

# Uganda's experience in *Supporting women led CBOs on land degradation*

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## ***Introduction and project background***

Identified challenges to women efforts in addressing land degradation in Uganda :

- Low participation in decisions making;
- Limited women's land rights and access to resources;
- Inadequate economic means;
- Low access to knowledge and technologies.



# **Key principles to ensure strong women's role in addressing land degradation**

- Landscape/ catchment approach
- Community Ownership/Driven
- Community Empowerment
- Focus on the Ground Action
- Enterprise Entry point (food Security and Income)
- Women and youth targeted Participation
- Work with local leaders and administrators
- Integrate legal and regulatory support (Bye-Law Implementation)

# Rwebitaba ZARDI Pictorial – Women are Main beneficiaries of inputs and training



Distribution of agro inputs & tools in Biguli, Kamwenge and Munkunyu, Kasese Training on micro irrigation in Kicheche, Kamwenge



Making of ripples & planting basins in Biguli, Kamwenge

Using trenches to control run off in Munkunyu, Kasese Beans planted in basins in Kicheche, Kamwenge



**Women lead Rehabilitation of Makyazo Hill Kyokyezo**



**Farmer learning visit Kigezi farmers learning in CA garden in Mukono**



**Integration of Contour bunds & grass bunds to improve productivity- in Kanungu**



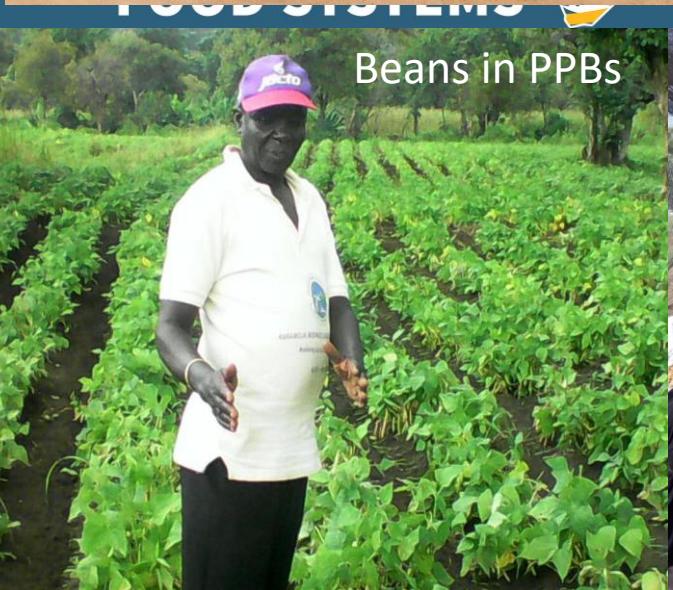
**Irrigation training in Kamwezi S/C, Rukiga**



**Sugar cane planting on a buffer of L. Bunyonyi, Kitumba, Kabale**



**Seedling received by Kyokyezo landscape for planting in Makyazo Hill, Nyamweru, Rubanda**

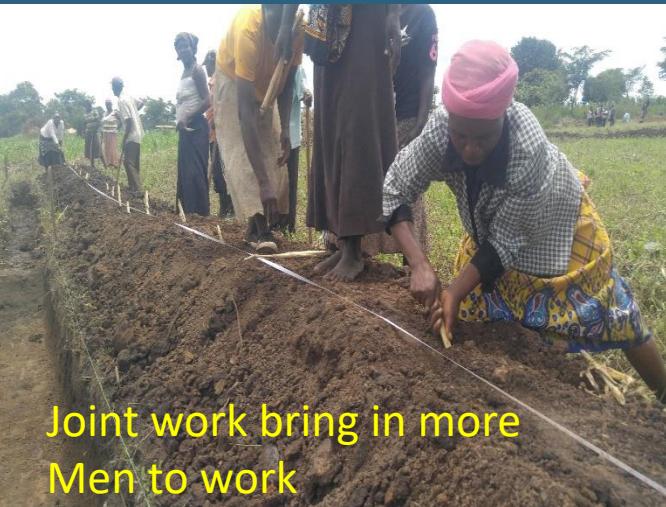


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# A summary of SLM beneficiaries in the 9 Zones

ZONE	DISTRICTS	S/Cs	Landscape	GROUPS	HHs	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL PEOPLE	ToTs	Trained Ext. staff	AREA UNDER SLM (Ha)	AREA UNDER ENHANCED PRODUCTIVITY (Ha)
<b>KACHWEKANO</b>	Rukungiri, Kabaale, Kisoro, Kanungu, Rubanda	11	6	28	4221	1945	1106	3051 (Including 2488 youth)	57		3369.44	1295.2
<b>BUGINYANYA</b>	Manafa, Mbale, Bududa, Bulambuli	10	5	56	2701	1474	1643	3457 (including 340 youth)	40	40	3024.54	1110.0
<b>MBARARA</b>	Isingiro, Mbarara, Nyarushozi	7	4	11	352	2209	1535	3347	62	25 out of 185	1941.26	601.96
<b>MUKONO</b>	Mukono, Mubende, Masaka, Gomba	6	3	24	1421	2021	2700	4921	60	85	1703.28	1153.3
<b>RWEBITABA</b>	Kamwenge, Kabarole, Bundibugyo, Kasese, Kyenjojo	14	5	13	1000	689	467	1156	30	15	1189	191
<b>BULINDI</b>	Kiryandongo, Masindi, Kagadi, Hoima, Buliisa	6	4	0	640	847	717	1564	40	10	2324	978
<b>ABIZARDI</b>	Nebbi, Zombo	3	2	25	605	667	689	1356	46	8	1109.86	226.3
<b>NABUIN</b>	Bukedea, Soroti, Nakapiripirit, Kotido, Moroto	8	4	23	530	302	327	583	62	12	1237.1	345.6
<b>NGETTA</b>	Lira, Alebtong, Nwoya, Otuoke, Amuru	5	4	12	200	280	261	541	60		339.5	66

