

Name of Partner: Bufumira Islands Development Association (BIDA).

Report for the month May 2014

Project name: To promote alternatives to secure the right to better and sustainable livelihoods for 2000 people living in extreme vulnerabilities in Kyamuswa and Bufumira Sub Counties

Introduction and Overview

BIDA in partnership with Action Aid (Kalangala Local Rights Project) is implementing a four-year project entitled Promoting alternatives to secure the right to better and sustainable livelihood for 2000 men and women living in extreme vulnerabilities in Bufumira and Kyamuswa Sub counties, Kalangala District. The project started in 2012 and is renewable on annual basis depending on fulfilment of project conditions and availability of funds. In order to build on achievements of the past years, and optimise resources, this year, BIDA planned to implement with six community groups (2 Groups in Kyamuswa S/C and 4 Groups in Bufumira S/C).

During the month of May the under mentioned activities were implemented.

NRP/LRP Indicator	Corresponding Partner Indicator	Planned Activity	Progress/Outputs				Impact realised	Support required from AAIU
			Target		Actual to date			
	<i>40% of the target households supported to improve incomes and food security through diversified production/enterprise mix.</i>	1.1 Train 50 small holder farmers in collective marketing, entrepreneurship, business planning, savings and credit, record keeping, loan management and leadership of agro-cooperatives. Target STAR Cirdes; -Kwewayo Fal group -Kaaya Fishing group	F 20	M 30	F 60	M 48	STAR Circles were restructured to include solidarity groups working under the STAR umbrella, thus increasing the target beneficiaries. Identified enterprise for collective marketing. Groups' weekly savings were extended to solidarity groups. Solidarity groups decided to open savings accounts in SACCOs. Groups proposed initiatives for value addition and reduction of post harvest losses. A simple cash book for recording group	Support for more trainings - In records management. -How to GBV cases. -Agricultural extension

							transactions was adopted. Group members agreed to include in their constitutions a clause complying members to pay their children school requirements and also prevent GBV	
		1.2 Support 30 smallholder farmers with improved stock of livestock and seeds of cash crop (coffee trees) to have diversified sources of household incomes for improved livelihoods.	12	18	1	7	-BIDA has continued to get income from the nursery bed. A total of 2500 coffee seedlings were sold at a subsidised fee of 350/= -The number of coffee growers has increased from 15 to16 on Bufumira island -	Engage consultants to support communities in advocating for the landless and unlawful land occupants to acquire lawful land occupancy as a means to engage in sustainable livelihood programs.
	<i>15 women, youth and small holder farmers' groups supported to engage and participate in formulation, implementation and monitoring of both local and national sector plans and policies to address their livelihoods issues.</i>	2.1 Train 4 PETS committees in tracking, monitoring and evaluation of public and private programs and skills for empowerment to advocate for their recognition in the local government structures.	16	11	25	21	Provided feedback to other PETS members who did not attend the training. -Re structured PETS to comprise of a minimum of 2 STAR Cirde representatives. To ensure that individuals in positions of leadership like BMUs,SMCs,LCs, etc, are strategically involved in PETS activities. Identified duty bearers to engage and provide feedback to communities through STAR Circles.	
	<i>Support and facilitate project monitoring activities</i>	4.1 Contribution to staff Salaries and Field allowances	3	2	3	2	Staff set 4days per month for field work.	

Details of targeted beneficiaries

Activity1- Trained of small holder farmers in collective marketing, enterprise selection, savings and credit, and records management in Bbosa and kaaya landing sites

Date	activity	location	Farmer group/ star circle	Attendance	Enterprises prioritised	Reasons for prioritising
26 th /5/2014	Farmer training	Bbosa	Kwewaayo FAL group	Females12 Males 9 Total 21	1-Live stock-Piggery, Goats, Cattle and Poultry	-ready market, Source of manure, skills and knowledge in mgt and Free and large grazing land
					2-Crop-Cassava,Yams and Vegetables	Everybody knows how to grow cassava Vegetables highly recommended for PHAs. Ready market, have skills, easy to grow and manage
					3-Fishery-Syliver fish	Fishing is our tradition occupation, provides food, and animal feeds. Can add value through packaging
27 th /5/2014	Farmer training	Kaaya	Kaaya fishing group	Females 30 Males 17 Total 47	1-Livestock- Piggery and Poultry	-Pigs have ready market, Source of manure and have skills and knowledge in management -Poultry rearing is for everyone irrespective of religion. ready market for both eggs and chicken, require small piece of land and provides manure
					2-Crop-Cassava, Sweet potatoes, Maize, and Vegetables	Have skills, easy for value addition and suitable for majority of small

						Land holders.
					3- power generation for value addition- Bio-gas, Solar and Diesel generator	High demand for both domestic and value addition for sylviver fish, quality foods and animal feeds. Available skilled labour Available material for biogas generation

Activity2- Supported farmers for collective marketing

Date	activity	location	Farmer group/ star circle	Number of beneficiaries		Commodities sold	Support provided
Once a week	Collective marketing	Bufumira to Kitobo	Tukolere wamu group			Sweet potato, Cassava, Pineapples, Passion fruits, sugar cans, Bananas, Yams, and vegetables	Boat and engine
22/5/2014	Collective marketing	Lulindi to Kitobo	Lulindi farmers			Sweet potato, Cassava, Rice, Passion fruits, sugar cans, Bananas, Yams, and vegetables	Boat and engine



Farmers going for collective marketing



small holder farmer at Kaaya



training at kaaya

Activity 3- Provided improved coffee seedling to farmers at subsidised prices.

Over 2500 coffee seedlings were taken by Mr. Lutaaya at a cost of 350/= per seedling

Lessons learnt

Increased production has drastically reduced importation of food from outside the District.

Farmer with small portions of land have engaged in urban methods of farming

Food security has improved since 80% of the food in the area is produced locally

Women are actively engage in group activities, marketing of their produce through groceries other small income generating enterprises.

Local people have brilliant ideas like the one for power generating of which if given support, they gain the opportunity to implement and benefit from them.

Challenges faced;

- Farmers complain about the cost of coffee seedlings as being high because they are used to getting free coffee seedlings from government programs
- Our farmers are faced with a problem of post harvest losses due to low innovations for value addition
- Our farmers face a problem of accessing agricultural inputs like pesticides, insecticides, herbicides and improved seeds
- Farmers face challenges of counterfeit inputs.
- There is still a problem with marketing farmers' products

Recommendations

- Support should be given to acquire machinery for value addition to minimize on the post harvest losses
- Support should be given to enable BIDA start off a farm supply shop so as to bring agricultural inputs nearer to the farmers
- Farmers should concentrate on enterprises that have wide market and high demand

Sample of simple cash book provided to farmers

Date	Particulars/Ekikoledwa	Income/Nyingiza	Expenditure/Nfulumya	Balance/Ezsigadewo

Farmers were encouraged to start records keeping because it's the way to manage and to know the progress of the business



Training at Kaaya

