

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



FINAL REPORT OF CV GRANT 2020 AWARDED

In the progress report I submitted, I have reported my training activities on post harvest of maize. I have presented farmers at work where they were removing unwanted elements.

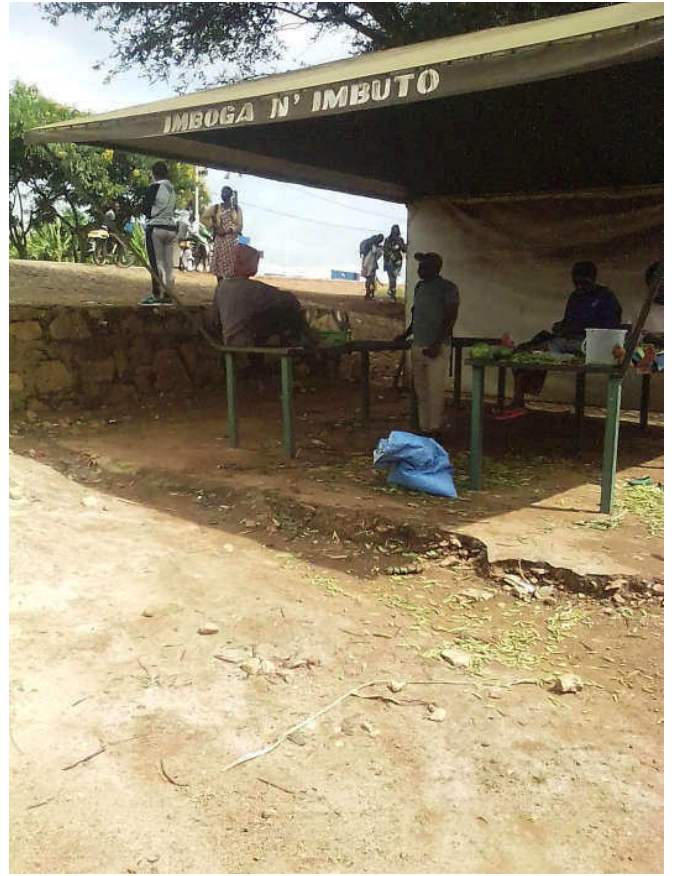


In this final report, I want to show my training activities part 2 regarding to Vegetable traders in Gihinga vegetable market.

In photos below, it was a day of the market; I was training vegetable traders how to sell vegetable in shade instead of on sunny place.







In my project activities, at the start up stage farmers and traders had poor skills and knowledge of postharvest management of maize and vegetables. After the project activities they are aware on effective postharvest management where postharvest losses reduced from 70% to 25%. Participants are very happy and are enjoying skills gained.

Thank you for this CV Grant, it has brought a big positive social change in over 1000 farmers and traders.

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FACTURE No 16702

Date: 16/07/2021

Client: NSHIZIRUNGU Robert

<i>Descriptions</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>P.Unity</i>	<i>Total</i>
Woven baskets	30	3.4\$	102\$
Aspen wood fiber	60	1.3\$	78\$
Straw	45	0.9\$	40.50\$
Sacks	57	0.7\$	39.90\$
Plastic crates	16	7.8\$	124.80\$
Total			385.2\$



GHS

Kigali/Rwanda
Nyarugenge

Slip No 5447

Date:30/06/2021

Client:NSHIZIRUNGU Robert

<i>Descriptions</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>P.Unity</i>	<i>Total</i>
Wooden crates	15	\$7.6	\$114
Solar panel	1	\$61.4	\$61.4
Watering cans	4	\$2.1	\$8.4
Buckets	4	\$2.4	\$9.6
Aspen wood fibers	75	\$1.3	\$97.5
Shovels	4	\$4.5	\$18
Hoes	4	\$3.2	\$12.8
Total			\$321.7

Pappeterie Mangrove

Kigali-Rwanda
Nyamirambo

Facture No 20139

Date:30/03/2021

Customer name: NSHIZIRUNGU Robert

Descriptions	Quantite	P.Unitaire	Total
Packs of Recyclable papers	3	\$4.5	\$13.5
Printing training manuals of 16 pages	30	\$4.8	\$144
Total			\$157.5