>Male- 48 2nd training; Female - 80 Male - 98 Butagaya; Female -38 Male- 29 Buyengo; Female-20 Male- 35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 Barazas have been conducted to create awareness on storage infrastructure Female- 834 Male- 647 • Training materials like crib, drying tray, moisture metres, tarpaulin, pallets, jute bags are in place • Trainings; 17 trainings have been carried out in Namagera, Bituli, Nakajo , Mbaale & Bulakabya CV • 647 Male • 834 Female were trained on pre & post harvest handling and quality management • 4 Store personels were trained for Namagera, Nakajo , Bituli and Mbaale CV stores 	
<p>Community technical farmers -COTEFs- (now referred to as Commercial Village Facilitators) capacity building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Conduct training workshops 	<p>COTEFs attendance</p>	<p>Imenti South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted Commercial Village Facilitators training in the month of September with 11 CVFs trained on their roles and group dynamics. <p>Tigania West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 CVFs were trained on collective marketing and storage. • 35 CVFs have been trained on store management, post harvest handling and group dynamics. <p>Tigania East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders forum held where 30 CVF participants attended • One exchange visit conducted in 3 sites <p>Jinja</p>	<p>The CVFs have been instrumental in supporting the interventions that have been established by the CVS project.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 TOTs were trained on post harvest and quality management 	
<p>9. Grain traders workshops on grain standards, specification and handling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Organize and conduct workshops 	Number of traders attending	<p>Imenti South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One workshop organized within the quarter with representatives from Imenti South attending. • A market exposure Visit organized within the Month with 3 CoTeFs representing Imenti south. • Conducted a stakeholders training where various stakeholders from three districts came together and held discussions on improvement of the grain marketing and trading <p>Jinja</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Stake holder’s Workshop has been conducted, with participants from; Private sector processors, NAADS Coordinator, MOA, CV leaders, Planning unit, Whole sellers, Buyers, Agro dealers, CV marketing committee, Local Government administration, District marketing & production Officer (Female; 7, Male; 19) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The traders were able to specify the quality of grain they would be interested in & on the other hand, the farmers explained the modalities of reaching a price they would be comfortable to sell their produce at.
<p>11. Linking producers with buyers</p> <p>Buyer seller forums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Organize and hold buyer seller business forums to ♦ Negotiation on trade parameters between commercial village farmers and key identified buyers 	Key buyers identified and linked to commercial villages	<p>Imenti South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One major wholesale trader (Stella Karimi) introduced to marketing committee members from 6 CPGs in Mweru CV where she emphasized on good relations, quality maintenance and ethical consistency when doing trade with commercial villages. • One buyer seller forum held at Kanyakine Hall. • Marketing committee members held buyer seller forums with traders on purchase of grains <p>Tigania West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Buyer seller forum was conducted with attendance of 30 farmers from Mbeu commercial village. Two buyers were linked to commercial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Linking producers with buyers is expanding market access for farmers and enabling farmers to negotiate for the sale of their commodities

		<p>villages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Took two members for market exposure to Thika and Nairobi Cereal markets. • Constructed a market information notice-board <p>Tigania East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 traders engaged and market linkages enhanced. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Julius Kiambati ○ Stella Karimi ○ National Cereals & Produce Board ○ Mikaelina Amatu • 1 buyer seller forum was held. <p>Jinja</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nakajo & Namagera CV has been linked to Hill top farm Limited. This was conducted with Hilltop company together with farmers facilitated by Farm Concern International 	
<p>12. Link input suppliers with commercial village producers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hold field days ◆ Collective sourcing for inputs 	<p>Number of input suppliers</p>	<p>Imenti South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held one field day within the Quarter where Twiga chemicals, Kari, Ministry of Agriculture and Mburugu Agro dealers were present and reached out to 344 farmers from two Commercial Villages. • Linked Farmers from various commercial villages to Taai Agro dealers and they collectively purchased inputs worthy Ksh 90,000. • Linked farmers from Mweru Commercial Village to KARI (Embu) where they bought Composite Maize seeds which can be replanted for three seasons without lowering the yields compared the conventional hybrid seeds. <p>Tigania West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mbeu commercial village have been linked to Taai Agro Limited who have signed an agreement of supplying inputs at a wholesale price rather than at retail price • An input supplier (Farmchem Company) has been 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangements made with Agro dealers to enable farmers get inputs on credit terms • Farmers are able to access inputs more easily

