

SPHI Progress



Sweetpotato
to Profit and Health
Initiative

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SPHI is a multi-partner, multi-donor initiative that seeks to reduce **child malnutrition** and improve **smallholder incomes** in **10 million** African families by 2020 through the effective production and expanded use of sweetpotato.

The Sweetpotato Action for Security and Health in Africa (**SASHA**) is a 10 year Project led by the International Potato Center that will develop the essential capacities, products and methods to reposition sweetpotato in the food economies of Sub-Saharan Africa. It serves as the foundation for the broader Initiative.

Two Phases: Greater Emphasis in first 5 years on Breeding and Seed Systems Research as the Foundation for Success

Phase I (5 years) Proving the Potential



Phase II (5 years) Achieving the Potential



Steering Committee Representatives at the 2017 Annual SPHI Meeting



Co-leaders:



Jan Low



Aggrey Agumya



Jim Lorenzen



Louise Horner



Meghan Anson (26th)



Mairéad Petersen



Graham Thiele



Valerie Rhoe Davis



Tumaini Bariki



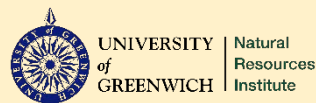
Stanley Mwangi



Anna-Marie Ball



Mette Kjaer Kinoti



Andrew Westby



Craig Yencho





SASHA is the research & capacity strengthening support underpinning the broader SPHI

Year 3:
16 SASHA briefs
28 Other briefs
plus
Your Passport to Good Health

Successful Exhibition at Mlimani Mall

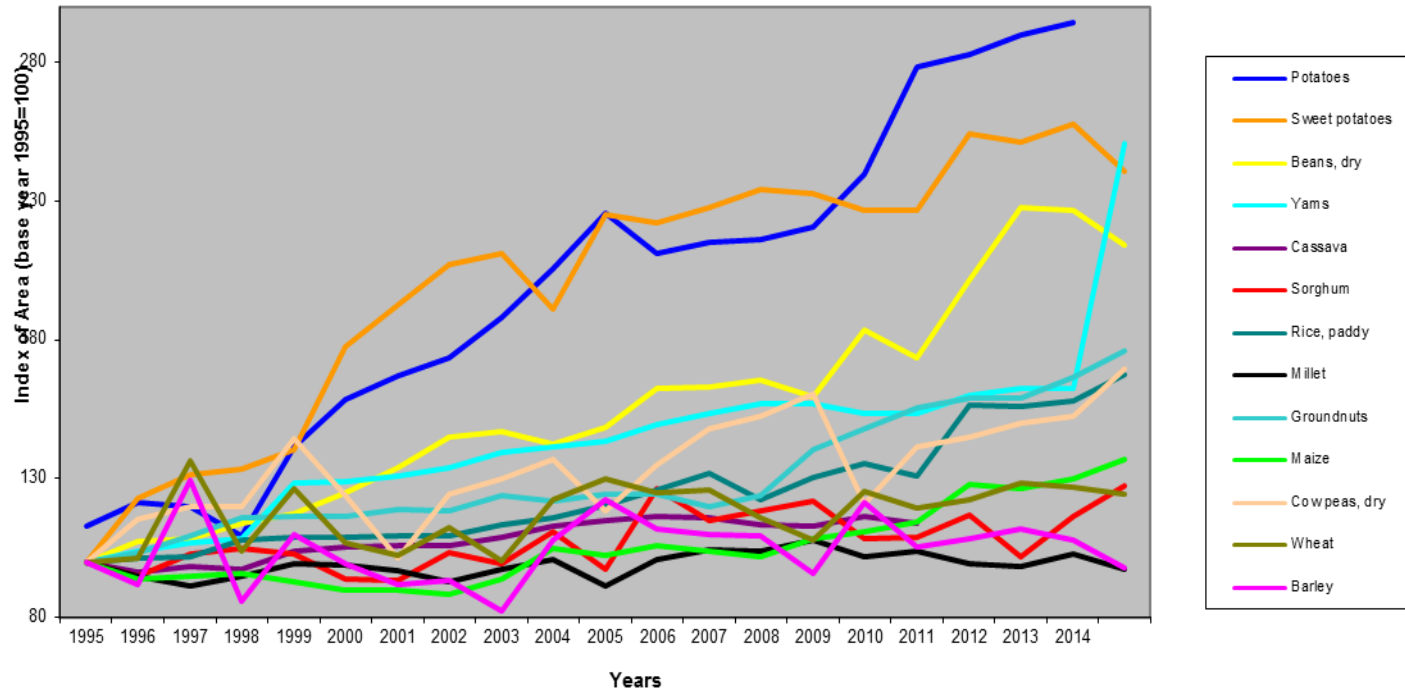


- 20 Booths
- 6 Private Companies
- 10 countries represented
- Press coverage
- Speech
- Skit & Song
- 537 visitors



