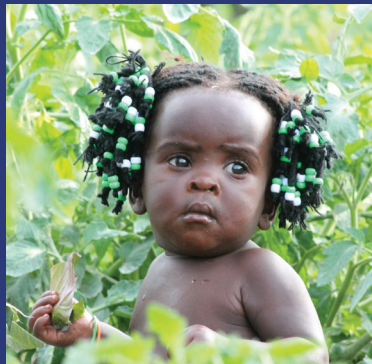


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ACRONYMS

CAIIP	Community Agricultural Infrastructure Improvement Programme
CAPCA	Central Archdiocesan Province Caritas Association
CBO	Community Based Organisations
CDD	Community Driven Development
CIDI	Community Integrated Development initiatives
CK	Caritas Kampala
CKL	Caritas Kasana-Luweero
CKM	Caritas Kiyinda Mityana
CL	Caritas Lugazi
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
CU	Caritas Uganda
CMD	Cassava Mosaic Disease
CWD	Coffee Wilt Disease
DLSP	District Livelihood Support Programme
EADEN	Eastern Archdiocesan Development Network
FAL	Functional Adult Literacy
FAQ	Fair Average Quality
FBO	Faith Based Organizations
FGDs	Focus Group Discussions
HH	House hold
HCT	HIV Counselling and Testing
HIV	Human immuno virus
HR	Human Resources
IRF	Internal Revolving Fund
ICS	Internal Control System
KARI	Kawanda Agricultural Research Institute
KATUKA	Kampala, Tusuubira Women's Group and Caritas Kasanaensis
KDTL	KATUKA Development Trust Limited
KMD	Kiyinda Mityana Diocese
LINKS	Loan in Kind Scheme
MADDO	Masaka Diocesan Development Organisation
MAAIF	Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industries and Fisheries
M&E	Monitoring & Evaluation
MUMPIFA	Mutubagumu Mpigi Farmers' Association
NAADS	National Agricultural Advisory Services
NARO	National Agriculture Research Organization
NFA	National Forest Authority
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OVCs	Orphans & Vulnerable Children
PMC	Programme Management Committee
SAPs	Sustainable Agricultural Practices
TIU	Transparency International Uganda
TWG	Tusuubira Women's Group
UCDA	Uganda Coffee Development Authority
UFCVP	Uganda Farmers' Common Voice Platform
UGOPAP	Uganda Governance & Poverty Alleviation Programme
VCT	Voluntary Counselling & Testing
OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
PLWD	People Living With Disabilities
CBT	Community Based Trainer

WORD FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN



The Most Rev. Dr. Cyprian K. Lwanga

I take this opportunity to welcome our readers to this publication in which we share our achievements that are derived from the community development work we undertake.

We remain focused to our mission of promoting integrated spiritual, social and economic interventions within communities where we work with a purpose of improving the lives of the people we can afford to reach. CAPCA has and will continue to enhance capacities at household level in order to increase food and income security, among others, of the small holder farming communities in Uganda.

At community level we have realized increased empowerment of farmer organizations to carry out collective roles of members in marketing and advocating for their needs. The formation of cooperatives is expected to help in promoting the spirit of working together by the members for a beneficial purpose.

In this period we have also piloted interventions, in selected districts, to attract the youth into agricultural activities hence reducing on unemployment in this country while promoting their livelihoods.

In pursuance of our vision of a “society where people live decent livelihoods sustainably”, we remain committed to render community development. However, given that we do not command adequate resources, we shall continue working with development partners with a purpose of improving the lives our communities.

We are grateful to Caritas Denmark for the continued support towards UGOAPAP, and in particular CAPCA interventions, a manifestation of the love the people of Denmark have towards the communities of Uganda. I thank my fellow Bishops for their support towards CAPCA and its interventions. I wish to extend my appreciation to the Board of Directors for carrying their oversight role, CAPCA management and staff for their commitment and hard work towards the fulfillment of CAPCA mission and improving the conditions of communities. I convey my gratitude to government and other development partners for the support rendered to CAPCA.

**+The Most Rev. Dr. Cyprian K. Lwanga
Chairman – CAPCA Board of Directors**

WORD FROM THE LIAISON OFFICER



Bukenya Joseph
CAPCA Liaison Officer

It is a pleasure to present to you an overview of CAPCA's background, strategic direction, its partners, program activities, outcomes arising out of the program interventions and community voices, among others. The outcomes are in the areas of advocacy, collective marketing, savings and credit that have had outstanding positive influence in the households and farmers' organizations.

CAPCA is one of the partners under the Uganda Governance and Poverty Alleviation Programme (UGOPAP) and is accordingly pursuing sustainable development by strengthening the capacities of the communities where we work.

In strengthening household livelihoods, several activities have been undertaken to enhance food and income security. A total of 210 community Based Trainers were given refresher training in farmer to farmer extension skills that are necessary for supporting farmers' households in increasing agricultural production for food and income generation. As a result about 2185 Association members were trained, during the year under review, in sustainable agricultural practices. Similarly, CAPCA made linkages with East African Beekeepers to train farmers in three districts on apiculture to enable them put up enterprises for producing honey for selling. We also continued to provide market information, on a weekly basis to 500 farmers, for farm products they produce to enable them make informed decisions on when

to sale, where and at what price.

CAPCA piloted a youth project in the districts of Mpigi, Bukomansimbi and Rakai. Currently about 800 youths are undergoing training for equipping them with skills that will enable them to carry out economic activities, including agricultural interventions, aimed at improving their welfare.

In resource mobilizing for their food and income security, farmers are improving in voicing out their needs to local government officials. In the year under review, some farmers obtained planting materials from sub-counties in form of coffee seedlings and maize seeds under NAADs.

In Katikamu sub –county, a community was granted a borehole, which has reduced on the distances farmers trek to collect water for domestic purposes. However, the number of beneficiaries from government programs is still low due low capacities in advocacy and networking.

Regarding environment conservation, farmers continue to use energy saving stoves (ESS) that save on the quantity of fire wood used. New ESS were constructed in farmers' homes in Luweero district.

We hope that with further strengthening of farmers' groups in terms of governance, objective management, entrepreneurship/ income generating skills, resource mobilisations and advocacy, household livelihoods will improve and make the farmers more empowered to increase their stake in farmers' associations and primary cooperatives .

In strengthening the capacity of farmers'

organizations, members of the farmers' associations were trained in group dynamics, leadership, IGAs, savings & credit and had an exposure visit on cooperatives. Seven farmers' organizations transformed into primary cooperative societies. The use of cooperative culture, among the communities where CAPCA serves, is expected to increase farmers' collective efforts in their social economic development.

The program promotes bulk marketing of farmers' produce due to the benefit of using a collective voice to bargain for favourable prices on the market. An increasing number of farmers have responded to the approach of selling their produce, though at a slow pace. In the year under review, nine farmers' associations were involved in collective marketing of maize totaling to 77.4 tonnes yet six associations sold coffee (FAQ) totaling to 47.3 tonnes. The sales proceeds benefitted the farmers that bulked their produce in terms of better income compared to farmers who sold individually. Nevertheless, the trend is expected to improve when the following are improved; leadership, management, record keeping, membership as well as strengthening of association functions comprising marketing, finance, Advocacy, investment, savings and credit as well as monitoring.

Efforts were also made to create market linkages for the farmer organizations. In the period under review, Kassanda Farmers' Association entered a contract to produce beans for a local seed company.

Some associations were granted processing equipment for purposes of adding value to their produce so as to enable members obtain better prices. In the period under review three associations launched their coffee hullers. The success of managing the associations' equipment will depend on the association leadership and management of the equipment and the produce business. Some more equipment is expected to be launched, however, the biggest challenges are the low financial capacity of the farmers and difficulty of getting phase three

electrical connections from UMEME.

In strengthening community development organizations' a number of activities were carried out. In order to enhance their financial management, CAPCA partners upgraded to a more robust accounting software. The software has enhanced the quality and timeliness of financial reporting to key stakeholders. As part of the on-going enhancement of competences, CAPCA staff were trained on marketing, NGO IDEAs for results based monitoring & evaluation, procurement and had an exposure visit on cooperatives.

In terms of advocacy, CAPCA continued to promote advocacy and lobby engagements in central government and local government for the benefit of the farming communities. During the National farmers' forum, farmers voiced their concerns against poor and substandard agro-inputs on the market before duty bearers from MAAIF and Members of parliament, among others. CAPCA also continued entered into new networks with PELUM and Food rights Alliance, in addition to the Uganda Farmers' Common Voice Platform.

In terms of visibility, besides the annual bulletin and brochures, CAPCA website continues to be updated and can be accessed on www.capcauganda.org.

As part of the on-going program monitoring and evaluation, data collection and analysis were carried out to track changes in communities and program milestones. The analysis informed the stakeholders of the need to strengthen farmers' groups for the benefit of community members, which was started on.

I acknowledge with thanks the contribution made by the following stakeholders towards the success of CAPCA IV project; Caritas Denmark, the Board of Directors, CAPCA management and the entire staff.

Bukenya Joseph
CAPCA Liaison Officer



The Central Archdiocesan Province Caritas Association (CAPCA) is a development arm of the Central Archdiocesan Province and comprises a consortium of seven partner organizations also referred to as agencies. The CAPCA partners are; Caritas Kampala, Caritas MADDO, Caritas Kiyinda-Mityana, Caritas Kasanaensis, Caritas Lugazi, CIDI Rakai and Tusubira Women's Group. Currently, CAPCA operates in 9 districts of central Uganda. CAPCA has a board of trustees, Board of Directors and a Liaison office that carries out program management with special focus on coordination, quality assurance and supervision of implementation across the seven agencies. CAPCA's core mandate is to promote integral social and economic development of all people without any discrimination based on religion, politics, gender or race.

