



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL MOVEMENT OF UGANDA

**ECOLOGICAL ORGANIC AGRUCULTURE INITIATIVE
2015 ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT FOR UGANDA**

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GENEREAL OVER VIEW OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of the Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative in Uganda in the year 2015 has generally been success with a few Challenges here and there.

Uganda was able to implement most of the activities under the four project Pillars that is Research and Extention, Information and Communication, Market and Value Chain Development and lastly Support and Cementing Pillar.

The most crtitical challenge that affected all the follow pillars was the delayed commencement of planned activities for 2015. This was basically as a result of late disbatchment of funds to the respective implementers. Which delayed funds were attrbubuted to the prolonged process of approving accountabilities for 2014.As a result of this delay; Uganda received only half of its annual budget as it became procatically difficult to absorb an annual budget in averagely five months.

Makerere University had another challenge of more than one month strike by students, which situation put work at the University at a stand still including the project work.

Uganda Martyrs University cited the issue of releasing research funds in piece meal as a challenge to the intire research work especially when funds get finished before any research activity gets to an end. This partner advised for realise of full year funding (single release) to save on time lost solisicing documentation required for second release of funds. Other Pillar specific challenges have been made mention by individual PIPs to BvAT during a monitoring visit made to Uganda.

NOGAMU ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES AS A COUNTRY LEAD ORGANIZATION

PILLAR 3 ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2015

- There is an updated EOA Database including all key EOA Actors in Uganda
- There have been establishment of global networks as a result of linking EOA Membership to IFOAM
- Market Information Data Collection tools for gathering organic statistics have been developed and stakeholders trained on how to use them

- Five (5) Organic Farmers Markets have been established in Kampala and one market in Entebbe
- EOA Members were able to secure markets for organic coffee, sesame and dried fruits as a result of participating in the International Organic Trade Expo in Germany
- Enhanced awareness about the benefits of organic production and consumption
- The Mango Value Chain in Eastern Uganda was mapped and a report has been filed
- 10 Master Trainers and 30 Local Organic Inspectors have been trained
- 2 Producer Associations have been trained in Internal Control Systems
- Shea Butter Company has been supported to acquire a Kirimohai Mark Certificate

PILLAR 3 CHALLENGES FOR 2015

- Government awareness of the EOA Potential to stir Agricultural Development is still very low
- The limited funds for facilitating establishment of networks and linkages make it hard for EOA Fraternity in Uganda to subscribe to important International Fora
- The Budget allocations to specific activities were small for sound activity impacts.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PILLAR 3

There is need to increase the budget for awareness creation/ sensitization meetings so that these meetings.

There is need to condense some of the activities under specific outputs so that few activities with meaningful budgets are implemented.

PILLAR 4 ACHIEVEMENTS


- As CLO, we have put up EOA Country Structures. Stakeholders have been organized into a National Platform and currently we have an average of 35 Stakeholders. Stakeholders include Private Organizations, NGOs, Research Organizations, Public and Private Universities, Certification Bodies, Government Ministries among others.
- The National Platform also elected the National Steering Committee which committee was able to convene meetings to deliberate on EOA Issues in Uganda.
- The Policy Dialogue that was held on the 24th of August 2015 between EOA Stakeholders and the Ministry of Agriculture also brought a ray of hope in fast tracking the operationalization of the National Organic Agriculture Policy (NOAP).
- Activities were also done according to the work plan though for issues of delayed submission of reports Uganda was unable to receive its full budget for 2015

PILLAR 4 CHALLENGES

- The different reporting systems by the Pillar Implementing Partners has posed a challenge as far as accountability process is concerned. For example Makerere University reports directly to the National Treasury and running through the Accountability Process takes a very long time. The fact that we have to report twice in a year aggravates the effect as more than three months are lost in soliciting support documents from different partners.
- NOGAMU had one of her Senior Staff and EOA Project Leader moving on in late 2015. This posed a challenge of dragged implementation speed. This coupled with release of project funds in the second half of 2015 made coordination of activities more involving with some stress.
- Coordination of implementation of certain outputs/ activities particularly those under Training, Research and Extension has been challenged by big laps in remitting funds to the PIP. This is due to the fact that research work takes sometime and if at a certain point funds do not come as expected, research results may be hampered in the process.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PILLAR 4

Funds for a year would be dispersed by BvAT at once and then the rest of the year spent on strict following on statuses of implementation by diferent PIPs. This also saves on time lost in preparing paper work especially by Government Bodies which are very beraucratic.

