



WOMEN FARMERS ASSOCIATION OF KENYA

CATEGORY:	CSO
CSA PROJECT:	Climate smart agriculture practices
SCALE:	National Coordination actions
LOCATION (COUNTY):	Meru, Embu, Nakuru, Migori, Tharaka Nithi, Siaya, Kakamega, Nandi, Kiambu, Nyandarua, Bungoma
PERIOD OF THE PROJECT:	2017-current
GRANT SIZE OF THE PROJECT:	



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Women Farmers Association of Kenya is the national umbrella organization of women farmers in Kenya. The organization provides a platform for women farmers to articulate issues affecting them in the farming sector. Some of the activities of the organization include: awareness creation and sensitization on climate change opportunities; Promotion climate change mitigation technologies and strategies and providing a platform for linking up with (potential) climate change initiatives investors; Facilitate dialogue with policy makers to inform and support decision making on climate change initiative conduct trainings and demonstrations.

CONTEXT

Climate change is currently one of the biggest challenges of Kenya. The adverse impacts of climate change on the agricultural sector poses a huge challenge to farmers. This presents the need to sensitise farmers on the need to adapt to the climate change situation and engage in climate smart activities that mitigate climate change. Women Famers Association provide a platform to farmers across the country to articulate such issues.

OBJECTIVE

To build capacity of women farmers in Kenya to sustainably increase food and nutrition security



KEY INTERVENTIONS

FARM LEVEL	TARGET(NO OF FARMERS)	INDICATORS MONITORED
Soil management	Women farmers and women groups	Yields, Cost/benefit analysis, Fertilizer use Nutrient analysis, Trainings.
Agroforestry	Women farmers and women groups	Biodiversity index; Trainings
Promotion of drought tolerant crops	Women farmers and women groups	Food security, Farm yields
Livestock feed management	Women farmers and women groups	Fodder ratio; Nutrient analysis; Emerging technologies
Smart water management	Women farmers and women groups	Water use efficiency
Disease and pest management	Women farmers and women groups	Farm yields
BEYOND FARM LEVEL	TARGET BENEFICIARIES	INDICATORS MONITORED
Gender (Youth and Women inclusion in CSA)	Youth and women	Beneficiaries; Gender inequality index
Policy and Advocacy	Farmers	Policy gaps; Stakeholder analysis
CSA based access to markets and value chains	Farmers	Farm yield

PARTICIPATION IN KEY CLIMATE & AGRICULTURE NETWORKS

The organization is a member of the following networks: Climate Smart Agriculture Multistakeholder Platform; CGIAR-CCAFS; GIZ CAADP -ATVET TWG; BBV-Landfrauen Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH“(BBV-LIZ)/Bavarian Farmers Association; National Gender Working Group; Sector Skills Advisory Committee (SSAC); Kenya Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (KeFAAS)



INVOLVEMENT IN CSA

- General research
- Policy formulation
- Knowledge dissemination
- Technology transfer
- Coordination and networking
- Communication
- Training

RELEVANCE OF CSA MSP TO WORK

- Information about CSA
- Networking
- Learning and exchange
- Reporting and showcasing
- Develop new business
- Influence policy environment

RECOMMENDATION ON WAYS TO SUPPORT MSP

- Developing specific climate smart agriculture policies, legislations, strategies, plans
- Dissemination of climate smart agriculture knowledge and technologies
- Developing capacities of key actors involved in climate smart agriculture implementation
- Mobilizing actors and facilitating dialogue on climate smart agriculture issues/actions
- Conduct research to provide scientific evidence
- Monitoring, evaluation and audit of climate smart agriculture aspects to enhance accountability
- Coordination of actions

LESSONS LEARNED AND CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CSA PROJECT

Community and resource mobilisation are very key to creating resilience of our communities, translating science evidence into policies and need for alliances. Some of the organisations' achievements include creation of networks and market linkages for farmers. Inadequate funds and changes in the global economy pose a challenge for the implementation of CSA practices. Farmers require training and retraining on CSA

RELEVANT LINKS & REFERENCES

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