Our Vision

A society where people live a decent livelihood sustainably.

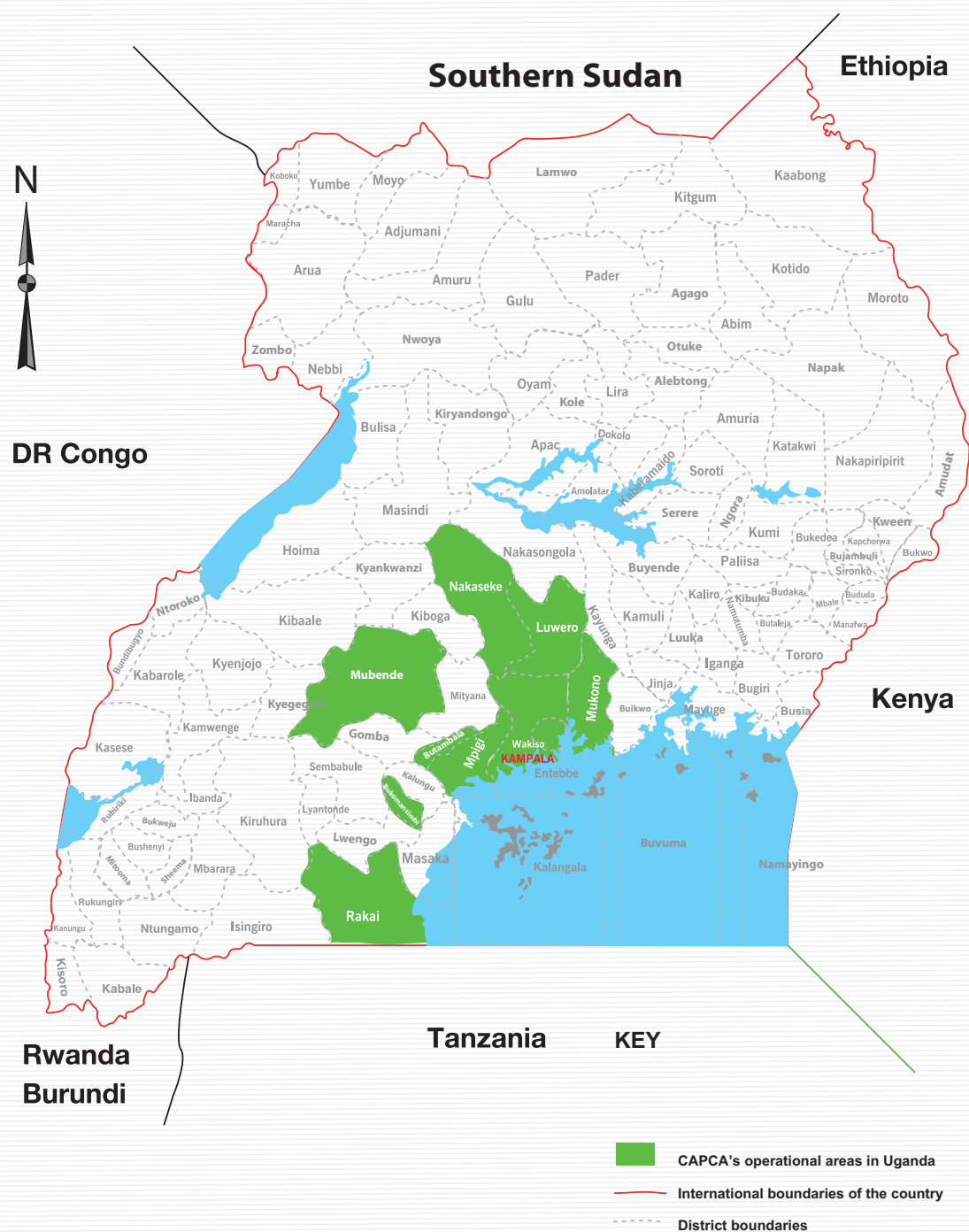
Mission

To promote integrated spiritual, social and economic interventions.

Core Values

- Human dignity,
- Fairness (Justice & Peace),
- Accountability/Transparency,
- Integrity /Honesty,
- Professionalism and
- Teamwork.

**A Map of Uganda showing districts where CAPCA operates:
Bukomansimbi, Butambala, Luweero, Mpigi, Mubende, Mukono,
Nakaseke, Rakai and Wakiso Districts**





To-date CAPCA has implemented five integrated agricultural development projects, including the current CAPCA IV project that is implemented under the Uganda Governance & Poverty Alleviation Program (UGOPAP), phase III. The five development projects have been and continue to be supported by Caritas Denmark. Some of the key interventions CAPCA promotes include; Sustainable agriculture, building organization capacity of community and farmers' organizations, farming as a business, collective marketing, Environment Conservation, basic health and advocacy. In addition CAPCA is also piloting a project to attract the youth to join agricultural activities. The youth pilot interventions are so far being implemented in Bukomansimbi district by Caritas MADDO, in Mpigi & Butambala districts by Caritas Kampala and in Rakai district by CIDI Rakai.

This publication presents profiles of CAPCA partners, key success stories attained during CAPCA III project 2012-2014, outstanding success stories at household level to date and future plans.

CAPCA PARTNER ORGANISATIONS:

Caritas Kiyinda Mityana

Caritas Kiyinda Mityana is the Social Services and Development arm of Kiyinda Mityana Diocese. The diocese is headed by Bishop Joseph Anthony Zziwa, who is also the President of Caritas in the Diocese. The Director of Caritas Kiyinda Mityana is Rev. Fr. Joseph Ssekyewa and the Asst. Director of Caritas is Rev. Fr. Simon Kyambadde.

SSD-KMD's vision: A self-reliant community engaging in sustainable and holistic development. SSD-KMD's mission: A Catholic Faith Based Organization working in collaboration with other development partners to empower communities in KMD achieve self-reliance.

Caritas Kiyinda Mityana started in the 1980s in

response to the need for rehabilitation, relief and community welfare due to the political and civil strife that prevailed from 1980 to 1985. The activities of Caritas Kiyinda Mityana cover 5 districts of Mubende, Kiboga, Mityana, Gomba and Kyankwanzi. On Social Services and development, Caritas Kiyinda Mityana handles food security, increased income, environment conservation, health services, access to safe and clean water, good hygiene, good Governance, gender, social protection of vulnerable people including the OVCs, PLWD and the elderly.

Caritas Kiyinda Mityana implements CAPCA interventions in Mubende district where it supports more than 1,500 households of small holder farmers.



The Social Services Director Kiyinda Mityana Diocese on a monitoring visit to one of the farmers

Caritas Kasanaensis

Caritas Kasana Luweero (Kasanaensis) is the Social-Pastoral Arm of Kasana-Luweero Catholic Diocese which began in 1997. The diocese is headed by Bishop Paul Ssimogerere, who is also the President of Caritas in the Diocese. The Director of Caritas Kasana Luweero is Rev. Fr. Hilary Muheezangango and the Assistant Director is Rev. Fr. Alfred Ddumba. Currently the activities of Caritas Kasana Luweero cover Luweero, Nakaseke and Nakasongola districts.

The vision of Kasanaensis: A sustainable spiritual, social and economically developed community.
Mission: Working with communities to improve their

living conditions and sustain their local development processes and outcomes.

Caritas Kasana Luweero handles the following interventions; agriculture, food security, marketing, income enhancement, micro-saving and credit, HIV/AIDS, OVCs, Environmental conservation, promotion of access to clean and safe water, sanitation, home improvement, gender in development, good governance, lobbying and advocacy.

Caritas Kasanaensis implements CAPCA interventions in Luweero and Nakaseke districts where it supports more than 1,000 households of small holder farmers.

Below: The Bishop of Luweero inspects exhibitors during the Caritas Kasanaensis agriculture week, June 2014.



Caritas Kampala

Caritas Kampala (CK) is the social services and economic development Department of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Kampala that was started in 1973 and became fully established in 1986. The Archdiocese is headed by Archbishop Dr. Cyprian Kizito Lwanga, who is also the President of Caritas in the Archdiocese. The Director of Caritas Kampala is Rev. Fr. Vincent Kisenyi Byansi and the Assistant Caritas Director is Rev. Fr. Peter Musumba.

Currently Caritas Kampala activities cover 4 districts of Mpigi, Butambala, Kampala and Wakiso.

Caritas Kampala's vision: A self-sustaining Family of God founded on love, solidarity and reconciliation".

Mission: To progressively develop a holistic, integrated

and self-sustaining Family of God, Spiritually, socially through building a civilization of love, solidarity and Reconciliation".

Currently, Caritas Kampala handles development activities in the following areas: Agriculture, value addition, income enhancement, Health, Cooperatives & Micro-Finance, good governance and civil society enhancement, Gender, orphans and vulnerable children, support to marginalized groups, and women empowerment.

Caritas Kampala implements CAPCA community development activities in Mpigi and Butambala districts where it supports more than 1,100 households of small holder farmers.

Caritas Lugazi

Caritas Lugazi is the social pastoral development arm of Lugazi diocese mandated by the diocese to design and implement development activities. During the year 2014, the diocese was under the leadership of Bishop Mathias Ssekamanya, who was also the President of Caritas in the diocese. In January, 2015, Bishop Kakooza replaced Bishop Ssekamanya, who retired at the end of 2014. CAPCA welcomes Bishop Kakooza to Lugazi Diocese wishes him all the best.

