



Developing and Disseminating Biofortified Crops Project

Update on Scaling Up in Uganda

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Nutrition-led Agriculture

“From Lab to Plate”

- Scaling up with lighter integrated intervention, greater focus on crop diffusion
- 225,000 farming households with OSP and high iron beans (reaching over 1.3 million)



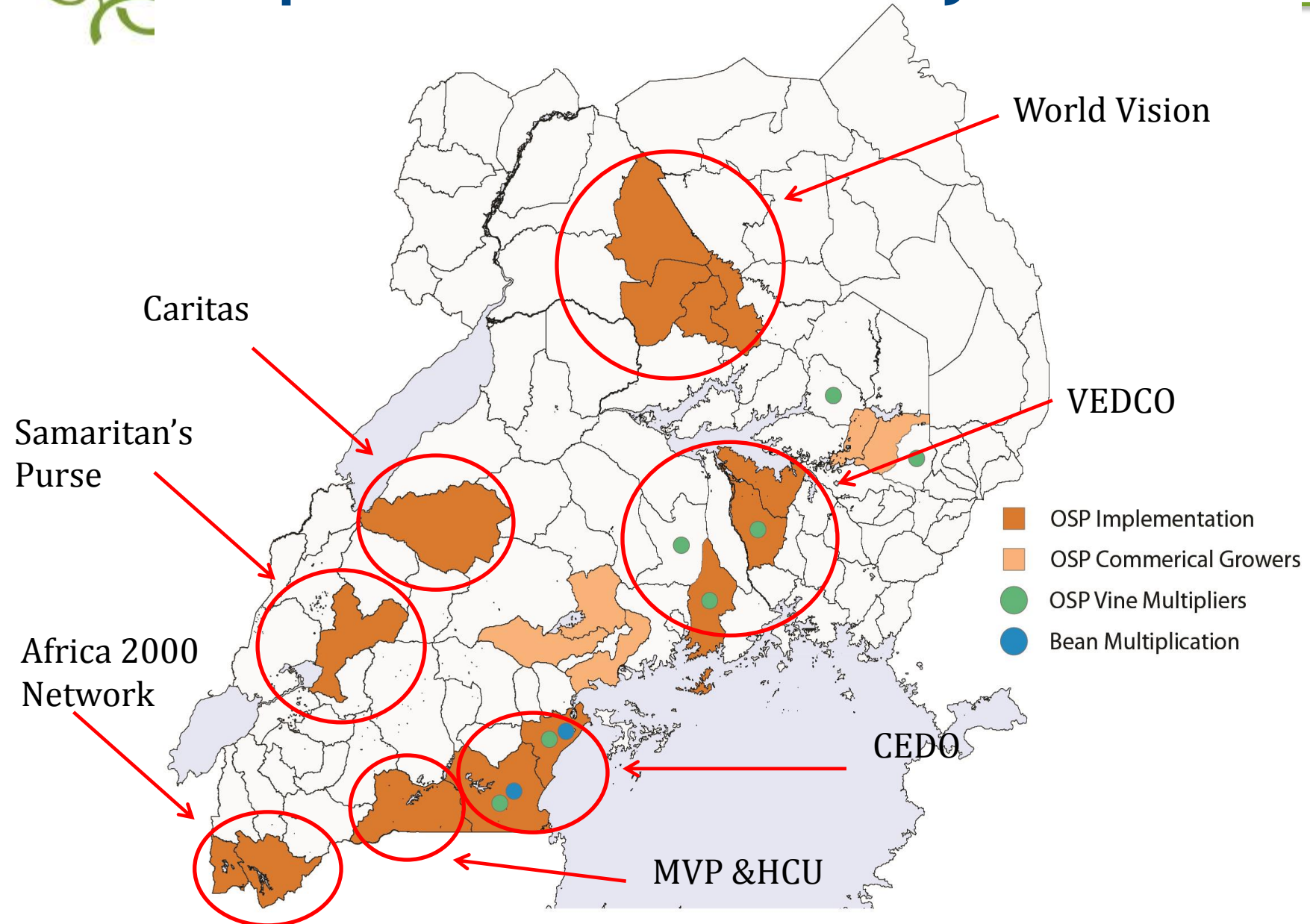
Better Crops, Better Nutrition



Adding iron through beans
– more micronutrients ...



