

REPORT CONCERNING VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM CHILD TO FARMER:

INTRODUCTION:

The program officially started on 9th-december 2013 with twenty trainees participating and six trainers {community model farmers}.

The trainees' team was selected from different villages that constitute Kibinge sub-county in Bukomansimbi District. We had fourteen male and six female participants for the program.

Respective trainee child parents for some days joined the child trainees and together learn a lot new things. So we also had farmers learn from model farmers.

For the thirty days training program, trainees were trained in organic farming, crop propagation, the former trainee's team in past trainings advanced to coffee, fruit tree propagation, coffee nursery set up, Potting, planting coffee, proper transplanting of coffee, proper coffee spacing during planting, recommendable hole for planting in coffee, basic care for coffee, planting and care for different food crops, care for different animals, care for poultry, bark cloth making and the value of agro forestry, bee keeping and other domestic related activities.

At closing ceremony held at the community house trainee participants were given motivational packages which will enable them specialize and carry on a given project in their self and community empowerment program.

ACTIVITIES HELD DURING THE TRAINING SESSION:

Training trainees team in organic farming. That is making of compost manure from animal waste, Mulching using dry grass and Making green manure.

In an effort improve production, participants were trained how to make and apply compost and mulch using locally available material to reduce the negative effect of prolonged dry season experienced in past years. They realized the practice facilities production of more earth worms that are good soil aerators.

Some of the pictures during training sessions:



Training trainees team in crop propagation. The former trainee's team advanced to coffee and fruit tree propagation. The model farmer Joseph Kamulegeya with the help of two experts trained the team in crop propagation to breed better species that are disease resistant, more yielding, drought resistant and fast growing.

Crops of the same family were propagated as sample and every Saturday evening the trainees team will be checking how it grows.

Some of the pictures during training sessions:



Training trainees team recently selected in coffee nursery set up, Potting, and planting coffee. The technical person at plant nursery set up Salongo Kato trained the trainee's team in strategic set up, recommendable height and alternative local material that can be used.

Depending on the available material, he described alternative direct sun rays arresters as dry papyrus, dry elephant grass, soft swamp dry grass, dry banana leaves and special nursery polyether.

The team also critically learnt the potting process that is best soil for potting, how to fill the soil in polythen, putting holes on to allow water drip and for good aeration.

Raising seedlings in the nursery bed is yet another process learnt were by Coffee tap root is cut to enable the new plant bare more roots and soil is softened fast to easy planting.

A} some of the pictures during crop nursery set up using alternative local material.



B}Some of the pictures during potting process.



C} Some of the pictures during potting process, watering and nersery arrangement:



D}Planting process of elite coffee species.



Training the trainee's team in care for different animals like cattle and goat;

Model farmer Kasekende and Stephen led the team in how to care for cattle and goats say recommendable nutrient fodder, general cleaning required, control of pests like flies, tsetse flies, ticks and mites in addition to shelter construction.

The team also learnt how to milk by hand.

Some of pictures during training process:



Training trainees team in bark cloth making and the value of agro forestry. In an effort to strengthen the initiative started by KVVU to revive traditional dying out skills, we trained the team in the skill of making bark cloth and its value in the global world.

Three technical experts led trainees in all the processes involving identifying different tree family species, which tree is ready for harvesting at that particular time, how to remove the bark {Okufumba} to soften fiber material , and processing its self to give the fine bark cloth material.

At the same time trainees learnt agro forestry practice of mainly ficus species and other food crops. Program participants were trained to plant clipping food stuffs like underground root tuber yams, nuts, passion fruits as a way of improving food security in their home steeds and house hold incomes.

Some of pictures during training process:



Training the newly recruited team in bee keeping: The model farmer Makumbi and Hajat Hajrih introduced the bee keeping project to trainees mainly comparing the use of local hives and modern hives. They critically learnt how to make both local and modern top bar hives, choose a better location or site for hive set up, bee management and honey harvesting.

Some of the pictures during training process:



Training the trainee's team in other domestic related activities; a team of four elderly trained them in use of local material to make different products.

Skills majored in are the traditional dying out skills like makings local mats from palm, baskets and bags.

Trainers encouraged participants to plant more plants that provide more of this material so that in future there is continuity in production.

In addition trainee's team was trained in home care and cleanliness that is washing utensils, cooking among others.

PROJECT IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

Ever since we started the program vocational training child to farmer and farmer to model farmer, participants have had a positive change; more ideas have been born mainly in agricultural modernization.

Despite of the fact that 90% of local residents depend on agriculture today over 60% of young and youth age group who are supposed to provide more lab our had a negative impact about agriculture claiming in brings back profits after a longer period compared to retail and wholesale business, Boda Boda among others.

However with the program vocational training, participants have had this thinking ideology completely change, basing on appraisal results at respective child family are now positive about agricultural practices.

This is witnessed by individual child participants starting small scale projects basing on specialization to what they leant during the period of training.

Some now make their own bee hives, rare chicken; make small crop nursery gardens, plant fichus trees in form of agro forestry, harvest their own bark cloth, and contribute to good home set up.

Model trainer Farmers themselves have leant a lot from the other and has created a start of strong creative modern agricultural system. For example some farmers did agriculture crop growing without practicing agro forestry and commonly their yields have always been lower as compared to those that practice it, some mulched their gardens and yielded more for long among other good practices but follow farmers for centuries had not taken concern to copy such practices.

However with program beneficiaries now learn from one another and believed its one of the best training for all ages.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY:

Trainees team were selected from twenty villages that constitute Kibinge are in our strategic plan these will represent villages as model farmers who teach the rest of the farmers.

So in Future it's the team we plan to give more agricultural support as they take effort to implement what they learn during the training period.

So far we procured some agricultural tools and they are used as a group, individual child trainee also use in and return to the storage place.

Respective child trainee parent also participate in the program vocational training and this has put a good cooperation that has enabled child trainee maintain small projects they start.

At the end of every training period, program participants are given a package to enable them start small in addition to some money given directly. Basing on research, there greatly motivated by this !!

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