The Director of Caritas Lugazi is Rev. Fr. John B. Lule and the Asst. Director is Rev. Fr. Athanasius Kafeero. Caritas Lugazi operates in four districts of Mukono, Buikwe, Kayunga and Buvuma Islands.

Caritas Lugazi's vision: Improved quality of Life for all People of Lugazi Diocese. The mission: To foster community based initiatives through promotion of

charity, solidarity, social justice and reconciliation for integral Human Development in Lugazi Caritas Lugazi aims at improving the social and economic conditions of the people irrespective of their cultures, religious affiliation or political affiliations.

Among the areas handled by Caritas Lugazi in development work include; sustainable agriculture, health specifically HIV/AIDS, water, sanitation and hygiene, nutrition, education, micro finance, care for the elderly, orphans and widows, environmental sustainability, income generation, human rights, research and advocacy.

Caritas Lugazi implements CAPCA activities in Mukono district where it provides capacity building to more than 500 households of small holder farmers.



**Tribute to Rt.
Rev. Dr. Mathias
Ssekamanya –
Bishop Emeritus
Lugazi Diocese.**

As CAPCA we wish to express our gratitude to Rt. Rev. Bishop Mathias Ssekamanya for the passion, support during monitoring/pastoral visits and commitment towards CAPCA interventions. Indeed the successes witnessed by CAPCA beneficiaries through Caritas Lugazi are greatly attributed to your guidance, love and visionary leadership. We wish you a blessed and fruitful retirement.

Caritas MADDO

Caritas MADDO is the Social Services and development arm of Masaka Catholic Diocese. The diocese is headed by Bishop John Baptist Kaggwa, who is also the President of Caritas in the Diocese. The Director of Caritas MADDO is Rev. Fr. Raphael Ssemenda and the Assistant Director is Rev. Fr. Peter Ssenkaayi.

Caritas MADDO started in 1981. Currently MADDO activities cover 8 districts of Masaka, Rakai, Ssembabule, Lyantonde, Kalangala, Bukomansimbi, Kalungu and Lwengo. Caritas MADDO's vision: "A society of Persons actively involved in Holistic Development". The mission: "To foster development among the people of Masaka diocese regardless of their religious and political affiliations.

On Social Services, Caritas MADDO handles health services, distribution for Joint medical stores, OVCs,

widows and the elderly, provision of access to clean and safe water as well as promotion of good sanitation. As a development arm, MADDO promotes food security and improvement of household incomes through agriculture, value addition to farmers' produce, commercialized farming & collective marketing, rural savings and credit schemes, environment conservation, lobbying & advocacy as well as managing MADDO diaries for milk processing. Currently Caritas MADDO works with over 15,000 Farming households organized in 430 farmer groups 9 farmer Associations and two cooperatives.

Caritas MADDO, implements CAPCA community development activities in Bukomansimbi district, where it supports more than 800 households of small holder farmers.



Bishop of Masaka launches the coffee huller of Bigasa Farmers' Association.

Community Integrated Development Initiative (CIDI)



CIDI

Community Integrated Development Initiatives

Your Partner in Tackling Poverty

Community Integrated Development Initiatives (CIDI) was founded in 1996 and registered in 1999 as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). CIDI is a National NGO, currently operating in the districts of Kampala, Rakai, Soroti, Napak and Amuria. The Chairman of the Organization is Mr. Francis A. Lubowa and the Executive Director is Dr. Fulgensio Jjuuko.

CIDI's vision: To be the leading NGO offering quality sustainable services to the poor communities. The mission: To improve people's livelihood and create self-sustaining communities in Uganda through provision

of equitable, participatory, integrated development interventions.

CIDI mainly focuses on actions that improve the lives of the poor, vulnerable and marginalized communities in urban, Peri-urban and rural areas. CIDI's areas of intervention include; promotion of access to clean and safe water, hygiene and sanitation, health, agriculture, food security, income enhancement, environment conservation and advocacy.

CIDI implements CAPCA activities in Rakai district where it provides support to more than 700 households of small holder farmers.



Tusuubira Women's Group (TWG)

Tusuubira Women's Group (TWG) is a development Organization founded in 1997 by a group of local women in order to have a common voice to address their social and economic needs. Currently TWG activities are carried out in Wakiso district. The Chairperson of the group is Ms. Naava Maria Thereza.

Tusuubira Women's Group vision: A united community free from human suffering and poverty. Mission: To improve the livelihoods of the rural and peri-urban poor and vulnerable communities in Wakiso District through supporting appropriate empowerment and integrated community based development initiatives.

On its development activities, Tusuubira Women's Group currently implements grass root poverty alleviation interventions in 600 small holder member households that are organized into groups and farmer associations. TWG interventions focus on Economic empowerment (Agri-business & Entrepreneurship), Natural Resource Conservation and Public Health (Agriculture, food security, environment conservation, access to clean and safe water, hygiene & sanitation) OVC's, HIV/AIDS prevention, Good Governance, Lobbying and Advocacy.

Tusubira Women Group implements CAPCA activities in Wakiso district where it provides capacity building to more than 300 households of small holder farmers.



The TWG Director inspect farmers' organizations' maize mill upon delivery to the site.



The Director TWG hands over a bicycle to one of the CBTs

SUCCESS STORIES

ADVOCACY | COLLECTIVE MARKETING | SAVINGS AND CREDIT



A number of outstanding successes have been registered in the areas of Advocacy, Collective marketing, Savings and Credit. Such accomplishments have been at farmer organizational level/ Cooperatives. As a result of trickledown effect arising from a collective spirit , individual farmers have witnessed positive changes in their lives as explained below:



ADVOCACY

Farmers petition the Speaker of Parliament on the Biotechnology & Biosafety Bill, 2012.

On 22nd September, 2014, Farmer representatives from nine districts of Central Uganda led by Mrs. Elina Kambugu from Caritas Kasanaensis delivered a three page petition to the Speaker of Parliament urging her to consider their contribution as farmers before passing the Biotechnology & Biosafety bill, 2012 into law. **With a number of recommendations and concerns, they called** upon parliament to take up its oversight and representative role of the people of Uganda, the pearl of Africa using its legislative power

to restrict Genetically Modified Organisms from Uganda's farming system. In response the Speaker of parliament thanked them and requested them to forward more signatures from farmers in other parts of Uganda on top of 546 to back up this position. She urged them to deliver these signatures to the Parliamentary Committee on Science and Technology that is in charge of the bill. She further noted that in case they find challenges in this process especially at the stage of reaching parliament, her office is open to their service.



Clockwise Mrs. Kambugu reads out the petition, in fig. 2. other farmers and CAPCA staff listen attentively.



Farmers' Forum



Archbishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga officiates as chief guest during the 2014 farmer's forum. On his left is the Director Caritas Kampala, Rev. Fr. Vincent Kisenyi Byansi.

On the 16th October, 2014 farmers from the CAPCA agencies alongside other stakeholders from government and civil society convened at Caritas Kampala head offices for the 3rd edition of the farmer's forum. The forum was premised on the theme; "Prevalence of poor and substandard agro-inputs, what have you done?". This year's forum was graced by representatives from Transparency International, National Drug Authority, MAAIF, members of parliament, Directors and farmers from the seven (7) agencies of CAPCA, national agro – inputs dealers (Bukoola Chemical Industries Limited and NESCO (Nalweyo Seed Company). The chief guest of the forum was the Archbishop of Kampala Dr. Cyprian Kizito Lwanga. During his speech, he re –echoed the significance of the forum that this year's event was to enable Small Holder Farmers, Members of Parliament, ministries, statutory bodies, departments, civil society Organizations and agencies to deliberate on the growing problem of poor and substandard agro-inputs facing the agricultural sector." He took off sometime to appreciate efforts of government through the NAADS programme hoping that the army will create some significant change. However, he entreated the farmers to love CAPCA

more because it is their own. Following the submissions by the farmers from the seven agencies, it was critical to get the other stakeholders commitment on the emerged issues. The following are the key actions highlighted as below;

Honorable Badda the MP from Kalangala district who was representing the chairperson of the parliamentary committee on agriculture asked the Ministry of Agriculture to present a report of what has been done at least after every year i.e. show cases of the culprits gotten and how they have been dealt with.

Deus Muhwezi the Ag. Director/ Commissioner for agro-business from MAAIF said that the advice had been taken positively and thus asked caritas to send the farmers forum report to MAAIF, MPs and other stakeholders present in order to follow up on the actions. NDA Officer asked the participants to deal with drug shops that have licenses of NDA and follow instructions from their doctors. He further cautioned members to always give feedback about the fake drugs to their doctors. NDA contact was read out to the farmers so that they raise their complaints directly to the drug information office-0414-344-052. He further urged the farmers to report any issues about drugs to NDA action will be taken as well as utilize the District offices. Going forward NDA will actively participate in the sub sequent forums and take up the farmer issues raised.



Farmers listening during the farmer forum 2014.



Catherine of Transparency International shares findings on counterfeit agricultural inputs.