Spread in the Country





Updates



Radio Mini Drama
and Poll Questions

Commercialised
Farmers

Clean Vines



My Children - Radio Mini Drama

(Farm Radio International)



*“a heady mix of love,
domestic strife and...
orange sweet
potato...”*

30 episodes
6 languages
13 radio stations

*PRC campaign in 2 stations
under Gates funding



TracFM

- Poll question attached to each Drama episode
- General interest questions and real time consumer feedback questions



TracFM



Commercial Growers - John Ekanya

Breaking into Markets





Support through

- Clean Materials
- Deliberate linking to traders and marketing
- Doing promotions
- Helping smooth bottlenecks



Aiming for Urban Markets ...



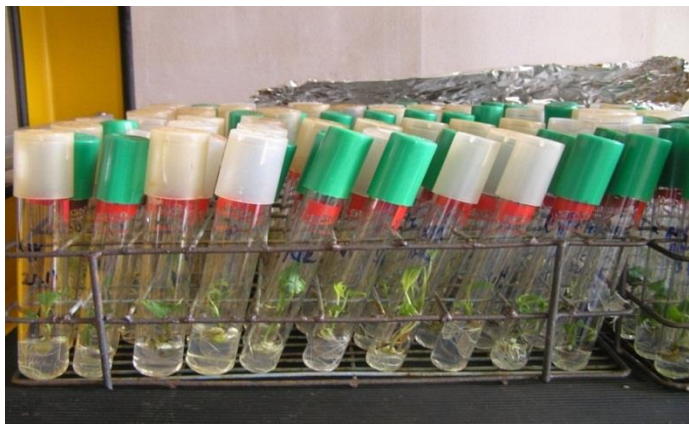


Supporting seed systems: SPVD and decreased yields





Delivering Quality Declared Vines



In vitro culture virus elimination and multiplication



Mother stock multiplication in the screen house



Multiplication sites in isolated fields in districts



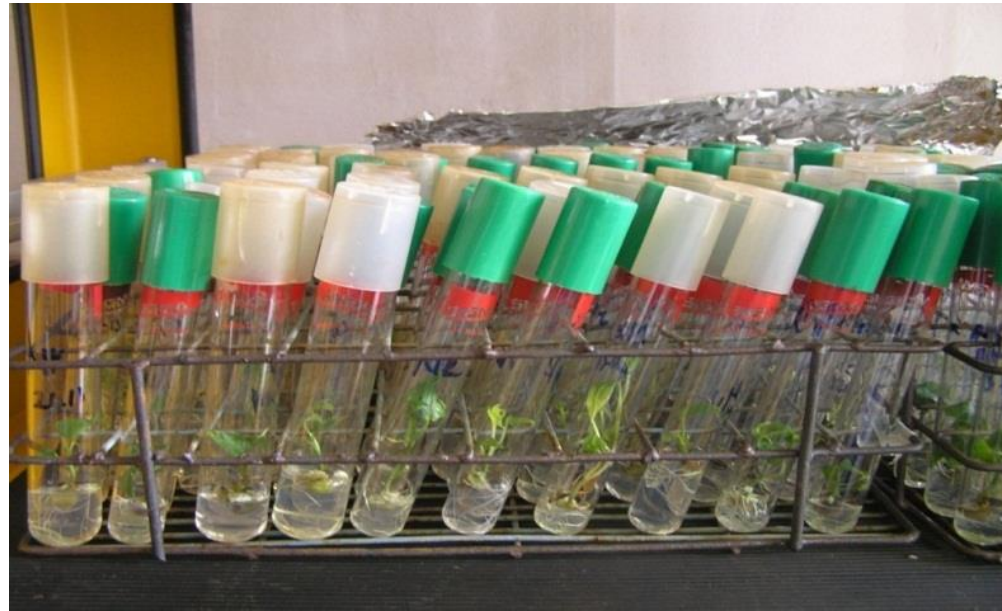
Multiplication sites in farmers fields at sub county level



