

One Acre Fund

COMPETE – May Progress Report

In May 2011, One Acre Fund’s Rwanda operation successfully trained 26,559 smallholder farm families in Nyamasheke, Rusizi, Karongi, and Rutsiro Districts on post-harvest storage and handling of beans and maize. This is 1,559 more farmers than indicated in One Acre Fund’s grant proposal; the increase is due to stronger than anticipated enrollment in this growing season.

The following activities were completed, as per One Acre Fund’s grant proposal:

- 160 field officers were trained by One Acre Fund field directors and field managers on how to deliver farmer trainings on post-harvest handling and storage.
- 160 field officers trained 26,559 smallholder farmers in groups of 40-50 farmers, in the fields where they live and work.
- 160 field officers reported the number of farmers trained in their weekly “key performance indicators,” for a total of 26,559 farmers

Importantly, because One Acre Fund is providing training to its farmers on post-harvest storage and handling of maize for the first time, our field directors have decided that field officers should execute follow-up trainings in June, as well as a series of farm visits to “spot check” and verify that farmers are adopting the correct handling and storage techniques for maize. Field officers will also “spot check” and verify that farmers are adopting the correct handling and storage techniques for beans.