		<p>linked to commercial villages and has agreed to supply farmers with input at a discounted price.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kshs.150, 000 has already been collected and saved for collective input purchase; savings mobilization is still ongoing. • Maize seeds worthy Ksh. 234,260/= has been procured by commercial villages collectively <p>Tigania East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 linkages with input suppliers have been done during the quarter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inputs worth Ksh 552,000 purchased from NCPB ○ Inputs worth Ksh 356,000 have been purchased from Taai Agro dealers <p>Jinja</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers have been linked to modern farmers input supplier for collective access of inputs • Collective input sourcing by farmers with Hangzou input supplier is ongoing • Buyer seller forums have been carried out with the following buyers; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ugachick Poultry Breeders LTD - Hill top company LTD ○ Both companies have committed to buy Maize and soya beans being bulked by the CV farmers • Business forums with 6 local buyers in Buyengo were held. These are medium scale and wholesale traders who buy and sell cereals to institutions in the region. 	
<p>13. Grow awareness on storage infrastructures services provided by FCI and COMPETE and benefits of utilizing this infrastructures.</p> <p>♦ Courtesy calls [MOA,</p>	<p>Number of attendants</p>	<p>Imenti South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness on storage infrastructures provided by FCI & COMPETE intensified in Imenti South during various Trainings on Quality maintenance and Marketing subcommittees’ trainings. • Awareness of Storage infrastructures provided by FCI 	<p>This is enhanced by Branding of commercial villages’ stores, Demo plot and a market information Notice board in the project site with acknowledgement of the two</p>

