

Achievements: Capacity Strengthening & Gender Integration under RAC

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Focus Areas

Objective 2: To build the capacity of implementing agencies to design & implement technically strong & cost-effective interventions that drive uptake of OFSP

- **Gender Study**
- **OFSP project development** and **M&E toolkit**
- **Training of trainers manual** and **other training materials**
- **6-day project management** and **M&E course**
- **Identify and strengthen the capacity of national training counterparts** and **Train key national counterparts**
- **Develop and implement an annual 10-day gender-sensitive training programme** in 3 countries
- Ensure **supply of quality foundation vines** at least 2 sites in every target country

Key Achievements: Capacity Strengthening – Gender Study

Gender Study (*Sonii David*)

- Sweetpotato production in Nigeria (2012-2013)

Objective: understand gender roles and responsibilities in sweetpotato value chain

Study locations: Nasarawa, Kwara & Ebonyi States

Methodology: Group interviews - 402 farmers (209 F: 193 M) and key informant interviews (18 F: 18 M) in 9 communities



... Key Achievements: Capacity Strengthening – Gender Study

Key Insights

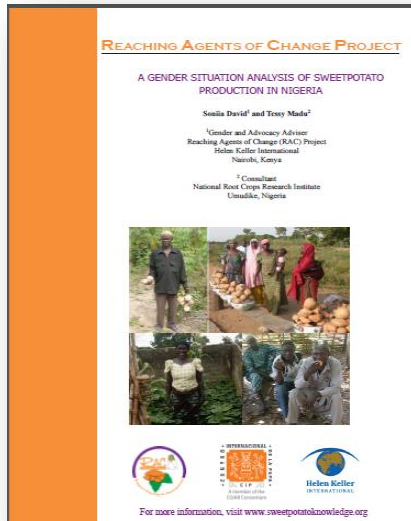
- Both men and women have an interest in sweetpotato
- Sweetpotato plots are individually owned by men and women
- In some instances e.g. Dorowa, Nasarawa – women sold more of their harvest and kept less for food than men did

Sweetpotato is becoming increasingly more important for both men and women for income and food, suggesting the need for working with both men and women to give them equal opportunity for prosperity



... Key Achievements: Capacity Building – Gender Study

Gender Integration Under RAC



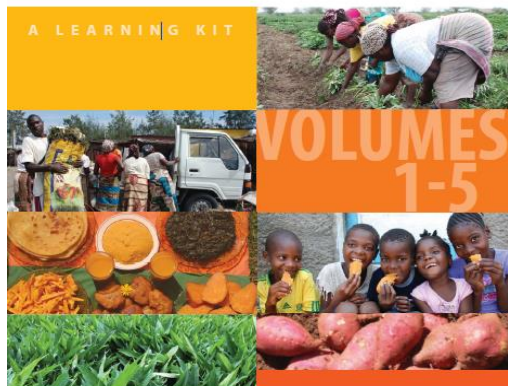
- Learning toolkits & other learning materials engendered
- Engendered project proposals (log-frames, monitoring indicators)
- Local decentralized vine multipliers identified & strengthened to improve women's access to quality vines
- Female commercial vine multipliers, developed and supported -
- Production interventions, varietal preferences & gender related constraints considered at individual producer level
- Gender considerations - a selection criteria for identifying course participants
- Husbands & wives considered in step-down training - for improved livelihoods, food security & nutrition

... Key Achievements: Capacity Building – Learning Toolkits

Learning module on Engendered OFSP Project Planning, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation – published English & Portuguese with Power Points

Training of trainers manual on Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Sweetpotato – published English, Portuguese, Kiswahili & French with Power Points & Memory Aids

Engendered Orange-Fleshed Sweetpotato Project
Planning, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation



... Key Achievements: Capacity Building – Project and M&E Course

Capacity for 30 agencies to develop & implement OFSP projects

Strengthen the capacity to develop & implement gender sensitive OFSP projects



Target	Achievement
30 agencies	51 agencies
Tanzania	10 (Mar 2013)
Mozambique	12 (Apr 2013)
Nigeria	*27 (Apr 2013)
Burkina Faso	1
Ghana	1

Participants have already started preparing and submitting proposals on OFSP for funding

... Key Achievements: Capacity

Building – Strengthen capacity of host institutions

Identify at least 3 national host counterparts (agricultural research / extension organizations) and give them the capacity to champion the OFSP agenda during and after the life of RAC - **41** primary facilitators trained

CEAGRE - Faculty of Agronomy and Forestry Engineering (MZ)

- Development of the agriculture sector and the well-being of rural communities (design / delivery of training)
- Coherent integration of OFSP in curriculum
- Experience with OFSP



Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute (ARMTI) (NG)

- Federal level – established to put agriculture back on track nation-wide
- Interest in OFSP – transformation agenda



Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness (DAEA) (TZ)