## MORE EFFECTIVE KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS

Promoting more Women Trainers reaches more land users who are mostly Women



Women Trainers of Trainers of SLM and Climate Smart Agriculture reach out to other women more often

# Women are the targeted to scale up new technologies

## A Training in ADP Ripping Skills



## Practical Training to build skills

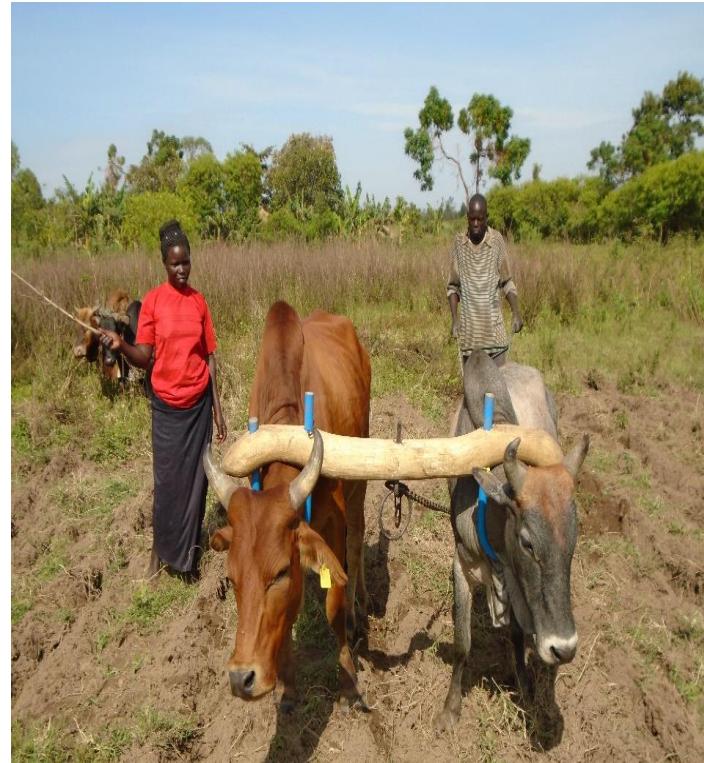


Adoption of ADP Ripping by farmers in 5 Districts increased Land under SLM by 1250 Acres in 2017 women

### **Buyende District**



### **Busia District**



# Value chain integration e.g. Produce Bulking & strengthened Commercialisation and Governance through Cooperatives

## Improved post harvest handling



## Coming together to form Cooperatives



# Benefits inspiring women



## ***Bio physical***

- *Reduction in landslides and loss of lives intervention areas*
- *Halting of Soil erosion*
- *Increased land fertility*
- *Increased resilience of agricultural crops to drought*
- *Evidence of Increased land Productivity*
- *Increased in yield*
- *Increased tree and vegetation cover*



### ***Social Economic***

- *Improved Food security, Water Security and Energy Security at Household Level*
- *Improved Household incomes*
- *Improved Gender equity in participation, access to productive assets and information.*
- *Increased community responsibility and leadership in scaling up SLM*

# Visible Benefits from value addition improve womens' incomes and livelihood

**K WIDE Group adding Value to milk – Produce and Market Ghee**

**Member of K-**



# Skilling in Sustainable and Resilient Farming targeting the youth especially the Girl Child

**A pupil of Bulange Primary school shows crop residue retaintion at her home garden**



**Pupils at Bulange Primary School tending their CA Garden in Namutumba District**





## Our Approach

- **Identification of community groups with men and women** so that access to productive resources that become available through the programs are also accessed by the women for example oxen and ploughs necessary to increase land under utilization and reduce drudgery on the part of women
- **Include as many women as men in learning activities** - as trainers, in the trainings, exposure visits, hosting demonstrations, as benefits of inputs with a target of 50:50
- **Promote gender inclusive technologies and practices** that reduce workload for women but also increase productivity and allow women to have additional income (from sell of women owned crops )
- **Encourage and strengthen gender inclusive farmer cooperatives** that include women and give them responsibilities in the leadership but also to treat them equally (give them equal opportunity to get what men get, do what men do, learn what men learn, and sell their products at same prices as men).



# Some Ingredients of success for project

**Minimum 50% women participation** in all SLM/CSA knowledge management activities

**Putting emphasis on farmer to farmer learning initiatives** as a key approach to include women in uptake of SLM /CSA technologies/practices.

**Use of schools to reach out to the youths** and the wider community

**Value Chain Approach** especially the integration of post harvest technologies, bulking and agro-processing reduce losses and increase profit.

**Support transformation of gender inclusive farmers groups into viable economic organisations** (Producer Cooperatives)

**Integrate use of ICT to access extension , weather and marketing information**

**Link farmers organisation to private sector (input, services and marketing) firms**



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