<p>Provincial administration/Counties, Local NGOs, Group reps]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hold community forums / barazas and focused village meetings 		<p>& COMPETE was enhanced in Imenti south District Stakeholders Forum where the DAO, 3 DAEOs and other top MOA officials from the district were Present.</p> <p>Tigania West Held a 2 community barazas to increase awareness on improved post harvest management and storage infrastructures.</p> <p>Tigania East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 meeting with MOA • 2 local NGO's meeting held to strategise on community outreach • 1 meeting with Provincial administration i.e. the district commissioner Tigania East. • 1 Market Information board with FCI and COMPETE logos constructed • Demo plots notice boards with FCI and COMPETE logos constructed • 1 commercial village store branded with FCI and COMPETE logos. • All Project infrastructures are branded with FCI and COMPETE logos. <p>Tharaka</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted a stakeholder's forum to sensitize the key stakeholders on various infrastructures provided by FCI and COMPETE. In attendance was MOA officer(Tunyai division), Sub chief(Tunyai sub location) and 2 farmer group representatives from Tunyai & Wamiuka CV • Held a Village based meeting in Ubarini to sensitize farmers on the post harvest management. In attendance were 25 farmers(15male and 10 female) <p>Jinja Barazas have been conducted to increase awareness on</p>	<p>organisations.</p>
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		<p>storage infrastructure involving 1481 farmers; 834 female and 647male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 update follow-up meetings were made to sub-county leaders in Butagaya and Buyengo, 1 to CAO Jinja district and MOA. 	
<p>14. Collection, bulking, cleaning, sorting, drying, storage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Collective bulking, sorting and quality control ♦ Increase sales ♦ Increase grain collectively bulked and stored ♦ Enhance record keeping ♦ Training on village stores management 	<p>Inventory records and grain banking passbooks</p> <p>Quantity of grain sold / stored</p> <p>Transactional documents (invoices, receipts, delivery notes)</p>	<p>Imenti South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained 11 Executive committee members on Store management and enhanced on Groups records keeping practices. • Five Commercial Producer Groups from Mweru CV are currently bulking Green grams, Soy beans, Beans, Maize, Cowpeas and Sorghum. 65 bags (90 kgs) are already bulked in the commercial village transitional store. • Trained 52 farmers from Mworoga CPG on record keeping, savings and investments as well as improvement of House hold stores. <p>Tigania West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 grain pass books has been issued to farmers • Assorted pulses & maize have been bulked in Mbeu Commercial village store. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beans -Wairimu -5600kg -Muchui- 4350kg -Gachere- 270kg -Karwanda 90kg -Kibui - 70kg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cow peas 1350kg ○ Maize 22500kg ○ Pigeon peas 90kg ○ Dolichos 900kg ○ Green grams 4000Kg <p>Tigania West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marega commercial village 186 bags 	<p>The farmers have benefited from this intervention because they are now able to keep records and show progress on their savings.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66 bags in Amatu commercial village • 56 bags in Kaguata commercial village • Mobilization in order to bulk in quarter 8 is still ongoing <p>Tharaka</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Village based training on store management conducted in Ubarini and Mariene. • Grain stored in Tunyai transitional store inventoried as assorted grains-green grams, cowpeas, pigeon peas & sorghum(2.25MT in store) • Farmer based inventory records in terms of production and sales made to the markets • 53 saving pass books issued to Wamiuka and Tunyai CV • Bulking and collective marketing selling embraced by farmers in Tunyai • Re-Dusting of the 30 bags stored in the Transitional store to check against attack by large grain borer(Osama) • 30 Grain storage passbooks sold to the farmers storing the produce to enhance proper record keeping among farmers. <p>Jinja</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volumes of grains bulked are as follows; Mbaale- 1800kg Nakajo- 2500kg Namagera- 3700kg • 8 trainings have been carried out on store management in Namagera, Bulkabya, Budobya, Bituli, Mbaale, Nwampanda & Nakajo CVs 	
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<p>15. Build M& E capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Training on M&E 	<p>M&E Tools List of attendants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All trainings and meetings have supportive documents including attendance/sign in sheets • Captioned photos of the events and event forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Attached.
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ANNEX 1: Capacity Building**Program Name: CVS Imenti South****Component Leader: Kimathi Humphrey**

EVENT NAME	EVENT DATE	TARGETTED COMMUNITIE S	GENDER DISAGREGATION			ORGANISATION DISAGREGATION		
			MAL E	FEMAL E	TOTA L	PRIVAT E	PUBLI C	DONOR/NGO' s
Trainings on GAP	07/07/11	Mweru CV	5	6	11	11	Nil	0
Trainings on store Management .	08/07/11	Imani cpg	23	13	36	36	Nil	0
Training Marketing committee	11/07/2011	Marketing committees	17	13	30	30	0	0
Training o Group savings and Cohesaion.	12/07/2011	Mama Mutethia cpg	0	33	33	33	0	1
CPG leaders training on Group dynamics.	15/07/2011	Muguru cpg	15	36	51	51	1	3
Farmers training on Market Access.	18/07/11	Ndamene Cpg	31	34	65	65	NIL	1
Cotefs Training.	21/07/2011	Cotefs Training.	5	6	11	0	0	1
GAP Trainings	24/07/2011	Ntakani CPG	25	30	55	0	0	0
Training on market access	25/07/2011	Muchui cpg	12	20	32	0	0	1
Post harvest handling training	15/08/2011	Mworoga	25	29	54	54	Nil	1
GAP trainings	20/08/2011	Gaikiki Cpg	22	30	52	52	nil	nil

Post harvest handling Training.	22/08/2011	Nkachie CV	30	56	86	84	2	1
Training on Collective Marketing.	07/09/2011	Mama Mutethia.	0	55	55	55	0	0
Training on Collective Marketing & quality maintenance.	12/09/2011	Mujuujuju cpg	18	9	27	27	0	0
Farmers Trainings on group savings	16/09/2011	Kananjiru Cpg	0	18	18	18	0	0
Collective Marketing	19/09/2011	Mworoga cp	19	13	32	32	0	0
Collective Marketing.	21/09/2011	Kananjiru cpg	0	25	25	25	0	0