		PILLAR I: TRAINING, RESEARCH AND EXTENSION PIP: UGANDA MATYRS UNIVERSITY(UMU)			
Project Title: Mainstreaming Ecological Organic Agriculture (EOA) into National Policies, Strategies and Programmes in Africa				Reporting Period: January - December 2015	
OUTCOME 1: Ecological Organic Products and related knowledge along the value chain is increasingly documented, updated and actors capacitated to translate it into practices and application.					
Outputs	Indicators (logframe)	Baseline	Progress between reporting period	Project Targets	Analysis, Remarks
Output 1.1 Increased knowledge of	Product specific value chain needs and insights				

<p>research into use, needs and priorities about EOA practices in the entire value chain</p>	<p>shared.</p> <p>At least 25% of actors in VCs are sharing research agenda gaps and insights</p> <p>Level of actors' satisfaction with EOA research results increased by at least 10%</p>				
<p>Activity 1.1.2</p> <p>Create and regularly update a data base of EOA research into use at national level in close liaison with networks like NOARA and other research institutions</p>			<p>The data base for EOA actors is ready from 2014 work and the process of updating with NOGAMU are underway.</p>		<p>Report on which this activity is based was produced late due to delay of funds. Work is now under way and will be full reported in the next reporting time</p>

<p>Activity 1.1.3 Create and regularly update a database of EOA research into use at national level</p>	<p>Existing Database on EOA research into use accessible to Stakeholders</p>				
<p>1.1.4: Validate research findings in EOA practices</p>			<p>Report on research findings is ready from 2014. Tools for validation being developed and work will be kick-started by workshop scheduled for April 2016</p>		<p>Funds for 2014 were late which delayed the reports. As 2014 report is ready, the work is scheduled for April – May 2016</p>
<p>Output 1.2: Capacity for organisation and implementation of EOA practices developed and strengthened</p>					

<p>Activity 1.2.2 Support periodic reviews of curricula and training materials for relevant training institution with stakeholders (Practitioners, institutions and policy makers)</p>	<p>EOA Institutions visited to review curricula and training materials</p>	<p>A survey to identify the number of organization implementing EOA Curricula was in place with 80% of the tools being collected in 2014</p>	<p>Relevant institutions have been identified and sensitized on the curriculum review exercise through a workshop. KRUIKA, CARITAS ,RUCID, NARO, MAKERER , UMU and(Annex the workshop report)</p> <p>Three curricula were lined up for review and work is going on for 2 curricula.</p> <p>A cartoon book is being developed as a training material to sensitize and train children at an early stage</p>	<p>At least 3 stakeholder institutions visited / month for review</p>	<p>In a workshop to sensitize the stakeholders on the exercise, 3 curricula were identified and two are under review to include EOA units. Some institutions were not yet ready for the exercise and asked for some time to consult.</p>
<p>Activity 1.2.3: Sensitize stakeholders about the recommended EOA curricula and training materials</p>	<p>To hold sensitization workshop with about 70 Different Stakeholders Number of stakeholders sensitised about the value of EOA curricula and training materials</p>	<p>0% curriculum sensitisation workshops undertaken</p>	<p>The report for 2015 concerning the curricular and training material is ready (Annex the report) and the sensitisation exercise will be carried out in April 2016</p>	<p>At least 1 sensitization meeting held</p>	<p>The activity is dependent on the 2015 report which delayed. The activity was then rescheduled to April 2016</p>