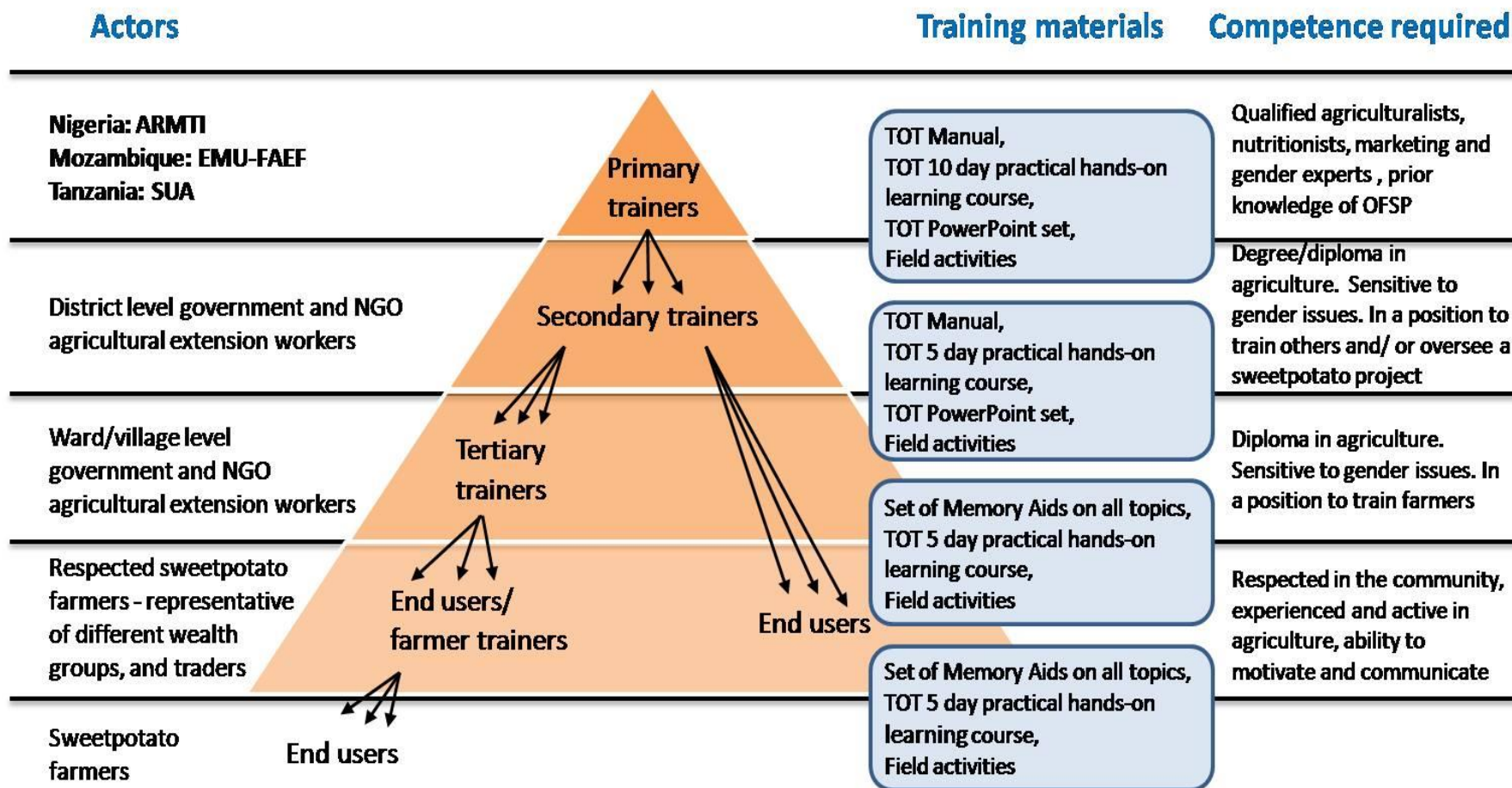
- SUGECO – innovative long-term transformation
- Focus on OFSP, fruit, vegetables
- Access to finances, information, training



Matourkou Training Institute - (Burkina Faso)



RAC project's training pyramid



... Key Achievements: Capacity building – TOT Courses

9 ToT courses

224 secondary facilitators trained

39 step-down courses conducted, reaching **3,995** tertiary facilitators and farmers



Annual training programs conducted for researchers, extensionists, NGOs, private sector actors in MZ, NG, TZ on *“Everything you ever wanted to know about sweetpotato”*

Target	Achievement		
	2012	2013	2014
60 each year	74	72	78
180	224		

4,311 (2036 female) change agents so far trained



... Key Achievements: Capacity building – Seed Systems

- Fast-tracked **release of two OFSP varieties** in Nigeria
- **Clean planting materials** supplied to decentralized vine multipliers (DVMs) - **7.3 ha** of **primary** seed established in year 2 and **10.3 ha** in year 3



... Key Achievements: Capacity building – Seed Systems

- **Irrigation systems** installed in primary seed multiplication sites
 - **414,386 vines** in 2012 to
 - **4,030,734 vines** in 2014
- Secondary seed multiplication
 - **4.2 ha** in 2012 to
 - **23.8 ha** in 2014



Approximately **130,999** households have received vines in Tanzania, Mozambique Nigeria and Ghana

Thank you!



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