Program Name: CVS Tigania West

Component Leader: Humphrey Malova

EVENT NAME	EVENT DATE	GENDER DISAGGREGATION				
		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PRIVATE	PUBLIC
Training on Store management	12/7/2011	3	26	27		27
Training on collective collective marketing, post harvest handling and store management	14/7/2011		26	26		26
Training on post harvest	21/7/2011	6	18	35		35
Buyer seller forum	26/7/2011	13	17	30		30

Program Name: CVS Tigania East

Component Leader: Eliud Mutembei

EVENT NAME	EVENT DATE	TARGETTED GROUPS	GENDER DISAGREGATION			ORGANISATION DISAGREGATION		
			MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PRIVATE	PUBLIC	DONOR/NGO's
COTEFs Training	2/07/11	MAREGA CV	14	31	45	✓		
training on quality control	9/07/2011	Amatu Commercial Village	12	45	57	✓		
farmers mobilisation for storage Marega commercial village	19/07/2011	BWANA & EIGHT MUTWIRI FARMERS MAREGA BORE HOLE CHIAMATHA GACHIONGOMWIC HWIRI MAREGA MUTETHIA KANJA WOMEN	30	28 60 30 40	28 35 30 30 60 30 40			
demonstration on use of hermetic technology(metal silo)	27/07/2011	BWANA & EIGHT MUTWIRI FARMERS MAREGA BORE HOLE CHIAMATHA GACHIONGOMWIC HWIRI MAREGA MUTETHIA KANJA WOMEN	5	8	13			
karimi farmers training	12/08/2011	Kaguata CV	0	41	41			
tot training on negotiation skills	4/08/2011	MAREGA CV	8	14		✓		
	09/08/2011	9 COMMERCIAL VILLAGES				✓		
cpg training	12/08/2011	BWANA & KATHIRI	1	17	18	✓		

buyer identification and negotiation	27/08/2011	Mikaelina Amatu JULIUS KIAMBATI	2	-	2	✓		
sales mobilization	8/09/2011	MAREGA CV	41	139		✓		
community baraza training on storage and quality maintenance	06/9/2011	MAREGA CV	54	17	71	✓		
Training on saving scheme	09/09/2011	MUTWIRI FARMERS	18	6	24	✓		
CPG training on savings and credit, production and NRM	10/09/2011	Makena Mwanika	5	45	48	✓		
group leaders tot training	14/09/2011	KAGUATA CV	16	38	54	✓		
CPG training on savings and credit, production and NRM	12/09/2011	Karimi Farmers Group		28	28	✓		
Exchange Visit by farmers from Uganda Imenti south	21/09/2011	Exchange visit	5	6	11	✓		
Exchange Visit by farmers from Uganda Tigania West Tigania East	22/09/2011	Exchange Visit	5	6	11	✓		
Exchange Visit by farmers from Uganda Input suppliers	23/09/2011	Exchange Visit	5	6	11	✓		
Regional Grain Traders Symposium	28/09/2011	Eastern Kenya	7	3	4	✓		
Village trade stakeholders forum	30/09/2011	Eastern Kenya	30	8	22	✓		

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Component Leader: John Riungu

EVENT NAME	EVENT DATE	TARGETTED COMMUNITIES	GENDER DISAGREGATION			ORGANISATION DISAGREGATION		
			MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PRIVATE	PUBLIC	DONOR/NGO's
COTEFs Training	25/02/11	CPGS in Tunyai	3	14	17	17		
CPGs Reps Training	12/03/11	CPGs in Tharaka South	11	37	50	48	2	
Lead farmers Training	23/03/11	CPGs in Tharaka North	14	9	23	20	3	

Attendance sheet

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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2011

