

Annex 5: CASE STORIES



Yowasi Ssebuliba showing the briquettes they make from coffee husks and other biomass; it is now an employment to the youth like him in the community.

A testimony of a youth beneficiary GREAN Project.

Ssebuliba Yowasi 18 years of age in Butayunja parish Buligita village, joined GREAN project after engaging in coffee business with Kibinge coffee farmers' cooperatives society where he learnt different techniques of farming and was trained on how to make coffee husks briquettes, coffee value chain analysis and development, trading and marketing. He used his father's small land that was allocated to him to practice the SALM practices; the coffee yields increased in quantity and quality from 225kg to 750kgs per harvesting season and he purchased 4 acres of land and livestock all from coffee proceeds. Yowasi was taken for a study tour organised by Fairtrade at Makerere and Namboole where he together with other youth were trained in briquette making and he was inspired by the people visited and decided to do it as business back home.

Yowasi makes 800 briquettes a day and sells a minimum of 50 briquettes per day. He is also a member of Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) and saves on average 10,000/= per week in their Village Saving and Loan Association (VSLA) and he always borrows money from this VSLA whenever he needs money for re-investing. His vision for the next two years is to open stores and buy his own machines for making briquettes on a larger scale.



Mable showing her stumped coffee & water harvesting trench. photo taken by Charles on 31st January 2019.

Success Story of Adoption of SALM Practices:

Mrs. Mable Kakuba, a female 69-year-old is a model farmer at Nyamirima village, married to Mr Isaiah Kakuba, a member of Nyamirima growers 'cooperative society. Before 2016, the coffee farm existed but was in bad state not until August 2017, Vi Agroforestry in collaboration with BKCU and Fairtrade Africa trained the society in Sustainable Agriculture Land Management practices (SALMs), Climate friendly stoves, financial literacy, gender equity and food security aspects. She says, ***“after the training, Vi Agroforestry visited the garden and when I applied to be a demo host farmer; I was successful because I met most of the selection criteria”.***

Mable was supported financially to convert part of her garden into a SALM demo garden. *“The money facilitated me to hire labour to dig the water retention ditches, collected and placed mulches in the garden, bought compost materials and enhanced my vigor to grow and add more effort in the coffee value chain. After 6-8 months in the year 2018, I realized that the coffee garden was becoming pleasant; the coffee*



Ms. Mable showing performance of coffee to visitors.
Photo taken by Elias of BKCUC

looked healthy because of the mulching and stumping technique, the soil retained water and the coffee yields had increased; The garden used to give me 25kg (FAQ) from one bag of unshelled coffee, now I get good quality, heavy bag ranging from 47 to 50 kgs of clean coffee from one bag”.

Mabel spread the knowledge of SALM to another Village called Ndoragi 2 where they established another Agroforestry coffee garden to encourage other farmers to practice and gain from SALM. She is proud of the day when the district officials (local government) and BLASER trading company from Austria visited her coffee demo garden and the day when she hosted NCF. The family has extended the Robusta coffee plant coverage on the demonstration.



Mrs. Naome Turyahabwe

Mrs. Naome Turyahabwe aged 38, married, a farmer and member of Kajunju abahambani Cooperative society-a member primary society of cooperative subscribing to Ankole Coffee Cooperative Union (ACPCU): *“I am a committee member to the cooperative leadership; I knew about GREAN project in 2017 when they invited us to a training on sustainable Agriculture Land Management and gender by farmers who were trained as farmer trainers; we were trained also in mulching, stumping, when to plant, intercropping with trees and savings and loaning to each other in the group which has enabled us to access affordable credit to pay school fees for our children at ease and to buy farm inputs; we are to date very happy in the family after the training on gender, now we sit and decide together as a family on important issues which was not possible before GREAN project.”*

Naome also Acknowledges improved yield of coffee due to SALM practices from 6 bags(sacks) to 14bags per season and food security has also been realized in our home as a result of sustainable farming methods introduced by GREAN project; we used to have months in year when we did not have enough food to have at least 2 meals a day but now we have plenty of food all year round and we sell the surplus and get income. The family has an improved cookstove which enabled them to switch away from the unclean 3 stones fireplace to an improved climate smart stove. ***“With the stove, I now do clean cooking and get more time to converse with my husband and children and I look clean all day”***. The stove uses both briquettes and charcoal and it conserves energy. *“In our society, we are very grateful*



Naome and family. Photos taken by Charles Kasujja on 29th Jan.2020.

	<i>to Vi Agroforestry, the donors and ACPCU for bringing GREAN project to us and for monitoring us and advising us on good agronomic practices in coffee; we request that the project be extended for more 2years for all societies to benefit in the same way as we have benefited"</i>
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