

Monthly Report Template for COMPETE Grantees

Grantee: Sustainable Harvest at Origin/Africa Ltd

Report for the month of: February 2011

Based on your grant agreement implementation timeline, please highlight the activities you have accomplished over the past month.

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To link input suppliers with producers and producers with buyers	<p>During February the two containers of Kilicafe green coffee purchased by Green Mountain Coffee arrived in the US, and on the 22nd were approved by the Green Mountain quality control team for retail.</p> <p>Furthermore, on February 21st and 22nd, Sustainable Harvest at Origin/Africa was pleased to receive two members of the Mars Drinks team – coffee buyers headquartered in the UK – at the Moshi office. Having heard of the success Compete and Sustainable Harvest are having with the RITS pilot program, Mars Drinks have decided they would like to partner with us to build a metrics system for the RITS system based on the COSA indicators. We shall be piloting the metrics system, as well as a RITS training iPad app called Ed, with Kilicafe groups through out 2011. Mars Drinks are also interested in purchasing coffee from the Kilicafe RITS groups in the coming harvest.</p>
<p>To conduct trainings on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Quality management training workshops -Wet mill management workshops -RFID/cell phone use workshops -RITS system workshops for dry mill managers and coppers 	<p>During the month of February, Sustainable Harvest at Origin/Africa staff completed their visits to new Kilicafe groups to assess their needs for training and to scale up the impact of RITS for 2011.</p> <p>The intention was to finalise the new RITS groups for 2011 by early February and to conduct the first three day computer training workshop for washing station managers at the end of the month, however this process was delayed. This was due to some groups already being involved with TechnoServe’s training program and Sustainable Harvest felt it necessary to therefore arrange a meeting with TechnoServe’s Tanzanian director before finalising the group selection. The first workshop has therefore been pushed forward to March.</p>

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To conduct trainings on: -Quality management training workshops -Wet mill management workshops -RFID/cell phone use workshops -RITS system workshops for dry mill managers and cuppers	(Cont'd) We are also happy to invite the Brazilian agronomist who interned with Sustainable Harvest last year back to the company at the end of February. Andre Almeida will be focusing on conducting quality management training workshops for the groups beginning in March. In February, Sustainable Harvest at Origin/Africa staff also received trainings in how to use the new iPhone RITS producer app as well as how to use the new QR codes, which will replace the RFID tags as a more efficient means of tracking coffee from the washing station to delivery. This information will be reiterated in the RITS training workshops for washing station managers in the coming months. Sustainable Harvest at Origin/Africa successfully trained Kilicafe's cupper in how to use the RITS system last year and look forward to training him in the new iCup application used to record cupping scores for coffee lots in an efficient and transparent way in April, ready for the beginning of the harvest in May.
Collection, bulking, cleaning, sorting, drying, storage of RITS tracked coffee at the dry mill	Due to the fact that the harvest officially closed in January 2011, there has been no data associated with processing Kilicafe coffee recorded in the RITS system during the month of February. The harvest is due to commence again in May 2011.

Additional comments or results:

In early February 2011 the RITS user survey analysis was completed – based on feedback received from all 16 2010 users. Sustainable Harvest at Origin/Africa were grateful to be able to share these results with USAID COMPETE during their visit on 21st February, as well as plans to implement payment systems into the RITS and to use solar energy to charge laptops at the washing stations where electricity remains an issue. Quotes for installing necessary equipment have now been received from Zara Solar and David and Shirtliff, two solar providers in Tanzania. Furthermore, Sustainable Harvest staff have made connections with Frontline SMS, a company with offices in Kenya that are interested in working with us to develop mobile phone technology to complete producer payment transactions at the group level.