<p>Activity 1.2.4:</p> <p>Support development of EOA training programmes and materials based on training needs assesment and curricula reviews</p>	<p>Number of Institutions suported in development of EOA Training Programs and materials</p>	<p>No support done yet</p>	<p>A training needs assesment was done in 2015 and the report is ready. (Annex the needs assesment report..) A workshop to kick-start the support activity is due for April 2016</p>	<p>Initialisation of training programs- public lectures initialised</p>	<p>Training needs report is ready and the support activity will be kick-started by a workshop in April 2016</p>
<p>Output 1.3: Effective implementation of the pillar activities enhanced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M&E tools used • Annual, mid term reviews and final implementation of the activities achieved at least by 80% 				
<p>Activity 1.3.1 Conduct M&E</p>	<p>An Annual report showing number of meetings held to monitor progress of EOA implementation</p> <p>Number of M&E meeting reports complied and submitted</p>	<p>0% M&E</p>	<p>Annual M&E Report made and shared with CLO (Annex....)</p>	<p>Atleast one monthly meeting with implementing team and four quarterly management meetings for monitoring progress</p>	<p>Monthly meetings have been having and Management has also been meeting to track project progress</p>

Activity 1.3.2: Supervision and support	Number of Bi-annual and annual Supervisory reports to Implementers shared with CLO	Reports shared with CLO	Mid term 2015 reports not shared with CLO		...The Mid Term reports were not shared basically because funds were received in July at a time when mid term reports would have been written. So PIPs had done nothing to report about.
Activity 1.3.3: Prepare Annual and Progress reports	Bi-annual and annual progress reports produced and shared with CLO		Bianual reports were written and shared with CLO	Annual and mid term 2015 reports shared with CLO	



PILLAR II: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION
PIP: MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

Project Title: Mainstreaming Ecological Organic Agriculture (EOA) into National Policies, Strategies and Programmes in Africa

Reporting Period:
January - December 2015

OUTCOME 2: Producers are systematically informed about the EOA approaches and good practices and motivated to apply them

Outputs	Indicators (log frame)	Baseline	Progress between reporting period	Project Targets	Analysis, Remarks
Output 2.1: Awareness and knowledge of the value and	At least 20% of farmer households increase in adapting and implementation				

practices of EOA is increased	of EOA practices				
<p>Activity 2.1.1 Conduct gap analysis in information and communication strategies beyond the coverage of the Pilot Phase</p>	<p>Gap analysis research tools</p> <p>A report on gaps in information and communication strategies produced by the implementing team and shared</p> <p>A video documentary capturing the current state of EOA activities among the farmers and PIPs</p>	<p>No prior gap analysis reports</p>	<p>Field interviews conducted with farmers, organic farmers markets, consumers, and other stakeholders in the organic value chain</p> <p>Documentary film shot and produced capturing current state of EOA, the good practices, and the gaps</p>	<p>A comprehensive gap analysis report produced and attached or can be found here >> https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-VHV0wIWQtnWTBxWm1XYkIEYm8</p> <p>An EOA good practices and current status documentary film produced and uploaded on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKGULMP_s-(link</p>	<p>Securing interviews with stakeholders was a tag of war and that has affected on on the delivery schedule of the report</p>
<p>Activity 2.1.2 Develop sensitization, information and communication strategies based on the EOA best practices</p>	<p>Two Stakeholder meetings to sensitize EOA stakeholders on the existing information and communication strategies conducted</p> <p>Two report of the</p>	<p>No prior sensitisation undertaken</p>	<p>Stakeholders sensitized on the potential of ICTs for Sustainable Agriculture at the ICTs & Sustainable Agriculture Conference, and</p>	<p>Two meetings planned</p> <p>Sensitization and communication strategies developed Conference report here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmKzmbiZ</p>	<p>These meetings were incorporated into the conference so we could host a much bigger and meaningful dialogue with more stakeholders, members of civil society, academia, government, innovators</p>