Re-afforestation undertaken by Kuwatanya group in Butambala District

28 members of Kuwatanya group under Kalamba Farmers' Association in Butambala district are proud of the re-afforestation campaign they embarked on after their area had previously been deforested by encroachers. Mr. George William Semwanga, the chairperson of the group, said ; "After being trained by CAPCA we boosted our household incomes by increasing agricultural production. Most of the group members are engaged in atleast one of the following enterprises; piggery , coffee and maize plantations." "We also bought trees for planting/ re-afforestation. Our target was to counter deforestation because it had been carried out uncontrollably. Our coffee required protective trees. After expressing our intention to carry out re-afforestation , National Forestry Authority (NFA) gave us 10 hectares of land on which to plant trees. The planted trees will not only protect our environment but will also enhance our incomes in the near future when we harvest timber," He added. "12,000 trees are eventually expected to be planted in Katabalula Forest at Tabaluzinga village, Butambala district. We still have

18,000 seedlings in our nursery bed. We are optimistic that our environment will be protected like never before. We are so grateful to CAPCA ." Besides that, CAPCA also trained and encouraged us in saving & credit operations. This has seen us buy 100 plastic chairs out of our savings in the group. We hire out the chairs each at 500/= Each group member is required to save Shs. 10,000/= per month for the investment fund. We loan out the money not exceeding 200,000/=per borrower, payable in 4 months at an interest rate of 10% flat. The group's cycle is four months, after which we share the profits. Our savings and credit scheme has existed for three years," He further said. "Most of us members have greatly benefited from the savings and credit scheme by enabling to own small businesses, clinics and the like, in addition to increasing our household incomes. In the next five year of our savings and credit scheme existence, we expect 500 plastic chairs, charging 500/= @ chair hired out. We are planning to engage in collective marketing after harvesting our coffee,"





Youths under Ogutateganya Development Group are all smiles with Cocoa Production

37 youths of Ogutateganya Development Group, under Kituntu Farmers' Association, are all smiles after receiving 17,000 Cocoa seedlings from a development partner called Sunshine, to undertake cocoa production. The youths are hopeful that they will have a brighter future when they start harvesting the cocoa.

The youths were mobilized and trained by Community Based Trainers (CBTs) on how to grow cocoa. The youths were counseled amidst struggles to get money for education and basics of life. The crop would enable them to earn reasonable income, as they were assured of ready

market. Each kilogram of unprocessed Cocoa is to be sold between Shs. 6,000/= to Shs. 7,000/=. The youths were given some funds, including a watering can to be used in the nursery bed. They have so far planted 16,100 seedlings.

"We are so thankful to CAPCA because now we have learnt how to grow cocoa as well as working as a group. We expect huge profits which will help us pay school fees and/ or meet our basic necessities. Three of the youths had not yet completed 'O' Level because of financial problems. "We can harvest 5kgs from a single cocoa tree and there are two seasons annually," Ronald Kalema said.

BOPA Co-operative Society Advocates for Cement to construct a Coffee factory

The on-going construction of a coffee factory for BOPA co-operative Society is attracting a number of farmers to join the society. The farmers were initially trained in sustainable agricultural practices by CAPCA from way back in the early 2000s, which knowledge and skills have enabled farmers to increase coffee production. In 2011, CAPCA granted BOPA a coffee huller for purposes of adding value to the farmers' coffee. Narrating their success story, Mr. Peter Ssaka the secretary of the society said "we are currently 350 members in this co-operative society. It comprises of eleven groups in ten parishes. In 2013, during one of the farmer's meeting for NAADs, where Mr. Ssaka serves as a Community Development Facilitator, members were told that NAADs wanted to support higher level farmer associations within Buwama Sub County. Since BOPA was already in existence,

we were advised by CAPCA staff to request NAADs on grounds that we deserved aid to complete construction of our coffee factory structure. BOPA presented a request in October 2013, and then later the farmers' of BOPA received 100 bags of cement in January 2014. Completion of BOPA coffee factory is expected anytime. The district chairman of Mpigi district promised to work on power extension to the coffee factory. "Many farmers, today want to join our association, because they see some progress. Members of BOPA were initially not responsive because of the slow pace at which construction moved". "We are thankful to CAPCA because we learnt how to lobby from government and other development partners to boost our projects and work collectively. "We are now encouraging the members to buy more shares in the co-operative so that they own it" Ssaka said.



KOFA CO-operative Society Advocates for a Juice extractor

KOFA knew about the opportunity of a juice extractor through its members who also double as NAADS farmers' forum members for Kammengo Sub County. KOFA instituted a committee, that consisted of three members, to follow up the equipment. The committee was tasked to lobby for the juice extractor since they were already members of the farmers' forum at the sub county.

According to Mrs. Ndege Gertrude, "the juice extractor was obtained through stiff competition, where more than 5 organisations participated.". She noted that through CAPCA project and the precursor KATUKA project, they were trained in record keeping, documentation and lobbying skills. Using these skills, they attained more trainings from World Vision and Buganda kingdom.

Mr. Bukenya John Baptist, the chairman of the society, said "We decided to take part by using the advocacy and lobbying skills which had been imparted into us by CAPCA". However a key success factor that made the association out compete other applicants was the association's active account which proved the association's financial status. Having sold coffee collectively earlier on and paid by cheque, the bank statement presented to NAADS showed that KOFA had ever handled 32 millions which other competitors did

not possess.

Through increased visibility, on one occasion, the association received visitors and using lobbying and advocacy skills the association members notified the visitors about the needed support in value addition. As a member of Lunyerere farmers' group, under KOFA, was invited to the sub county headquarters and briefed about how to acquire the juice extractor. The association prepared a proposal with supporting documents which were submitted in June 2013 with KOFA's contribution of Shs. 50,000/= to the NAADS. After three months, the association was informed that its application was successful. The juice extractor worth Uganda Shillings 50 million was officially handed over to the association on 25th June, 2014. Currently, the association is working hard to put premises and install the juice extractor.

"We learnt sacrifice, commitment, co-operation and good leadership skills which enabled collective work to yield fruits". The association is grateful to the key partners and allies that contributed to the successful acquisition of the juice extractor and these included NAADS, Caritas Kampala, CAPCA liaison office, Kammengo LC 3 Chairman, Goli Catholic Parish and World Vision.



Lobbying skills helped Kasasa Farmer's Co-operative Society counter Twig Borer

Kasasa Farmer's Co-operative Society is located in Rakai district. The society has 12 groups and 329 members.

The advocacy and lobbying skills which were imparted by CAPCA into farmers of Co-operative Society have remarkably helped them fight the coffee Twig Borer.

Mr. Lutaaya Kizito, the chairperson of the society narrates their success story.

At one time, we were challenged with a disastrous Twig borer which was eating up our coffee plantations. We did not have enough money to respond to the problem and the pesticides were a bit costly to afford the required units per member (farmer). However, CAPCA which came in 2007, later trained us in advocacy and lobbying, among many other things. We used our skills to lobby Hon. Kasamba Mathias, the Member of Parliament for Kakuuto County who then came with a commissioner

from Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries. The extent of the problem was assessed on our coffee plantations. After 2 months I received a call from the ministry to go and pick the pesticides. We received 329 litres of Lithothoate and Trigathoate. Each member received at least a litre for spraying depending on the magnitude of the pest" he said.

"We have learnt that working together can help a group counter a big problem more easily. We were assisted because we were a society. Through collective marketing, we managed to profitably sell our pest free coffee in tones. Mr. Namwanja Joseph of Tukwatire wamu Farmer's Group and a member of the co-operative society, said "I have 400 trees in each acre and I have 7 acres, but from one coffee tree, I get 8 kgs of coffee beans but if its attacked by this Twig borer, the latter can lessen the yield by 3 kgs per coffee tree. , something that can be counted as a huge loss," he concluded.



Kasanda CAPCA Farmers' Association Advocates for a 15 km all-weather Road.

Kasanda CAPCA Farmers' Development Association is located at Kabuwuka village in Namilinga Parish, Kasanda Sub County in Mubende district. The association has 447 members. Using the skills imparted to them by CAPCA, the members advocated for a very narrow path of 15 kilometers and was upgraded into a road on which they today ferry their produce more conveniently to the market.

The road in question connects Kookowe-Namaswanta to Katosi. The road used to be impassable especially in rainy seasons but today the members do not get worried about seasons and they freely transport their coffee, maize, beans and the like to markets. It has further reduced transport costs.

Omulangira Kiweewa Swaibu, the association's chairman narrates how they succeeded.

"Firstly we had 3 groups which were producing a good amount of coffee. The group members were finding it hard to transport their produce to the market. As a result, we petitioned Kasanda

sub county authorities, over the poor state of the road, which was full of potholes, very narrow and on many occasions loaded vehicles would overturn along the way and others would find the road impassable thus failing to deliver members' produce to markets in time. The sub county Chief, then, helped and forwarded our petition to the district. It was through the Community Agricultural Infrastructural Improvement Program [CAIP] that the road was graded into a 1st class murrum road. It took us only three months to have our petition answered," he said. Kiweewa further explains that "This was in 2013/2014 financial year. We are indeed thankful because previously you could be charged between Ug. Shs. 2500-3000 to ferry a 100 kg of coffee to the market, but now they charge you only Ug. Shs. 1000 because the road is remarkably good."

In addition, five members from Kasekere Kawala farmers' group used their advocacy and lobbying skills to secure 450 chicken from Kasanda North M.P., Hon. Godfrey Lubega in February, 2014.



Members of Wakiso Farmers' Association advocate for the Elderly

30 vulnerable members of 'Twegatte Farmer's Group' under Wakiso Farmer's Association, in Wakiso district, are experiencing an improved livelihood, by producing crafts including, among others, mats, and bags.

The members utilized the advocacy skills acquired through trainings organized by CAPCA as a platform to source for support for the members in the special interest group category.

The Group's chairperson Capitolina Nyanzi [52 yrs] says that "As a CBT, I used to be approached by the disabled asking me how they could best access aid, so as do something which can result in household income generation. Using my leadership capacity, I approached the sub county authorities. The CDO I talked to revealed to me that there were some funds allocated to local governments for the elderly. I was advised that old and vulnerable members need to form a group, through which the funds can best be channeled. Since the group already existed, I just focused on registering the members after which I forwarded the list to the CDO, who thereafter forwarded it to the District Probation & Social

Welfare Officer. The later came to inspect and establish the truth about the group formed by the elderly. We then organized the group elderly members and took them to the district."

