

# SAFE-World Project/Initiative Summary

**Country: Uganda**

Project/Initiative Title: Konge Co-operative Society Ltd  
1993

Scale: community level      Nos. farmers: 60 farmers      Hectares: 30 ha

Agro-Ecological Zone: XIII/ V

Improvement types

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

Success	Limits
4b	3a, 3b, 3c

## A. Key Impacts

### ***A1 – Productivity***

	Before/Without	After/With	% change
milk		1.5 l/day	new

### ***A2 – Impacts on natural capital***

- ?? Less soil erosion – contour farming
- ?? Increased soil fertility – legumes, composting and green manures
- ?? Increased afforestation
- ?? Agroforestry
- ?? Livestock manures

### ***A3 – Impacts on local community (social capital)***

- ?? Women in leadership roles
- ?? Co-operatives strengthened and liberalised
- ?? Improved management of agricultural modernisation

### ***A4 – Impacts on households and individuals (human capital)***

- ?? Health and nutritional status of children has improved
- ?? Leadership capacity building has improved
- ?? Farmers are keen to try new technologies in farming

### ***A5 – Key changes in farm / regional system***

- ?? Increase in the use of organic farming methods
- ?? Food is readily available in the community during dry periods

## 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	?? Zero grazing ?? Recycling animal waste as manure ?? Contour farming, ?? water conservation
Type 2		
Type 3	x	?? Agroforestry ?? Green manures
Type 4		
Type 5	x	?? Participation of members at all levels ?? Adult education ?? Group organisations and institutional partnerships
Type 6		
Type 7		
Type 8		
Type 9		

### **C. Key Lessons: Success, Spread and Constraints**

#### ***C1 – Key Lessons Learned***

- ?? Use of livestock manures
- ?? Composting
- ?? Legumes and green manures
- ?? Contour farming
- ?? Water conservation
- ?? Zero grazing
- ?? adult education
- ?? agroforestry

successes: improved milk and crop production, improved soil usage, empowerment of women and improved health and nutritional status of children

#### ***C2 – Aspects of local/national context contributing to success***

Political stability, good governance and liberalised economy

#### ***C3 – Limitations preventing spread***

Lack of financial credit facilities and grants

Unstable markets, capacity building, information flow and networking

***C4 – Policy issues***

Problems:

- ?? Macro-economic factors;
- ?? structural adjustment policies
- ?? Unequal terms of global trade;
- ?? Unfavourable markets
- ?? Currency devaluation
- ?? High debt burden
- ?? Infrastructure and lack of positive information flow
- ?? Lack of policy support for sustainable agriculture activities
- ?? Narrow agricultural research focus
- ?? Inappropriate land tenure policies

***C5 – Scaling-up***

- ?? Management capacity building at all levels is needed
- ?? Ability to timely meet costs involved in spreading this initiative to large numbers and households
- ?? Acquisition of new technologies to enable us to modernise and add value to our products

**D. Contact Point for Project/Initiative**

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