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Volunteer Name: Dr. Udai Bishnoi

Country: Uganda

Country project: Oil seed Crops (Sunflower, sesame, soy bean, and Ground nuts)

Host: Bukusu Yetana Area Cooperative Enterprise (BYACE)

Venue: CRS Office & Makerere University

Audience: CRS staff, USAID staff, & Professors from Crop science department at the university

Number of people : 11

Date: January 21st & 28th 2016

1. Assignment Objectives as in SOW

1. Equip farmers with knowledge and skills in good Agronomic practices of sunflower, soybeans, Sesame and Groundnuts
2. Improve farmers' knowledge in pest and disease identification and control

2. Achievement of the assignment objectives

Objective 1: All latest agronomic practices listed in SOW not only sunflower , soybeans but for ground nuts and sesame were taught and demonstrated

Objective 2: All major pests and diseases and their control for soybean, sunflower, groundnuts and sesame were discussed

3. Recommendations to the host with regards to the assignment

- Bukusu Yetana ACE/ToTs must explain all agronomic practices to all or some lead farmers. Using the translated training manual
- BYACE must make arrangements for fertilizers, soil test kits, recommended chemicals for prospective oil seeds crop producers.
- BYACE must develop a small farmers' service and crop marketing hub so that farmers are able to get farm supplies and best prices for their produce.

4. Anticipated Impact

1. If skills taught are adopted and practiced by farmers, yields of their crops will increase by at least 50%
2. If farmers will be able to identify and control the disease and pests in these crops – their production will increase from total failure to 100% increase in yield.
3. **If farmers are guided where from they can access the approved insecticides, fungicides, herbicide/ weedicides, then it will help them to adopt the recommendations**

5. Recommended future volunteer Assistance

- Recruit an expert to provide Guidance on developing a farmers' service and marketing hub

6. Recommendations to other non-host stakeholders

The district staff should be ready and help farmers as and when its requested or solicited by the farmers. (Don't make any excuses)

Action plan for host recommendations

Recommendation	Specific Action	Responsible person	By when
Make manual available to field staff and ToTs	Re-type manual and spiral bind	Manager BYACE	February 20, 2016
Contact Agribusiness stores for accessing agro- inputs for farmers	Prioritize on Agro-input stores located in Mbale	Manager and staff	End of February 2016
Translate manual in local language	Need translation and typing – submit a copy of manual to CRS	Manager and Field staff	End of February 2016
Organize farmers service and marketing hub	Call meetings and make laws	Board members & Management	June 30, 2016
Bukusu should produce their own seed of recommended variety of oil seed crops	Select lead farmers to initiate seed multiplication process	Lead/skilled farmers and BYACE staff	By August 2016
All lead farmers must work with their spouses and attend all meetings together	BYACE needs to make this necessary	Chairman and BYACE Manager	March 1, 2016

7. How can CRS improve future volunteer experience

- A clear break down of volunteer field expenses should be stated in the Scope of work or a separate sheet
- CRS should work with the host to develop a firm training schedule with least flexibility in it. Especially with time management. Should be specific on provision or no lunch for the volunteer
- Any changes in the SOW should be communicated to the volunteer prior to arrival in the country

Thank You!