PROJECT: CVS

ACTIVITY: FARMERS EXCHANGE VISIT MERU

ACCOMMODATION AT AIRC

Date: 20/9/11

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	Richard Njagim	TUNYAI CVS	"		20315316	<i>[Signature]</i>	0725738192
	Sorath Mwangi	MIBIU CVS	"		01189609	<i>[Signature]</i>	0729785272
	Peter Ombasa	KIMBU CVS	"		2528110	<i>[Signature]</i>	0720653669
	Joseph Sitanga	TUNYAI CVS	"		24383587	<i>[Signature]</i>	0705183033
	Sarah Kararia	MIBIU CVS	"		20505308	<i>[Signature]</i>	0736690885
	LYDIA KAUIRA	MWEDU C.V	"		11638447	<i>[Signature]</i>	072971740
	LYDIA KAROKI	KANINDU			2438939	<i>[Signature]</i>	072112882
	FRANCIS MUKI	MWEDU			6757376	<i>[Signature]</i>	0721117810
	AGELIKA FARDI	KADIMI			4482082	<i>[Signature]</i>	07277661008
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ANNEX 2: Captions
Market exposure Visit



A briefing forum during the Market exposure visit



Farmers discussing with traders at one of the market

Staples Foods Symposium



Group photo: Staple foods symposium at AFMA Centre



Institutional partners addressing the participants during the symposium

Farmers Training In Meru



Farmers being trained by the CVS Staff in Meru and Tharaka





Farmer training by CVS staff in Jinja



Stakeholders Forum in Meru



ATTENDANCE LIST

PROJECT: C.V.S



ACTIVITY: WORKSHOP ON VILLAGE MARKET STAKEHOLDERS STRADE

DATE: 30/9/2011

VENUE: ROYAL PRINCE HOTEL MERU KENYA

NAMES	Male	Female	SIGNATURE	MOBILE	ORGANISATION/ GROUP
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LYDIA KAWIRA GITANGA		✓	<i>[Signature]</i>	0722977746	MWERU C.V.S
JAMES NBOGATI	✓		<i>[Signature]</i>	072296555	Sulaw Seeds
JESSE OJONG	✓		<i>[Signature]</i>	0726429740	NCPS
Jewa Kithi		✓	<i>[Signature]</i>	0725259706	MOA
Nancy Kathoni		✓	<i>[Signature]</i>	0723680692	MAREGA C.V.S
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Lydia Nkamoa		✓	<i>[Signature]</i>		Kamathi Rizki

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ACTIVITY: WORKSHOP ON VILLAGE MARKET STAKEHOLDERS

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ROSE NDIRITE		✓	<i>[Signature]</i>	0734613984	MERU CAB USHIRIKI VILLAGE STORE
Florence Kangai					
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Jagisau Kan'ya		✓	<i>[Signature]</i>	0701579222	Ameyi amoyoi
H.N. NJUGI	✓		<i>[Signature]</i>	0729804547	M.O.A
MATHEWS JAGIAH	✓		<i>[Signature]</i>	0721154565	AFSI CHURCH
SAMUEL NJUGI KACHENGA	✓		<i>[Signature]</i>	0721800155	TUMBU COMMERCIAL USHIRIKI
CHARLES KANYORO	✓		<i>[Signature]</i>	0723620058	NATION MEDIA GROUP
PETER MICHARI MBITHI	✓		<i>[Signature]</i>	0720175661	EQUITY BANK
ERIC M. NTHUMBI	✓		<i>[Signature]</i>	0722949045	EQUITY BANK
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ATTENDANCE LIST

PROJECT: C.V.S

ACTIVITY: WORKSHOP ON MANAGING MARKETS

DATE: 29/11



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BONFACE MURITHI			<i>[Signature]</i>	0728254747	Kenya Agricultural

Stakeholders' Forum - Jinja



Proceedings during the stakeholders' forum



A group photo of the participants

Farmer exchange visit to Meru

FARM CONCERN INTERNATIONAL



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