

Monthly Report Template for COMPETE Grantees

Grantee: Sustainable Harvest at Origin/Africa Ltd

Report for the month of: March 2012

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To link input suppliers with producers and producers with buyers	Due to data collection conducted through the Compete grant, Sustainable Harvest were able to provide Mars Drinks with specific elevation and certification data for a majority of the groups contributing coffee to the container purchased.
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	On March 21st Rashid Bushiri and Mary Mlaki both attended a two hour training in how to use GoogleDocs and spreadsheets to track CPU expenses. Mary has replaced Mwakisole as the Northern Kilicafe Chapter Accountant and will therefore take on the role of monitoring this spreadsheet for the seven North groups. On March 28th, Augustine Chambo trained the two 2011 RITS groups in the South, Kihuka and Mahenge, alongside the Southern Kilicafe Chapter accountant Joseph Nsajigwa in how to use the same CPU spreadsheet, bringing the total trained on this module in March to 7 individuals. On March 29th, Kihuka and Mahenge users were trained in how to use the iForm application on the iPad to survey producers and gather key metrics, as well as how to utilize RITS Ed in the field.
Collection, bulking, cleaning, sorting, drying, storage of RITS tracked coffee at the dry mill	In the month of March, no coffee was collected at the RITS washing stations. Kilicafe are currently in the stage of finalizing farmer second payments. The 2012/2013 harvest is due to commence in May.

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To begin implementing the no-costs extension	<p>This month, five new Northern groups were chosen to participate in the RITS program in 2012; Roo, Tumaini Farm, Kyeeri, Mrimbouwo and Kin'gori. The names of two members from each group have already been submitted to attend trainings commencing in April and May. On March 6th, Carly Griggs and Rashid Bushiri introduced the concept of a new RITS spreadsheet to 10 of the Northern users attending the session. Users were positive about the change and believe non-reliance on a constant internet connection will improve the efficiency of their work. A list of important data to continue tracking, as well as important new additional data, was compiled and forwarded to the IT team in Portland, Oregon. On March 30th, Carly Griggs and Chambo Augustine introduced the first draft of the new RITS spreadsheet to the groups in Mbinga. Feedback was again positive and subtle changes/additions were suggested which will be incorporated. The same spreadsheet will be introduced to the Northern groups in early April.</p>

Additional Information:

Due to non-compliance with bi-laws, Kilicafe have requested Umoja Ilela be removed from the RITS program and replaced with another group, Makunguru. In March, all existing equipment, including computer, printer, internet and solar panel, was moved to Makunguru washing station. From 27th-29th April Carly Griggs trained two members from Makunguru in basic computer skills in preparation for RITS training in early May. The training was very successful, with significant input from Kihuka and Mahenge. This is insightful of a successful and sustainable training model moving forward, using existing users to train new users in the absence of USAID/COMPETE funding.