



Vision:
Rwenzori Environmental
and Agriculture
Development Technologies
Vision is 'A community
empowered with
agriculture technologies
for improved livelihood.'

Mission: Rwenzori
Environmental and
Agriculture Development
Technologies Mission is
'To enhance the rural and
urban communities with
social-economic activities
through promoting
agriculture technologies
and sensitization
programs.'

HISTORY

Rwenzori Environmental and Agriculture Development Technologies was established in 2009 by 150 community members to support the rural women and orphans fight household poverty. The organization promotes agriculture modernization programs. The organization implements programmes in 6 sub-counties and one town board. The organization promotes small scale agriculture, women's empowerment, and entrepreneur skills and integrates HIV/AIDS, environment and gender issues in development.

PROGRAMS

Increasing Agricultural Production: Under this program the organization focuses on supporting small scale farmers to increase agriculture productivity. The organization trains farmers in applying improved methods of crop production and provides them with improved seeds. The organization also researches on new agriculture technologies that are appropriate and affordable to small holder farmers and promotes them among farmers.

The organization is currently working with 10 farmer groups whom they provide with improved seeds for planting



and the group members pay back when they harvest. The organization gets agriculture loans from the bank which they use to buy seeds and pays the loan as the farmers pay back when they harvest. The organization has also been supported by other organizations which give them chemicals, pumps and seeds at subsidized prices. The above has led to increased crop yields hence increasing farmers' incomes and food reserves among households.

Environment: Under this program the organization promotes tree planting and has established a nursery bed which produces over 2,500 seedlings every season. The seedlings including coffee are supplied to the farmers to plant to protect the environment well as generating income.

Health: Under this program the organization sensitizes small scale farmers to prevent them from acquiring HIV, malaria and other diseases. The organization refers the suspected HIV and other diseases cases to access medical services. It mobilizes the farmers for HIV counseling and testing. It also supplies the communities with mosquito nets to prevent malaria.

Small Business Development: The organization has established a savings and credit scheme among the member farmers where they save and access loans to invest in farming to improve production. Members are encouraged to save in kind (seeds) and money.

CHALLENGES

Lack of transport facilities to move around the fields supporting farmers

Limited office facilities like stationary and computers to support in documentation and report writing.

Lack of enough manpower due to lack of funds to pay staff

Lack skills in resource mobilization, strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation, documentation

ACHIEVEMENTS

The organization members have increased from 150 to 400, they have accessed training in timely planting, good spacing, timely weeding, pest control and post-harvest handling. They have also been supplied with agricultural inputs including seeds and chemicals to control pests. These have led to increased yields and household incomes.

In 2012 the organization received a grant from Netherlands Albert that supported it to supply over 400 mosquito nets and 400 Jericans for storing drinking water to the farmers. The farmers have adapted the system of drinking boiled water and sleeping under mosquito nets which has reduced diarrhea diseases and malaria cases in Kitsamba and Kyabarungira Sub Counties.

