

**Struggle for Positive Change Project**

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**Postharvest Management**

**Vegetables and Maize**

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### **Project details:**

**Project funded:** Struggle for Positive Change Project

**Type of activities:** Training on Postharvest losses and waste reduction technologies and strategies

**Crops:** Maize and Vegetables

**Direct beneficiaries:** 705 ABADATEZUKA Cooperative members and A group of 37 Vegetable traders in Gihinga vegetable market

**Funding body:** Postharvest Education Foundation under Cooperative Ventures Grant Award 2020/2021

## **A PROGRESS REPORT ON COOPERATIVE VENTURE GRANT AWARDED BY PEF**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

This report is a progress report because:

- ❖ It is prepared during project implementation
- ❖ Cooperative Venture grant awarded to NSHIZIRUNGU Robert under Struggle for Positive Change project whose activity is providing trainings on Postharvest losses reduction technologies and strategies; has not yet used up as we are providing trainings on Maize postharvest losses and waste reduction technologies and strategies. The other part will be training Abadatezuka cooperative members and a group of vegetable traders in Gihinga vegetable market on vegetables postharvest losses and waste reduction technologies and strategies.
- ❖ Financial report will be prepared in the next final report when whole grant used up as stipulated in the original project proposal funded.

## II. ACTIVITIES:

The below are activities completed so far as they are illustrated in picture as we are in COVID-19 era there is not more personal contact and there is a small number of farmers, they have been split in groups and each group has its time of working:

### 1. Preparing postharvest infrastructures and visiting maize plants near harvesting time



### 2. Hanging maize cobs for primary drying





*Here I was the President of  
Abadatezuka Cooperative, MURWANASHYAKA Said*



### **3. Drying and removing damaged maize grains**



### III. CONCLUSION

All maize postharvest harvest activities possible have been trained well and all farmers will be reached as planned.

These trainings are highly needed by farmers because they experienced a big loss due to poor skills on effective postharvest management of their maize crops. For instance, there is a cooperative called me for training them how they can handle postharvest activities of their maize but they were already started losing their harvest. They told me that even their vegetables loss by around a half of the harvest.

I agreed with them that I am going to arrange how to train them by it will depend on available financial means because the cooperative is far from my Project activities.

The below pictures are from that cooperative called me to train them where they were telling me that they are losing the harvest.



Thank you very much, I am ready for providing all my project's updates as required.

I am highly thanking PEF for this CV grant because it is bringing positive social change, farmers' income will increase this season and they have found a potential customer that is buying their harvest a good price higher than the current prices at this harvesting time. Their maize harvests are of good quality and increased in quantity because the part lost in past years didn't this year due to postharvest activities of my project funded by PEF.

I will be very happy to see PEF coming to pay visit my project's activities and track positive impact of your CV grant to the community.

**Thank you Very Much**

**A project funded by Postharvest Education Foundation**



**A project received Cooperative Ventures grant**

