

SAFE-World Project/Initiative Summary

Country: Uganda

Project/Initiative Title: Acord Mbarara

Nos. farmers: 350

Hectares: 350

Agro-Ecological Zone: VII

Improvement types

1x	2	3x	4	5x	6x	7	8	9
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Success and Limits to spread

Success	Limits
1b, 3e	3a, 5a, 4b

A. Key Impacts

A2 – Impacts on natural capital

Pesticide/fertilizer were very minimally applied.

Change: Reduced soil erosion, increased soil nutrients and soil fertility - increased vegetation cover - increased land proportion used on mono-cropping.

A3 – Impacts on local community (social capital)

?? Land price in the area has changed.

?? Marginal changes in migration rates out of the area.

?? Credit program has been put in place.

?? Considerable change in local income levels.

?? Relative decrease in need for financial assistance to encourage farmers.

?? About 350 people have been trained.

?? Local resource groups have been started. Approximately 60 groups.

A4 – Impacts on households and individuals (human capital)

Increased availability in local foods.

The farmers in the said project are reasonably able to adjust to environmental changes and markets.

Specific example: At the peak of matooke harvesting the prices fall drastically but farmers continue maintaining their plantation sustainably.

Vulnerable groups are affected by sales as buyers follow suppliers/farmers who are in accessible locations and can give output of a reasonable quantity.

A reasonable/good number of farmers have settled.

A5 – Key changes in farm / regional system

Impacts on productivity:

?? Increase in yields of Bananas about 4 years after start of project.

- ?? 100% no use of inorganic fertilizers in gardens.
- ?? 90% of the farmers still use sustainable farming.
- ?? 80% of the farms have adopted sustainable agriculture approaches such as mulching, integrated pest management, soil and water conservation using trenches.

B. Types of Sustainable Agriculture Improvements

- Type 1: Better use of available renewable natural capital
- Type 2: Intensification of single sub-component of farm system
- Type 3: Diversify by adding new productive natural capital and regenerative components
- Type 4: Better use of non-renewable inputs and technologies
- Type 5: Social and participatory processes leading to group action for making better use of natural capital
- Type 6: Human capital building through training-learning programmes
- Type 7: Access to Finance
- Type 8: Add value by processing to reduce losses and increase returns
- Type 9: Add value by direct or organised marketing of produce to consumers

	Yes/No	Narrative
Type 1	x	conservation tillage, contour farming, mulches, silt traps, integrated crop and bee keeping.
Type 2		
Type 3	x	Integrated pest management,
Type 4		
Type 5	x	Innovative communication methods e.g. PRA, PAR, PTD. Farmer participation.
Type 6	x	Farmer-to-Farmer training. Exchange visits. Participatory monitoring and evaluation.
Type 7		
Type 8		
Type 9		

C. Key Lessons: Success, Spread and Constraints

C2 – Aspects of local/national context contributing to success

- ?? Involving the farmers in the management.
- ?? Establishing networks, setting up partnerships and information dissemination.

C3 – Limitations preventing spread

- ?? Structural adjustment policies - Macro-economic.
- ?? Unfavourable market prices - Macro-economic.
- ?? Lack of support for sustainable agriculture activities.
- Narrow agricultural research focus.
- Poor transportation networks in communities.
- Inadequate involvement of farmers.
- Inflexible approach.

Limited local trained human resources.

C4 – Policy issues

- ?? Length of commitment to project.
- ?? Structural adjustment policies - Macro-economic.
- ?? Unfavourable market prices - Macro-economic.
- ?? Lack of support for sustainable agriculture activities.

C5 – Scaling-up

- ?? Procedures used for program planning.
- ?? Defining the course of action of staff.
- ?? Approaches to problem solving and decision-making.
- ?? Monitoring and Evaluation of work program.
- ?? Flexibility/scope of organizational mandate.

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