Clean sweet potato vines in farmers fields



Lab Intervention: Tissue Culture



Makerere University – Crop
Science



Virus Free Vine Production in a Protected environment



BioCrops Ltd –
private company



Clean Vines to Secondary VMs





Tertiary Vine Multipliers



- Predominantly focused on sale of vines.
- Selling roots to local markets and schools



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The Late Eugene Ekinyu, SOSPPA

CGIAR

Promoting application of the Triple “S” method in northern Uganda

**Namanda S., Mwanga R., Kyalo R., Low
J. & Musoke C.**





Objective

Promote the use of Triple S technology at scale and build a cadre of trained extension personal to monitor its adoption

Approach

- Identified, sensitised, trained community resource persons (CRPs) and extension workers in 4 selected districts in northern Uganda
- Conducted Triple S demonstrations



Positive selection of seed roots





Results:

Mean # of 30-cm long cuttings harvested

District	Site	Triple S	Previous fields	Lsd _{0.05}
Gulu	Acaye	39.7	2.9	8.11 ^b
Gulu	Minakulu	19.3	0.5	
Oyam	Akello	39.3	1.3	
Oyam	Renge	35.8	0.7	
Lira/Kole	Akoi	44.9	0.8	
Lira/Kole	Petwa	86.7	5.7	
Lsd _{0.05}		4.68 ^a		
^a Separation of means between sites, and ^b separation of means between sources of planting material				



PREVIOUS
SEASON
IN-GROUND
ROOTS



TRIPLE'S





Emerging issues

- Planting a crop for seed root production
- Curing roots before storage
- Using roots coming from clean (tissue culture material)



Comparing yield performance of tissue culture and farmer own sources of vines

Namanda S., Mwanga R., Kyalo R., Low J. &
Musoke C

Objectives

- ☐ Farmers to appreciate the use of clean planting material
- ☐ Determine how many seasons the clean material can be re-cycled on farmers fields



Demonstration design

Season	Biocrops	Biocrops re-cycled	Farmer source
2012b	Biocrops lot 1	-	Existing
2013a	Biocrops lot 2	Biocrops lot 1: Cycle 1	Farmer 2012b
2013b	Biocrops lot 3	Biocrops lot 1: Cycle 2	Farmer 2013a
		Biocrops lot 2: Cycle 1	
2014a	-	Biocrops lot 1: Cycle 3	Farmer 2013b
		Biocrops lot 2: Cycle 2	
		Biocrops lot 3: Cycle 1	
Ejumula and Kabode varieties			



Mean SPVD infection levels & root yield (tons/Ha) using different source of vines for season 2013a

Attribute	Source of vines planted			Lsd _{0.05}
	Biocrops	B-cycle 1	Farmer	
SPVD inf. score	1.0	1.4	2.9	0.1
Mkt root yield	4.2	2.0	1.5	1.3
Total root yield	5.5	3.5	2.2	1.3
NB: SPVD score on a scale of 1 – 9: 1 = no symptoms and 9 = severe				



Effects of curing and storage options on the shelf life of harvested orange sweetpotato roots in Uganda

Kyalo, G., Mwanga, R., Namanda S. & Low, J.

Objective:

- Prolong the shelf life of stored roots without compromising the organoleptic characteristics

Progress:

- Poster will be presented by Gerald at ACSS conference

...as simple as
a sweet potato