"We opened up a Bank account, on which the group funds could be kept. In July, 2013 we received the Ugx. 800,000, from which materials were later procured to make crafts. We targeted women above 60 years because those in the category of 60 years and above are too weak to engage in fming activities though they need basic necessities of life," she added.

Nyanzi says that keeping of good records, having a common voice, being focused and continuous follow ups on petitions have helped them to achieve what they advocated for. She concluded by calling out for a person/organisations with skills in tie and dye and cloth printing to train them so that they can achieve their goals. Once trained, she would in turn pass on these skills to the youth especially the child mothers.



Kamukamu Caritas Farmers' Group advocates for a Community Borehole

Mr. Henry Kiwanuka, the chairperson of Kamukamu Caritas Farmers group at Ngogoro village under Kasaala Farmers' Association in Luweero district said that the village received a borehole in 2013 after lobbying from concerned authorities.

"as Members of Kamukamu group A, petitioned Butuntumula sub county authorities over a persistent water problem over time. We were using unclean and unsafe water from the wells, shared by animals especially cattle. But having trained us, we applied the lobbying skills which yielded fruits for us. Thanks to CAPCA

Caritas Kasana Luweero for building our lobbying skills. The local government is also constructing a dam at Lutuula-Buzilanduulu village to further ease the water problem. In 2014, we further lobbied and received 440 coffee seedlings and 50 banana suckers from the NAADS programme. We further lobbied our area MP who also doubles as the Works and transport minister Eng. Abraham Byandara. He donated 5000 coffee seedlings, which boosted our coffee production. We also realized that we had lagged behind due to lack of lobbying & advocacy skills".



St. Joseph Bagwa Farmers' Group Advocates for Planting materials and CDD Funds

St. Joseph Bagwa Farmers' Group is located at Bagwa village, Semuto town council in Nakaseke district. The members of the group secured 400 banana suckers from the NAADS programme in 2013. In the same year the members also got Shs. 2.0 million from the CDD funds, which they used to buy 50 plastic chairs for hiring. In addition, the group members obtained 20kgs of maize seed, trees of fruits including avocado, mangoes and 20 sachets of vegetables for sowing. Mr. Paul Kayingo, the group chairman says that "We

used the lobbying and advocacy skills acquired through CAPCA trainings to get support for our agricultural activities. We wrote to the concerned authorities where we submitted the relevant requirements for a group to be supported. We succeeded because we are united and keep our records well. We have also been energized by the savings culture instilled into us. In the near future, we want to buy tents and sauce pans to expand our event business services so as to enhance the group's income generation".



Nnalongo Namuddu Edith gets underground Water Tank of 35, 000 Litre capacity.



Nnalongo Namuddu Edith [36 yrs] a member of St. Joseph Bagwa Farmers Group is living a better life, following the acquisition of an underground water tank with the capacity of 35,000 litres. Through lobbying, she was chosen as the best to take the pump which called for the construction of the tank.

"We used to fetch water with my children from a distance of almost 2 kilometers, but now we no longer fetch water. The rain water we collect in a tank is enough for our domestic consumption. Through the Government Poverty Alleviation Programme , I also received a cow, 3 goats, 3 piglets in addition to 600 coffee seedlings. I have used the said inputs to boost my domestic income. I get 5 litres of milk every day, we consume some and the balance is sold. I use cow dung as manure in my plantations. My target is to ensure that my children complete their education, as I also become a more successful farmer," she concluded.



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Insights in Cooperatives and Collective Marketing

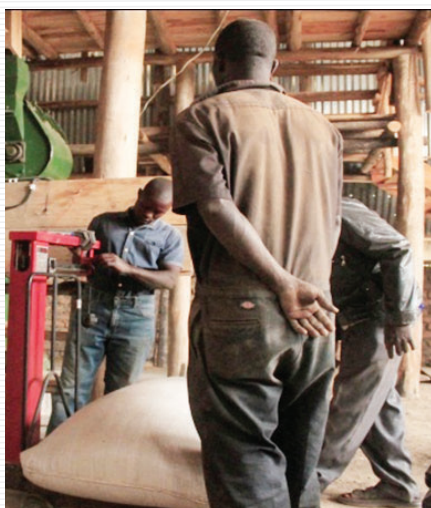
Today cooperatives have been re-organized in a new system of working with their members at all stages of the value chain that is; capacity building to members, procuring agro-inputs, value addition, transportation of farmers output, selling farmers produce.

Co-operatives have the potential to carry out the marketing of members' produce. Cooperatives must do their market research to identify the markets and their requirements, then organize the members to produce the right quality, quantity of produce. In modern marketing, there three key things which drive the market: Quality, reliability and competitive price. Cooperatives also have to consider that the interests of the members and that of the their organizations are balanced to create a mutual trust and understanding between the two because, if one of them is satisfied while the other is not, the organization cannot be sustained. In the past institutions benefited at the expense of members but this is no longer the case. CAPCA facilitates farmers' associations in the formation of cooperatives and this is aimed at strengthening the capacity of farmers' organisations in a number of areas, including involving members

in marketing activities. The same approach will also help to create a direct link between the farmers as well as favorable buyers/markets which offer competitive prices that enable farmers increase their incomes.

Collective marketing plays a major role in farming throughout the world. In most countries farmers have found that they can increase their incomes and efficiency by working with other farmers to market their products, purchase their inputs and co-ordinate their farming techniques. CAPCA supports the practice of collective marketing within farmers' organisations which has been adopted by the farmers' associations and groups. It has been noted that collective marketing can be conveniently accomplished if farmers to plant the same varieties of crops to ensure required quality and quantity, adopt similar agricultural practices, harvesting and post-harvest techniques, meeting joint operational costs like transport & storage collectively. Small scale farmers are therefore advised to follow the trend of collective marketing as a way which will enable them to enhance their incomes sustainably.

Lwanda Produce Marketing Association completes the construction of a coffee huller



The association is found in Lwanda sub-county. Rakai district. The association has been in existence since 2011, with more than 200 members. The association has been facing a challenge to process and sell value added coffee at better prices.

Thanks to CAPCA, which in 2012, and with support from Caritas Denmark, donated a coffee huller to Lwanda Produce Marketing Cooperative. Consequently, the members started looking for land where their coffee factory could be established.

Mr. Fred Nakumanyanga, the person in charge of marketing in the association narrates; "We first acquired a site at Lumbugu but because there was no gazetted zone for power access of 3 phase, we then approached Mr. Kalema for a plot of land. He said that he could only lease land to the farmers' for 10 years. The cost of the land measuring 45 feet x 35 feet x 10 feet was Ugx. 5 m. The association formed a three man committee which oversaw the clearing of the land. . Members were mobilised to buy shares, each at Ugx. 50,000. The maximum shares one could buy were five. Unfortunately, contrary to our expectation of members buying shares of about Ugx. 2 m, only shares worth Ugx. 500,000 were bought".

"We used the Ugx. 500,000= until the building stalled at 11 coarses. We then centenary Bank for a loan, but we were not successful. The executive committee of 5 members resolved that each member is to contribute to Ugx. 1.0 m. We got two others and raised Ug.x 7 m, so that we complete the coffee factory. More shares

were sold to members. Which were bought by other members. We raised up to 22m to its completion," said Nakumanyanga.

" Joined by Irene Kasajja, an association member, they attributed their success to supportive leaders, transparency and most of all, collective action. They learnt that they need to make their account active, because it was dormancy that failed them to access a loan in Centenary Bank.

Following the completion of the coffee huller , more members from groups are moving to join the association, for example three new groups from Kanoni (21 members), Kakoma (27 members) and another Kakoma group with 18 members. The new groups have bought shares. As if that is not enough, other associations are not only bringing business to the coffee factory, but are also coming to learn from them about the road to success, such as Kasasa Cooperative Society and Kagamba farmers' association, from Lwamagwa under NUCAFE. On processing, each kilogram of fair average quality (FAQ) is milled for Ugx. 100 per kg.

There has been increasing visibility of the associations and networking with CSOs including farmer organisations for example Kasasa Cooperative Society and Kagamba Farmers' Association, have all pledged to bring their coffee for processing.

The most remarkable future plan of the association is to register as a co-operative society.

Bigasa Farmers' Cooperative Promotes Collective Marketing

Members of Bigasa Farmers' Cooperative are profiting after marketing their produce especially Coffee collectively. This has enabled them to live changed lives in as far as development on individual basis is concerned.

The office of the cooperative society is based at Jjingoo village in Bigasa sub county, Bukomansimbi district. It comprises 14 groups with 370 members. Before CAPCA went to the area, the members agricultural production had low yields and poor homes.

But since 2006, CAPCA has improved their livelihoods of the members.

Mr. John Baptist Tamale, the person in charge of marketing within the association said that "We had between 6-7 groups participating in collective marketing comprising between 60-75 active members in marketing. . In 2012 we had remarkable yields of coffee, as we sold a full Tata lorry. We took this coffee ourselves to the market. Upon successfully completing the sale of our coffee, we realized that we had been cheated for a long time. Out of the coffee I sold, I bought 2 and half acres of land at Ug x. 2.7m. which I had failed before. This is partly because we used middlemen to market for us, our produce," he revealed.

One of the critical success factors is that each group has a member farmer in charge of marketing. Whenever it comes to harvest season, the group members meet and strategise. The executive committee represented by four members including the chairman, secretary, treasurer and the marketing person visit all members with the aid of motorcycles, recording how much coffee has been collected ready for the market. It takes them two days, thereafter, they load it onto a single truck and take to the coffee factory. The people in charge of marketing first make research to find where they will sell the coffee more profitably.

