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Volunteer Name: Ellen Franzenburg

Country: Uganda

Country project:

Host: Kiyuni United Farmers Company

Venue: Kyankwanzi District Offices

Audience: District officials and Feed the Future

Number of people: 3

Date: 11/09/14



1. Assignment Objectives as in SOW

To provide a road map for KUFCO to address postharvest challenges and improve farmers' knowledge in preventing on-farm maize losses and improve on its quality through hands-on training in best postharvest practices. Provide technical assistance in:

- Postharvest processes
- Recommending storage facilities
- Understanding how pests contribute to losses



2. Achievement of the assignment objectives

- 365 farmers trained in PHHS, including 146 women
- 20 Village Agents trained in PHHS, maize quality grades and standards, and planning training, including 9 women



3. Recommendations to the host with regards to the assignment

- Organize more trainings
- Encourage farmers to improve quality incrementally
- Work closely with Feed the Future to link farmers with markets
- Make a plan for transportation of produce to end buyer

4. Anticipated Impact

- Farmers will begin using good postharvest practices
- Maize quality and quantity will increase
- Farmers receive better price and market for maize, increased price stability, and decreased risk
- Increased food security
- V.A.s keep knowledge of PHHS practices circulating
- KUFCO will grow their business and provide more services for farmers.



5. Recommended future volunteer Assistance

- Conservation farming
- Organizational development
- Financial planning and management



6. Recommendations to other non-host stakeholders

- Feed the Future: continue working with KUFCO to link to markets and develop a transportation plan
- District: Keep an eye on progress, and encourage the adoption of these practices



7. How can CRS improve future volunteer experience

- Good overall
- Provide itinerary before departure
- Let the district offices know in writing before the assignment begins so they are aware
- Change the attendance sheet

Thank You!