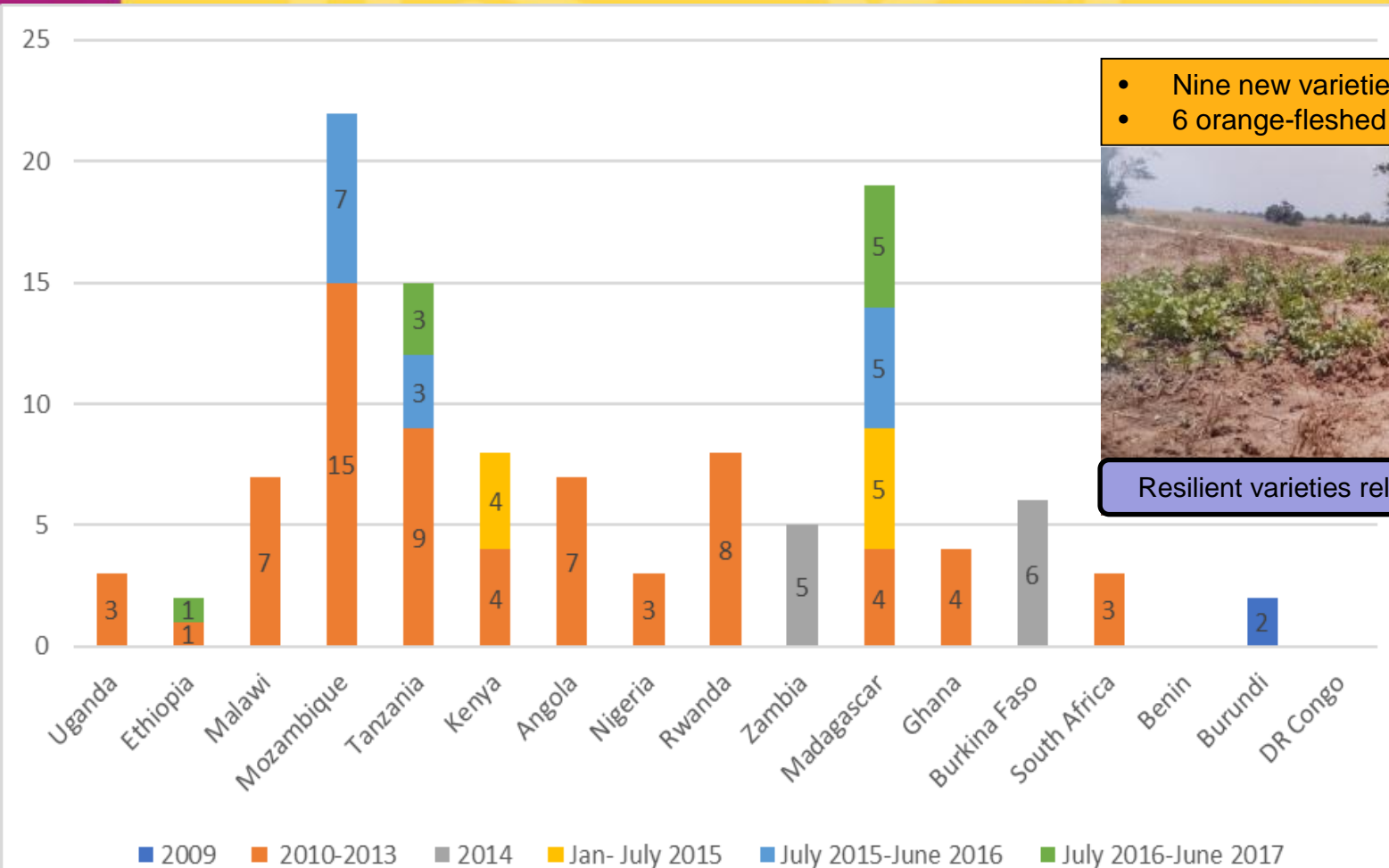
Trends in Sweetpotato and Staples in SSA

Major African Field Crops Area Growth
1995-2014



Area increased rapidly until 2010 then rate slowed down

Producing **improved** varieties continue to be a major effort....