Members are charged Shs. 100 for milling each kilogram. Another member, Mr. Ddungu Lawrence said he has moved another step in development, since marketing his coffee collectively with Bigasa farmers' Association members.

"I sold 49 sacks of coffee each of 100kgs. The yield was from my 8 acres plantation. I realized that I had been cheated by middlemen for some good time, because there was a difference of up to Ugx. 1m in profits. Since we started collective marketing I have accumulated profits and partially used it to construct this house which is to save me from the dilapidated one next to it," he said.

56-Year- Old Widow Jane Namusoke Reaps Big from Collective Marketing

Jane Namusoke of Nyanga village, Bigasa subcounty in Bukomansimbi district, is a widow who attributes her success to collective marketing by CAPCA.

Narrating her success story, she says that "I was in a poor state after the demise of my husband. I must say I was lazy, because the land left behind by my late husband had becomes busy but after putting it to use I realized it was "Gold" I was not cherishing. I was cultivating food for home consumption with my children, before Mr. Suuna Kateregga from CAPCA came to our area in 2006. We were trained in among other things,

good hygiene, including having clean pit-latrines, drying racks, in addition to collective marketing after reasonable productions".

"I chanced becoming a CBT. In 2006 I planted coffee. I harvested up to 27 sacks of coffee (Kiboko) in 2008 from a one acre plantation, yet before CAPCA's training I used to harvest only 8 sacks. After selling collectively with the association members, I used part of the proceeds to buy another piece of land close to an acre, at Ugx. 800,000, then added another 1/4 of an acre at Ugx. 300,000 in 2011. I further bought another one and half acre at 500,000, all in the name

of creating space for huge plantations. I started producing tomatoes, cabbages from which I earn close to UgShs 4.0 million a year. I have managed to educate my son in a technical institute in Kampala, bought two New bicycles, and out of that I joined 5 saving groups. I have used up to UgShs 11.0 million to re-furbish my house though it is not yet completed. ”.

In line with her role of a CBT, Namusoke says “I have also helped group members learn that they can improve through hard work and using knowledge from CAPCA. My neighbor, Mrs. Nalweyiso, was languishing in poverty yet she

had land but was just lazy. She has also improved and no one can force her out of agriculture,” she concluded.

Members say they have learnt that by using middlemen one ends up with adding that they always need to be confident, stick to team work and collective actions.

However, they are battling Coffee Twig borer which is the greatest threat to their coffee plantations.

They are to extend collective marketing to other crops. Thanks be to CAPCA for the fruitful training. “I indeed attribute all my life changes to CAPCA interventions”, she noted.



Kiganda CAPCA Farmers Association construct own coffee factory

The 852 members of Kiganda CAPCA Farmers' association, based in Kiganda Sub County, in Mubende district, have moved a step towards the construction of premises to house a coffee huller. The coffee huller was donated by CAPCA, with support of Caritas Denmark. The association comprises 25 groups. The development has been steered by Joseph Kawooya, the chairman, Grace Nagujja, the treasurer and Flugensio Ntambi, the person in charge of marketing within the Association. The chairman says "At first we had 8 groups and currently they are 25 groups. This was because of the impression caused by how we, the old members, were working and improving after CAPCA trainings. We bought shares at UgShs 20,000@, sell our produce collectively, participate in saving and credit schemes, increase production in our coffee plantations, among others.

We have been meeting stumbling blocks and these included middlemen who were not transparent in their coffee transactions with the association members. Fortunately, Uganda Coffee Farmers' Alliance, that came in 2006 in our area, wanted farmers to turn coffee production into a more profitable enterprise. The Alliance gave more trainings to farmers. We also took the skills to the members on ground in groups. The main issue we targeted was to eliminate middlemen, which we have managed because of joint efforts," he said.

He further says that due to the good performance and membership cohesion exhibited, CAPCA made a grant to the association in form of a coffee huller and this further boosted the members' morale enthusiasm. Using a collective approach, the association executive started mobilizing resources towards the construction of the premises of the coffee factory. This was mainly through selling shares to the members. In December 2013, the members of the association bought a plot of land at UgShs

10.0 million. To date the construction of the premises has consumed up to UgShs 39.0 M. The budget for completing the construction was estimated at UgShs 70.0 million to its completion. They expect to raise 30 million in the next few months. The Government Minister, Hon. Nyombi Tembo pledged power extension to the coffee factory, before the end of 2014.

The members are attributing their success at the moment to collective spirit of the association members, increased buying of shares, transparency as well as savings and credit schemes in the groups.

The association executive members have learnt that accountability and transparency encourages more members to buy shares and save more. Determination by leaders and effective communication to members have also contributed to the current development of the association.

Some other challenges include high transport costs for their produce, in addition to the long awaited promises by some political actors.

The association members are also strategizing for a future in which they want to sell their coffee to foreign markets, , buy more land for expansion and a vehicle to ease the high transport costs.

"We are now recognized everywhere because of what we have achieved, we have also secured a 30 minutes radio program on farming at Heart FM 102.3 in Mubende town, every Thursday at 7.00 pm. This is all courtesy of the district chairman, Mr. Kibuuka Amooti," Mr. Kawooya concluded.



John Mugisha Acquires Funds for a Canter truck through Collective Marketing

Mr. Mugisha John (46 years of age) a member of Kiganda Farmers' Association, in Mubende district bought a canter truck at UgShs 30.0 Million to ease his work of marketing produce and support groups in transporting their bulked produce at a reasonable cost.

"CAPCA came here in 2006 and gave us coffee seedlings on top of training us on better farming methods, group savings, collective marketing and the like. I planted the seedlings and as a result, I have been harvesting in tonnes, including 5 tonnes of coffee in 2011 and then 3 tonnes of Maize in 2013. I have been selling the produce through collective

marketing that fetched me a reasonable income. Now I have my plantations on 11 acres of land. Out of the profits, I have managed to develop my home. In our group we have an active saving and credit scheme that last year (2013) had transactions of over UgShs 80.0 M. Having gotten UgShs 22.7 Million from maize and coffee sales, I borrowed UgShs 7.0 Million out of our group savings & credit scheme making it UgShs 30.0 Million with which I bought a canter truck. Am also struggling to ensure that our group acquires a vehicle of this kind in the next two years, to help in the marketing the farmers' produce", he said.

Mugisha John

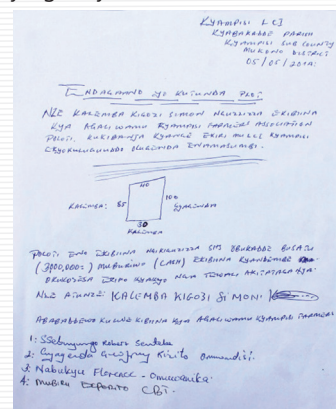


Kyampisi Farmers' Association Buys a Plot with funds of Savings & Credit schemes

The 113 members from 4 groups under Kyampisi Farmers Association at Kyampisi village in Kyampisi Sub County, Mukono district have successfully secured a plot of about 25 decimals at UgShs 3.0 million to construct the association offices. The development is out of the profits they have been gaining mainly from savings and credit as well as collective marketing. Mr. Robert Sebuyungu, the chairperson of the Association says "As members, we do cultivate Maize, Coffee and Beans in plenty as well as rearing pigs. We applied the skills acquired from CAPCA officials during training to start co-saving schemes and collective marketing of our produce for more profits. As a result we have raised the funds to acquire a plot of land. Currently

we are planning for the construction of our own offices by 2015 so that we stop renting. We also look forward to constructing a feed mill here. Every month we pay UgShs 40,000 in form of rent at Namengo trading centre".

The association members have learnt that collective marketing is the best way to go for income generation for farmers. Buying the plot of land has exhibited that transparency heavily contributes to development. However, they are concerned about the low number of youths in the association, arguing that they need young and energetic people to help them especially where a powerful labor force is required such as in cultivation and ferrying of yields.



Katikamu CAPCA Farmers' Association launches a Coffee Factory

350 farmers making 11 groups under Katikamu CAPCA Development Farmers' Association constructed a building housing a coffee huller donated by CAPCA, with support of Caritas Denmark, at Kyalugondo in Katikamu Sub County, Luweero district.

The building cost UgShs 35.0 million. However, the association still has to clear a loan the members lobbied from Caritas of UgShs 17.0 million. Ms. Elina Kambugu, the chairperson says "We received the news in 2011, that our association was granted a coffee huller. At that moment the association was using a store at Lutembe trading centre for bulking members' produce. The association was asked to ensure that a three phase power line can be accessed for the huller, there was enough land owned by the association. The premises for the coffee factory were

built using funds raised through selling shares to members in the group savings and credit schemes formed after CAPCA trainings. Each share was sold at UgShs 20,000 and a member could buy up to 40 shares."

The association members now target building a store and a maize mill at the premises. The members also look forward to acquiring a vehicle to ease transportation of members' produce in addition to constructing a husk chamber.

"We have managed to construct the building for the coffee huller because of the good leadership in the association, the skills we acquired have also been applied. We have learnt that documenting/ record keeping and working together transparently are crucial" she concluded.

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Savings in Tukolere wamu mixed cash round Group improves members' welfare

The saving culture by members of Tukolere wamu mixed cash round group has remarkably improved the general welfare of upto 57 members at Lutabago village, in Lwanda sub-county, Rakai district.

Some of the contributions made by the group savings and credit scheme to the members include supporting children's education by paying school fees, furnishing their homes, rearing profitable domestic animals especially cattle, among others.