	sensitization meetings produced		The ICT4Sustainable Agriculture Symposium	veI Conference participants here https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-VHV0wIWQtnFk3eVF5ZTIORWM Symposium report here https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-VHV0wIWQtnQ1M2R24wTU9jTkU	and representatives of farmers
Activity 2.1.3 Prepare and avail information and communication materials	Number of Information and communication materials produced and used or distributed	EOA Project logo and partners' logos, All Organic Logo already designed (2014)	500 EOA Calendars produced and distributed to farmers mainly and other EOA players, 2 EOA Pullups, and 2 EOA teardrops produced see the calendar design here https://drive.google.com/	500 calendars, 2 pullups 2 Teardrops	The distribution of calendars is still in progress majorly among farmers

			e.com/open?id=0B-VHV0wIWQtnZFB0S0hfN184b2c and the pullup here https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-VHV0wIWQtnTF9weIJvb3JwbW8 (Annex some this materials in PDF)		
Activity 2.1.4: Sensitize stakeholders and actors in the EOA value chains through workshops and media	Media Breakfast meeting conducted	A media breakfast meeting of similar nature conducted before by NOGAMU at the Kampala Serena	1 Organic coffee media breakfast meeting conducted at Fairway Hotel and attracted about 40 participants. Report here https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-VHV0wIWQtnTF9weIJvb3JwbW8	1 media breakfast meeting with 20 participants. A news video clip here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmKzmbiZveI	The media breakfast provided the much needed visibility of EOA in mainstream media and great networking opportunity for VC players and potential entrepreneurs and stakeholders in the sector

<p>Output 2.2: Extension and communication support systems are strengthened</p>	<p>3 farmer resource centers equipped with a repository of EOA communication and extension materials.</p>				
<p>Activities 2.2.1: Establish support communication infrastructure (farmer resource centers, information hubs, websites, databases and other data/knowledge repositories)</p>	<p>An upgraded website for the EOA Uganda project Mobile App built and launched on Google play An interactive SMS platform in place Continuous EOA engagement on social media</p>	<p>A website already in place (www.allorganic.ug) No EOA related mobile app developed No EOA interactive SMS platform Social media accounts already developed on facebook, twitter, youtube, whatsapp</p>	<p>Work in progress for the upgraded and highly responsive allorganic website with an online market section Mobile App built and under testing now before it can be launched on Google play An interactive SMS platform still under development Increased</p>	<p>A highly responsive website with an online market section relaunched 1 mobile app built and launched on google play 1 interactive sms platform built and functional Steady presence of EOA activities on social media</p>	<p>The new improvements are not yet launched because the new features require a lot of programming time and testing Mobile Apps require ample time to build and test their functionality Such SMS systems are built on third party platforms (TextIt in our case) which prolongs the process An impressive presence and following on social media with over 1,800</p>


			presence of EOA on social media through our All Organic social media platforms on Facebook, Twitter & YouTube		followers on Facebook
Activity 2.2.2 Train farmers and extension agents in the use of innovative communication strategies	Trainings to farmers and extension agents on the use of innovative communication strategies conducted and report produced A high level dialogue or conference organized to engage stakeholders at a higher level and report produced	No prior trainings to farmers and extension agents about ICT4Ag Smaller stakeholder meetings earlier organized	4 Trainings (3 to farmers of Namulonge Horticulture Association and 1 to Ten Mangoes Agribusiness Initiative in Kamuli) conducted and documented List of participants from Namulonge here https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-	3 Trainings to farmers and extension agents on the use of innovative communication strategies 1 high level conference planned	Farmers and extension agents find these trainings very captivating and are always excited about the potential of ICT4Ag Very successful with great engagement and participation of EOA stakeholders, members of civil society, government, the academia, students, young innovators and farmers

