

eLVCD Course Report: Individual and Community Achievements from Uganda

“The course has taught me on how to relate both vertically and horizontally with different actors of the value chain and all the stakeholders there in. For most of the time we concentrated on the producers only but with the online course, I realised that we need to link these producers to other actors of the chain.”

Gilbert

“The LVCD notes are like a bible to me. The facilitators tried to give as many challenging scenarios as possible and this has been helpful for me especially in times of difficult situations.” **Juliet**

“The producer group members have been exposed to ways in which they can increase their family incomes through linkages to potential buyers. One of the potential buyers has established demonstration gardens in the project area so that farmers can select enterprises that perform best in their area as shown in this photo” **Annet**



“Through the training, I have been able to acquire and utilize the knowledge and skills acquired to help train farmers in my community about how they can work together in groups to produce and sell products.

Juliet

“Farmers are now accessing finances from internal savings groups which has helped some farmers to take their children to school. Individual behavior change towards economic development. Some Farmers attitudes have changed (through capacity buildings) and practical trainings conducted and exposures visits.” **Kenneth**

“The eLVCD course is my first online course. It has introduced and exposed me to how online courses and other engagements are conducted. Community development - communities are realizing that development starts with them and are initiating economic development ideas.” **Kenneth**



Farmer learning field



One of the Savings Groups in Kahunge
Busiriba ADP



Farmer learning field

“Community members have started attending trainings, previously they just wanted hand outs and they go back, but now days they believe in knowledge than even physical items” Alex



Farmer learning field in Busiriba

“10 producer groups have been formed and trained in village saving and loans model (VSLA) and are now saving and borrowing from their saving to solve their farming concerns and other social issues in the communities that we are working with. The producer groups are learning and beginning to establish market linkages with other chain actor’s e.g. buyers, input dealers, traders & researchers.” **Gift**

“Community has gained skills in conducting participatory market research. Personally I have been empowered to the point that I can facilitate a participatory value chain development activity with more confidence.” **Jacob**

The local Producers have already selected specific agriculture enterprises for food security and income generation i.e. Maize, soya bean, G.Nuts, Sunflower for income generation and Cassava and maize as food security crops. There is Commitment from ADP staff in undertaking and documenting innovations on farming as a business with emphasis on empowering Communities for enhanced food and incomes security.” **Edward**



“Personally one key thing I have picked out is that building trust within producer groups and between producer groups and other market actors is key in creating strong sustainable linkages and relationships. Many times this is passed on as obvious and relationships end up failing or they never start at all.”