Ms. Mary Wamala, the chairperson of the group says, "We had started as Kamukamu savings group in 2004 with support of SCC VI. We used to save money, as we loan it out to members. Members had picked interest in it, because they had started getting access to loans which could help them address some financial problems. In 2012, CAPCA introduced internal saving and lending to our groups, in the name of boosting agricultural practices for better livelihoods. We positively joined CAPCA's programmes, but in the process we were as well saving in our group, which used to convene every first Sunday of the month. The change in our life compelled us to further think of expanding it to CAPCA, because we were almost the same members CAPCA had registered. We agreed then agreed to form two groups with a purpose of maintaining CAPCA supported one hence the Tukolerewamu mixed cash round group. We meet every 16th of the month.

Every member was called upon to raise UgShs 100,000, thus ending up accumulating UgShs 5.7 millions. This was our initial capital. Then We resolved

that each member can buy shares not going below 5,000 and not exceeding 25,000 UgShs ", she said. "The interest rate is 10%. And every loan is payable in two months. Besides that, we had been challenged with some members' failure to clear the loans in time, because we used to settle terms on a gentleman's agreement. At one unfortunate time we had to drag a defaulter member to a magistrates court at Kalisizo This incident compelled us to formulate a constitution, which now guides our savings and credit operations and has helped to curtail defaulters. After closure every round, say annually we share the savings and profits, then wait to start a new one. Our group can now raise up to UgShs 20.0 million", she further revealed.

"We have greatly gained from this development because, we can raise capital to start small enterprises, we have learnt to work collectively which has united us, and the constitution has enabled the sustainability of the savings and credit scheme as members service their loans effectively. We have further developed trust in our hearts, leadership skills, in addition to transparency", Mary Wamala added. "Personally, I have bought a cow for rearing at UgShs 800,000. It has produced, the family diet has improved as we take milk and also sell some for income generation. We also managed to furnish our house. Currently, I am paying tuition for my child at Kammengo Technical Institute, just like other members. Thanks to CAPCA's intervention which saw us formulate another saving's group, thus more access to loans," she concluded.





Nkobazambogo Farmer's Group Used advocacy skills to start wine production



Nabumpenje Resty-Chairperson

Members of Nkobazambogo Farmer's Group at Kiryamenvu village in Kasebwera Parish in Masaka district have used the advocacy and lobbying skills to embark on production of wine.

The group comprises 30 members including four Men. Resty Nabumpenje the chairperson says in their success story that "In 2000 we started this group, after we registered it in 2002. At first the leadership we had did not work well. We were compelled to elect new leaders in 2006 and it worked. In 2007 we received visitors from Caritas MADDO, NAADS and Sub County. They trained us in, among other things, savings, collective marketing, good hygiene, increased and quality agricultural production. CAPCA MADDO followed suit. The latter not only introduced farmer's competitions, but also availed us with inputs and most of all trained us in advocacy and lobbying," she said. "Still in 2010 CDD came here, we lobbied as Nkobazambogo after we received UgShs 2.0 millions from which we bought a solar panel of 800 watts, a battery of 100 watts, an inverter and a regulator. We also bought two mega phones and a mobile speaker. It all cost us UgShs 2.5 millions, the other money was out of members' savings. Our targeted business was to deliver announcements by local means and also charge phones at a fee. We used to earn at least UgShs 3000 daily from phone charging. Then from the announcements we used to earn at least UgShs 90,000 daily. Our profits for phone charging have gone down because most of our clients

have all bought solar panels in their homes. Using lobbying skills, our group petitioned the district and in 2011, we were given UgShs 540,000 which we used to purchase big saucepans, jerrycans and 18 dozens of plates though now they have 300 plates, which we could hire, because there was high demand for them," Nabumpenje added.

Nabumpenje also says that following the successes through lobbying and advocacy, it saw Uganda Co-operative Alliance (UCA) pick interest in training them how to produce wine for profitability.

"When they came, they trained us, it was easy because we were already into collective marketing. We were 19 members actively taking part, we were asked to pay UgShs 10,000 each to be trained. As a result, we now produce 2000 litres of wine. We are looking forward to adding value to beat our competitors who are increasing in the area by good packaging in bottles. 750 mm bottles will be sold at UgShs 10,000. We are optimistic that our livelihood is going to improve the more, thanks to CAPCA for the lobbying and advocacy skills," she concluded.

The group members attribute their success to documenting, co-operation, savings, successful implementation of prior projects that attracted more supportive organisations to positively respond to their requests for support. They are now planning to counter substandard agro-inputs and the coffee twig borer attacking coffee plantations.

Achileo Sekatte constructs a House out of participating in Savings and Credit Scheme

Achileo Sekatte constructed a new house and abandoned the mud-wattled one. This is as a result of saving in the group.

"I used to save my money in a small wooden box, but because it was kept in my house. I used to be tempted to break it and use the money before the target. I had failed to have something remarkable out of the savings. After trainings from CAPCA, I joined a group and in this one the savings were safely kept on the group account as members secured loans and serviced them accordingly. It's out of this that I have managed to not only



have more coffee, maize and beans plantations (18.5 acres) but I have also constructed my house worth UgShs 4.0 millions , though not yet completed ", he said.

Alice Namata Established Restaurant out of Saving and Credit Scheme

Alice Namata, 49 years of age, a member of Gawumbeko United group under Kikyusa Caritas Association, Luweero district, has established a restaurant out of group savings from which she now earns a living.

"I was very poor, without a reasonable source of income in my household, despite cultivating crops. However, when Aisha Nabukenya approached me one time, she revealed to me how I could improve by joining a SACCO. After joining, I saved UgShs 90,000 and got a loan of UgShs 131,500, in the first year. I used to save between UgShs 5,000= to UgShs 10,000. Our SACCO used to convene twice a month. I used the loan to do farming in 1.2 acres of banana plantation after I planted 700 suckers," she said. "Every month I have been earning about UgShs 210,000 from the Bananas, I have further used the profits to establish this restaurant dubbed 'Nalongo Sunset Hotel,' I earn at least UgShs 30,000 as profits from it. It has enabled me to pay fees for my children and look after my sick relative by footing medical bills for a chronic disease, which was hard before joining the group. I attribute my success to the training,



saving in the group and having encouraging executive members in addition to having a banana plantation. In the rainy season am somehow challenged with few customers as these targeted people keep in their gardens. Am not scared of the slight competition from my neighbor because I believe I cook well, to the satisfaction of my customers. I have learnt that hard work really pays after joining SACCOs, in addition to keeping good hygiene at my business. Now am planning to give my restaurant a facelift to attract more customers," she concluded.

Professional builder Upgrades to better house after joining a group under CAPCA.

Ssalongo Mukasa Ronald, 49 years of Gawumbeko United Farmers Group at Mabuye village, in Kamila Sub County, Luweero district had become desperate amid regrets for having pursued a Diploma in Building and civil engineering.

“After graduating, I lived in a hut with my family, but with hope that my skills in construction were to brighten my future. This was not the case, I looked out for opportunities in vain, I ended up languishing in poverty and the illiterate neighbors felt more at ease because they had better welfare than me. One time in 2011, Aisha Nabukenya and I met and she asked me

to join their SACCO as she was looking for members. I started saving between UgShs 5,000 to UgShs 10,000. This money was raised from the small opportunities I used to get to construct people’s houses in the area. After saving for a year, I had UgShs 100,000. When I got a loan of UgShs 150,000 I embarked on a piggery project and out the sales proceeds I have raised up to UgShs 2.5 millions. I used the money to construct a new house in December 2013. If am to further my education now, I can’t hesitate pursuing a course in agriculture,” he concluded.



Mukasa Ronald Ssalongo



INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES

(Question & Answers)

I can now earn a daily income, Annet Nalubanga Kyanjo tells her success story with CAPCA



59-year-old Annet Nalubanga Kyanjo of Mpambire village in Konkoma parish in Mpigi district under MUMPIFA association says she is no longer burdened with sourcing for school fees for her children.

"In 2001, we received information about a new project in our area. At the time I was in a FINCA saving group along with my other 40 colleagues. After joining the new group, we were trained modern farming. The main theme during the training was food security. Despite having ever yielded food in surplus, we did not know how to best store it, for later consumption. The co-coordinator used to tell us that those who will prove patient would benefit from the project. They also trained us how to keep good hygiene in our homes. After a period, we had remained about 25, from the 40. We were provided with inputs, including Cows to rear. With

the latter, we could do re-stocking. If you are given a cow, when it produces a female, you give to the next farmer. That was the order we followed."

"We were also given, coffee seedlings. We had food in plenty after 3 years. We could sell and get money. Following our remarkable efforts with KATUKA's backing, we were recognized by many including CBS FM after we participated in Nsindika Njake programme, as I had a 2 acre plantation of 'Gonja'. We were rewarded. CBS gave us a full Fuso truck with 2 cows, goats, cocks, 10,000 coffee seedlings among others" "From that moment, I ably acquired money and cleared my children's school fees," she revealed.

"Bivamuntuuyo KATUKA Farmers Group, in which am a member is yearned for. I am so thankful to KATUKA because they contributed to our success, following the training. Our homes are now known at different levels. We used the 5 millions which were given to us via CDD fund. We first bought 200 plastic chairs which we hire out. And now we have 300. In the first year we got 3.5m as profits. We are 20 members." "Today, I sow table clothes, I have 2.5 acres of coffee plantation. I yield atleast 2500 kgs," she explained. A Kg of dry coffee is at 1.800/= and red berries (embisi) at UgShs 1.400 I also produce Sumbusa, bichepere which I sell to schools daily. I get at least 7.000/= profits from this."