			<p>VHV0wIWQtnU XJfSVVkOWd5Y kU</p> <p>A high level conference that attracted over 120 participants</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-VHV0wIWQtnFk3eVF5ZTIORW</p> <p>M focusing on the potential of ICTs, Innovation and Sustainable Agriculture in contributing to SDGS held at Makerere University</p> <p>Report</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-</p>		
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Activity 2.2.3 Prepare and avail strategies and guidelines on ICT applications in EOA to relevant policy makers and other stakeholders	Develop a communication strategy for the CLO	No prior communication strategy in place	A comprehensive Communication strategy for NOGAMU developed and document shared with NOGAMU Document here https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-VHV0wIWQtnS3Q0UVBJUzEtLWc	1 communication strategy only for the CLO	Great communication strategy now waiting execution by NOGAMU

<p>Activity 2.2.4</p> <p>Identify actor organisations and create linkages and conduct dissemination of EOA practices.</p>	<p>Linkages and partnerships made other organizations interested in disseminating EOA information</p>	<p>Linkages existed only among the EOA PIPs</p>	<p>Partnership made between Makerere University and the Agriit Institute to tap into their ICT4Ag expertise</p> <p>Other collaborations made through the Agriit Institute with LeO Africa Institute to mainstream EOA into the SDG agenda for Uganda</p> <p>The MoUs have not been signed but it's a work in progress</p>	<p>2 Linkages / partnerships established</p>	<p>Very useful linkages already in place</p>
<p>Other Budget Items</p>					
<p>Activity 2.3.1</p>	<p>M&E Strategy, Field visits and activity</p>	<p>No M&E visits for</p>	<p>M&E strategy in</p>	<p>Field Visits and M&E strategy in place, M&E</p>	<p>Work in progress</p>

Conduct M&E	monitoring and M&E report	EOA conducted	progress Field visits and activity monitoring conducted and report in progress	report	activity
Activity 2.3.2 Supervise and Support	Activity supervision, Prepare progress and annual reports	Mid term report as of June 2015 in place	EOA activity supervised by the PI, Progress report produced here https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-VHV0wIWQtnWHMxTWUySEFuMEE Final Annual report in produced Here https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-VHV0wIWQtnSI	Progress and annual reports produced	Time constraints, much time was lost in bureaucracies of funds at Makerere University that delayed implementation of activities that has affected the final reporting. Everything however, is being finalized

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	PILLAR III: VALUE CHAIN AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT CLO: NOGAMU				
Project Title: Mainstreaming Ecological Organic Agriculture (EOA) into National Policies, Strategies and Programmes in Africa			Reporting Period: January- December 2015		
OUTCOME 3: A substantially increased share of organic quality, quantity products at the local, national and regional markets is achieved					
Outputs	Indicators (log frame)	Baseline	Progress between reporting period	Project Targets	Analysis, Remarks
Output 3.1: Access to market information and capacity of value chain actors to access data on organic products increased	At least 30% increase of traded volume of organic products. At least 3 new organic markets identify				
3.1.1: Develop and update national database of actors (producers, processors, traders,	National data base of actors created	Old NOGAMU database developed	NOGAMU database updated to include all key EOA actors such	National database existing and functional	Members in EOA network in Uganda are actively engaged and using developed data base for their marketing of

consumer, regulators) in the EOA value chains			as processors, traders, consumer and development partners		agricultural products.
3.1.2 create linkages between national databases and other databases at regional and global levels	Number of linkages created		One linkage created of the NOGAMU developed database and the IFOAM	1 global linkage created	More readily accessible EOA information at national, Regional and Global networks as a result of the developed linkage.
3.1.3 Develop, Adapt and update Tools for collecting Market information and Data	Developed and updated tools for data collectio	Existing NOGAMU Market information and Data Collection.	Updated and Adpated Existing NOGAMU Tools for collecting Market information & data	1 market Informationn and data collection tool for NOGAMU updated	Developed Tool facilitated more efficient collection of market information among EOA actors. Increased Local and Regional Market access by EOA partners as a result of the
3.1.4 Train stakeholders on use of tools for collecting market information and data	Traning conducted on use of tools for collecting market information and data	Limited Data and Market information trainings earlier conducted and only focused on export markets.	1 training conducted on market information and organic data collection.	Effective Data collection by EOA stakeholders in Uganda I training on Market information and organic data	National, Regional and international EOA actors can easily access Market infoamtion and organic from Uganda.

