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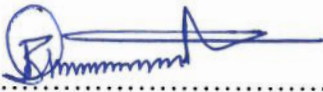
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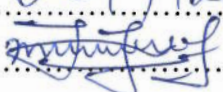
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS/ ACRONYMS

APEP	Agricultural productivity enhancement program
ASPS	Agricultural sector program support
CC	Credit committee
CMF	Commercial Microfinance
EMC	Education and Marketing Committee
GOU	Government of Uganda
MF	Microfinance
MFI	Microfinance institution
MUKWANO	Mukwano Group of companies- Uganda
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
PEAP	Poverty Eradication Action Plan
PO	Production Organisation
POPP	Partnership for Oilseed Production and Processing
Rural SPEED	Rural savings Promotion and Enhancement of Enterprise Development

SFSACCO	Sebei farmers Savings and Credit Cooperative
SCOPE	Strengthening the Competitiveness of Private Enterprises
SOW	Scope of Work

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ABSTRACT

This study has examined the sunflower production situation in the lower belts of Kapchorwa district. Three sub counties which include; Ngenge, Sundet, Kwanyi, and Bunambutya were studied in which a number of issues were examined. The issues include use of quality and improved sunflower seed varieties, yield comparison of traditional and improved seed varieties, support services to small holder farmers, perception of producers on contract farming and opportunities and challenges in sunflower production. Focus group discussion complemented with interviews with households and key informants were the main methods used in data collection.

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Results revealed that both local and improved seeds are used, with improved seeds dominating. Local seeds selected by farmers at harvesting time whereas distribution of improved seeds involved a chain of actors such as Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA), Private seed companies, Agro-dealers, and selected farmers who produce quality declared seeds for distribution to other farmers. Estimation of yield indicated that generally improved seed have higher yield potential than local varieties by about 90%. Gross margins analysis revealed a clear differences between traditional and improved seed varieties in which gross margins for improved seed varieties in all other sub counties were higher than for traditional varieties. Regression analysis indicated that significant factors influencing sunflower productivity include use of improved varieties, number of crops in farm, distance from homestead to farm and the age of household head. But it should be stated at this stage that more interpretation and inference from these regression results will be available at the second version of this report.

Discussion with stakeholders and personal observations across all surveyed sub counties revealed that farmers do not follow proper agronomic practice such as timely planting during the season, plant spacing, use of modern inputs such as fertilizer and pesticides, improved drainage to avoid water logging, proper weeding, pest control, and timely harvesting. All these contribute to low productivity. Stakeholders asserted that extension service for sunflower farmers in the surveyed areas is inadequate or simply unavailable. Regarding marketing, it was observed that prevailing marketing arrangements of sunflower in the surveyed sub counties involve individual farmers selling sunflower seeds either to processors (millers) or middlemen.

Following are recommended in order to improve sunflower sector in the lower belts of Kapchorwa:

1. One of the major setbacks in production of sunflower in the study areas is predominant use of local seed varieties. It is thus recommended that seed multiplication centers should be established under management of private business.
2. Farmers should have adequate knowledge and skills on basic agronomic and marketing skills in the sunflower sub sector.
3. It is recommended there is a need to carry out lobbying that would enable the government to change its mindset and emphasize on quality not quantity
4. Irrigation schemes should be part of the comprehensive programmes to develop the sunflower sector
5. Soil testing should be done in order to provide the information necessary to maintain optimum fertility.

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background



Sebei farmers SACCO is a financial cooperative specializing in financial services to farmers in sebei sub region (kapchorwa, kween, and Bukwo) with future extension of its services to the neighbouring districts such as Bulambuli, sirongo, Bukedea, nakapiripirit, Amudat and recent Budaka. The SACCO was established in 2015 with 31 members. The current membership of the sacco Totals up 887 members with 832 individual and 55 groups formed.

The SACCO Turn over as in 31 december 2017, 320,652,771, with seven(7) employees. The registration fee for individual member is 20,000 with requirements such as National I.D, Two pass port photos and fill membership form following a minimum monthly saving of UG 12,000

Saving and credit cooperative (Sacco) is one of the small holder organisations formed with a strategy of reducing rural poverty among farmers through initiating savings and loan accreditation to small holder farmers, increasing market stability and predictability. Increase in income levels in saccos addresses input and output failures and improving access to technical capacity in value chain.

1.2 The geographical background.

Location;

Head office sebei farmers SACCO, kapchorwa-mbale road, at plot 1 market street kapchorwa town, in central division of kapchorwa Municipality kapchorwa district between 1.3350 N and 34.3976 E at latitude: 1.4010 and longitude 34.4504.

Its also available on internet as "sebei farmers sacco", email: sebeifarmerssacco@gmail.com

Other branch is located at Buyaka in Bulambuli district along mbale highway.

1.2.0 The organization statement.

- **The vision;** To be the leading SACCO championing for socio economic prosperity of the people of uganda.
- **Mission;** empowering rural communities for sustainable development through provision of financial service mainly to farmers linkages and other agricultural developments services,.