"Bivamuntuuyo, has produced three other groups with over 100 members totaled up." "The challenge we still have is some members drag their feet, whenever there is need to further seek training." "Despite, the fact that am ageing, I want to be a landlord. Firstly I have bought land at Kakiri, it's a plot (80ft x 100ft). I bought it at UgShs 5 million. Meanwhile am encouraging my children to emulate me, for a brighter future.



Former fish monger reaps big from cattle rearing after joining KATUKA

68-year-old Haji Ahmed Kasujja of Mpanga village in Bulu-Sabalwanyi subcounty in Butambala district expresses gratefulness to KATUKA after a remarkable boost in his household income. "I was a fish monger for quite a long, but the profits were relatively low, that I could not even clear school fees for my children. I used to be heavily burdened with satisfying my family in as far as buying foods and life's basics was concerned," he revealed. "In 2011, I learnt about CAPCA. Rev. Fr. Cyprian Masembe came here and advised us to form groups to be trained to benefit from CAPCA in regard to agricultural production. After positively responding, atleast 200 people formed groups in which I was among. We were trained in among others how to grow coffee and rear cattle. I was under KAALI Development Group.

After two years following our training, CAPCA gave us 5 Cows in our group. We were asked to do (re-stocking) in the sense that if the cows produce we give to the next member till the round is finished and all have cows. We are 30 members. Today 16 members have cows." "Today I earn 10,000/= daily as profits from the milk I sell from this Cow. My family also takes milk daily, this has improved our diet, which was not the case when I was still a fish monger. I couldn't afford milk. I have also constructed houses for rent," he said. "But we are faced with a problem of unreliable Vet doctors to treat our animals. Besides that, we have trained our youthful children for sustainability of these projects, because we are ageing."



Lights powered by Solar energy, scare off thieves from Nazziwa's farm projects

Regina Nazziwa (66) of Kasekere-Kawaala village in Lwantale Parish in Kasanda sub-county in Mubende district says that she has managed to protect her poultry and a cow from thieves with security lights all over the place. She acquired the cow and chicks as a result of advocacy from CAPCA trainings.

Nazziwa says that "As I had joined Kasekere-Kawaala Farmer's group, CAPCA came and trained us. I then started using advocacy along with my colleagues. But after NAADS came in with inputs. There was a cow which we competed for. I emerged winner because of the hardworking I exhibited and general cleanliness in my home. My fellow members also backed me as in being the best to take the cow. This was in April 2013. It provides me with milk, In addition to that CAPCA also

gave us coffee seedlings, I planted mine on 2 and a half acres. I have also planted Cassava, Bananas and also rear pigs. Mostly now I also rear poultry.

At first, thieves had been a problem here, as they used to invade my home in the dark, but through selling coffee, milk and some foodstuffs, in addition to savings, I bought a solar panel which has helped me extend power to all building structures in my home.. Now thieves fear approaching because they might be recognized and traced the next day. I bought it at UgShs 700,000.

I save UgShs 20,000 monthly in our SACCO. Due to my age, am growing weak, but the savings and profits from the projects are helping me to pay labourers (bapakasi) to cultivate my plantations, thanks to CAPCA" she concluded.

Kasozi Charles Father of 6 Constructs UgShs 25m House after Skilling by CAPCA

37-year-old Kasozi Charles, a father of six children at Namaswanta village, Kyanika Parish in Kasanda subcounty -Mubende district under Ani yali amanyi farmers group has constructed a remarkably good house worth 25 millions.

He says that this is as a result of the advocacy skills which he attained through training by CAPCA.

Kasozi says that "After receiving coffee seedlings I planted them on 3 acres. I continued to plant more six acres which had been bushy, from which I have over 3000 coffee trees. When I harvest and sell I get profits

which I have used to not only build this house, but I have also bought another piece of land at Kasanda town worth 4 millions. I want to construct rental houses. I attribute 50% of my successes to CAPCA, because before the latter came to train us e, I was sleeping in a very poor house," he said.

"I now want to also buy a cow to not only improve the diet in my family, but also use bio-gas from the dung. I also target a piggery project, for more profits," he concluded.



Josephine Lubowa & family in better livelihood after CAPCA trainings

Josephine Lubowa Nalongo [45 years] is a member of Nezikookolima Women's Group. She lives in Gombe A Zone in Wakiso town council in Wakiso district.

Nalongo Lubowa along with her husband Mr. Lubowa Mwanje and seven children are living a remarkably changed and good life because of the many agricultural projects in which they are engaged.

Narrating their success story, Nalongo Lubowa attributes it all to CAPCA.

"I joined KATUKA in 2003, but before that I had no clear plans to live a better life at home with my family members, as we were poor. Thereafter we were taken by KATUKA officials for training in among others, profitable agricultural practices at Ntaawo in Mukono district. When we were done with the training, we returned home, I turned my home in a way that I can do rearing from there. After a small period of time, officials came to inspect, they recommended that I was fit to be a beneficiary with one of the Cows set aside. I received the Cow, thereafter, constructed a Kraal. Since then it has so far produced four calves, however, I have returned one to the group. In its [Cow] process of producing young ones, I have been profiting from the milk not only for consumption as a family, but also commercial," she said.

She says that later, she started poultry (broilers) with 250 chicks in January 2014. After rearing them with low profits, she was chosen by TWG to be alone of the beneficiaries of Kroilers that were received from one

of Caritas Uganda's projects. These have increased her earnings .

"After continuous sell of Eggs, profitably, I again relaxed not, but moved to start up a piggery project in which I had 13 piglets," she added.

Nalongo Lubowa says that they also produce Beans, Maize and other food crops for both domestic and commercial purposes on an 8 acre piece of land at Kakiri which they surprisingly pay not more than UgShs. 100,000 per year for rent, despite the yields worth millions of shillings. They also do co-saving in their group (Nezikookolima SILC). They buy shares and each is at Shs. 10,000 when they borrow, they are given 3 months to pay back with a 10% interest. The group comprises 26 members but only 24 save.

"In every three months I save UgShs 1.5m as profits. We have been able to send our children to school, for example two of them are in Secondary at St. Augustine. Each pays UgShs. 520,000 fees per term. We also have two at St. Joseph Busukuma Primary School. They pay UgShs. 350,000 each per term. We have further managed to construct a spacious house and also two motorcycles," she said.

"Co-operation between me and my husband has greatly contributed to our success, in addition to the skills I acquired from CAPCA trainings. I have learnt that saving is such a good factor to acquire loans to inject in profitable projects. In the near future we are to buy our own land for farming," she concluded.



Promoting the use of Solar in Nagojje Farmers' Association

Using her annual savings with her group, Regina Ssemuddu managed to acquire a solar powered TV set along with a solar panel at UgShs 1,650,000. She narrates, "after acquiring my solar panel, I have also applied my lobby skills and 9 members have got solar panels on loan. The panels they got range between UgShs 200,000 - 400,000," Ssemuddu concluded.



Regina Ssemuddu

Mr. George Osudo Earns 4.5m Every School Term, From Maize after CAPCA training

Mr. George Osudo (35 years) of Wabusanke village in Kawungo Parish in Kimenyedde sub county in Mukono district is earning 4.5m every school term, out of the Maize flour he supplies to Kawungo Spring College.

Osudo who is a member in Tweekembe Farmers Group, under Kimenyedde Farmers Association says that at first before CAPCA introduced trainings in his area, he used to be extremely poor with a very low income.

"I have been a farmer for more than 10 years, cultivating on 9 acres but my Coffee and Maize plantations used to be attacked by pesticides. But as I lamented my experience of poor yields to fellow village mates, they

revealed to me their road to success. They attributed it to CAPCA trainings which skilled them in sustainable agricultural practices. No sooner was I moving to consider following what they do, than CAPCA came to our areas. I hurriedly joined the groups they advised us to formulate before they could help us. This was in 2013, we were 40 members, and we received trainers from CAPCA. Then my fellow members chose me to be a CBT. I honored their move and went for further training in CAPCA. After returning I shared the skills. As result, I have personally changed in as far as my household income is concerned. I grow Maize, Beans and Coffee

plantations. I now supply Kawungo Spring College 2 tons of Maize flour worth UgShs 4.5 millions each term. I also supply them with Beans. I earn UgShs 14 millions annually from the 3 tons of Coffee I harvest because of the quality I maintain,” He revealed.

Osudo further notes that he has managed to construct a better house for his family, worth UgShs 14.5 millions, adding that he has also constructed a business house at Karagi worth UgShs 23 millions.

“In 2014 I also lobbied Minister Ruth Nankabirwa whom

NAADs & UCDA officers brought, and she donated to me and fellow farmers 88 litres of herbicides which we used to spray on our coffee plantations at Nagojje village to counter the devastating coffee twig borer. I want to advise my fellow farmers to always be patient and only harvest mature coffee beans because its quality yearned for on a wider market. In the future, am considering rearing pigs, and also buying a vehicle to ease transport to the market centers,” he concluded.





FUTURE PLANS

1. Completing the registration of all the 26 farmer associations as cooperatives. These will in turn form a union at a regional level for bulk export of farmers agriculture produce.
2. Continued networking with development partners through strategic partnerships and alliances to realise collective action especially in areas like advocacy, marketing and farmer organization strengthening.
3. Link associations to other development partners and institutions such as donors, produce buyers and exporters, higher level coops and reliable sources of quality inputs.
4. Continue promoting sustainable land use and environment management.
5. Identify climate change challenges with farmers and to develop appropriate mitigation measures.
6. Conduct market research, identify viable market chains and support associations to access viable markets
7. Train farmers to deepen their understanding in cooperative movement and share holding.
8. Participate in resource mobilization from other development partners as a way of sustaining the Association activities in the area.





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