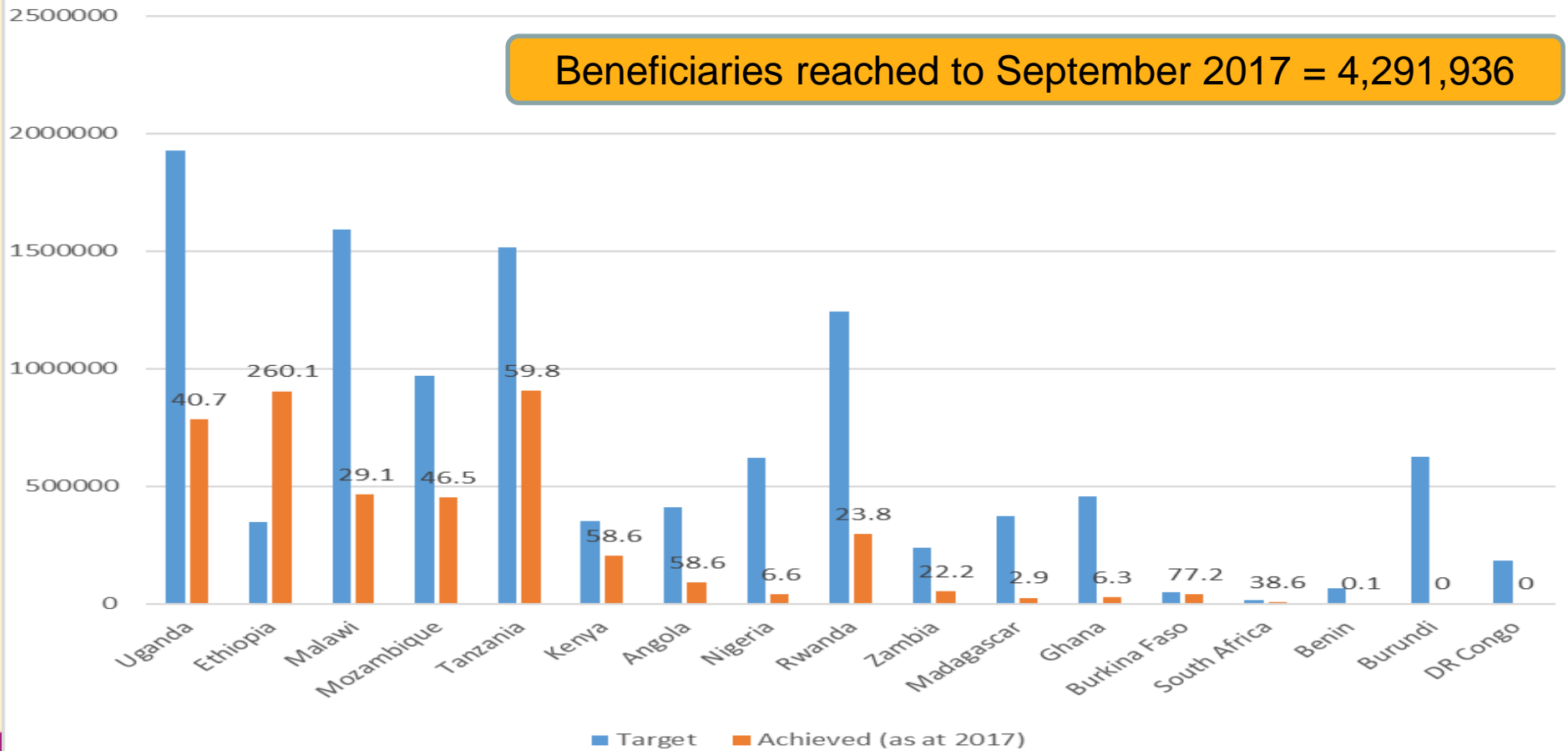
- Nine new varieties released in 2016/17
- 6 orange-fleshed , 3 non-orange fleshed



Resilient varieties released in Mozambique

Progress against TARGETS, by Country

Beneficiaries reached to September 2017 = 4,291,936



2016 Ended with Global Food Security Meeting in Dry Capetown



“Thought Leaders” Plenary Session



Presentation & Poster on Behalf of Temesgen Bocher (Mama SASHA & Rwanda Super Foods)

2017 Began with Statistics for Breeders Training & RTB Foods Launch



Dates for 2018 Set for CoP Meetings



DATES	MEETING	LOCATION	RESPONSIBLE
12-Feb	Monitoring, Learning, and Evaluation	Nairobi, Kenya	Julius Okello
13-18 Feb	STATA Training	Nairobi, Kenya	Margaret Beaver & Julius Okello
9-11 April	Marketing, Processing & Utilization	Blantyre, Malawi	Tawanda Muzhingi
3-4 May	PMT meeting	Nairobi, Kenya	Jan Low
15-17 May	Seed Systems & Crop Management	Kigali, Rwanda	Margaret McEwan
5-8 June	Speedbreeders & Genomics	Nairobi, Kenya	Robert Mwangi
16-17 July	PMT meeting	Nairobi, Kenya	Jan Low
25-28 September	SASHA & SPHI Annual Meeting	Nairobi, Kenya	Jan Low
1-2 Nov	PMT meeting	Nairobi, Kenya	Jan Low

Remember the Upcoming Contests!



Best Scientific Paper on Sweetpotato

Communication for Change...

Think of what you achieved in 2017..

To A Great 2018