3.1.5 Support the stakeholders to collect ,analyse & disseminate market information and data	Stakeholders supports to collect , analyse & disseminate market information and data	Limited market and organic Data information Available to EOA actors in Uganda.	1 2015 Organic Data collection and market information report compiled and disseminated. (Annex the report)	I national Data collection report compiled and disseminated	EOA stakeholders in Uganda trained on new tool which has facilitated better data collection.
3.1.6 support establishment of at least 1 farmers market in Uganda	Number of organic farmer markets established	Limited availability of organised channels for marketing organic products in Uganda.	6 farmer markets established in high end shopping malls in Kampala where organic farmers directly sell and bargain for their produce. (Annex the documented photos)	I farmers Market established	Increase in volumes and sales of organic products on the local markets. Readily available exclusive organic farmer markets for ugasandas organic farmers.
3.1.7 support organisation and participation of stakeholders in national , regional and international trade fairs	Numbe rof stakeholders supported to participate in national , regional and international trade fairs	Limited exposure of organic opportunities on local, regional and globaly markets	Participated in 1 international trade fair called BIOFACH and 1 local tradefair Jinja agricultural show where organic produce from Uganda was show cased.	At least two trade fairs participated in.	3 Market contacts secured for organic coffee, organic sesame oil and Organic dried fruit from NOGAMU members that partciapted in trade show.

3.1.8 Conduct consumer awareness through media, promotional materials and mobile phones.	Consumer awareness conducted through media, promotional materials and mobile phones.	Limited awareness of Ugandan consumers on benefits of Organic Products	Held a Media Breakfast at Serena Hotel Kampala on the 27 th of October 2015 where a total of 70 key stakeholders from foreign missions and embassies, National trade organisations, National farmer organisations and 7 media houses participated. (Annex)	1 media breakfast meeting conducted	Lots of information and trends were highlighted from the key note speakers during the media events on status of EOA policies in the EAC, Organic markets in the region, globally, and the organic production data for Uganda. As a result NOGAMU has been invited to submit articles and deliberate on EOA aspects by 3 local and regional print newspapers, 2 radio shows and 1 Television .
Output 3.2: Capacity in value chains development for organic products is enhanced	30% of farmers to be reached in various organic commodity value chains 3 more groups use Organic Mark on their products				
3.2.1 Conduct Value chain mapping and analysis for EOA products	Number of mapped value chains and analysed EOA products	Majorly very informal marketing chains for organic mango producers who largely were	1 value chain mapping conducted (Annex the value chain mapping report)	1 value chain mapping report	Organic Mango Value chain Mapping report for farmers in Eastern Uganda


		working on their own without any formally organised working structure.			
3.2.2 conduct training in value chain Development and marketing for atleast 10 master Trainers (MTs) taking into account gender and youth	Number of MTS trained on Value Chain Development and Marketing	Limited expertise in value chain development and marketing	1 MTs training held for 10 Members of Buyende district organic farmers association executive.	1 MT training held	Local capacity built of the farmer leaders at district level to manage value chain development and marketing and financial aspects for their associations. This will result in overall farmer project management and market communications with their clients.
3.2.3 support MTs conduct national TOTs trainings for extension agents , lead farmers and service providers on value chain development	Number of MTs supported to conduct TOTs Number of extension agents , lead farmers and service providers on value chain development trained as TOTs	Limited capacity of TOTs at subcounty level to manage value chain development.	23 TOTs mainly comprising of extension workers, buying agents, association treasurers and lead farmers trained on basic value chain development, marketing and governance issues	10 TOTs supported	More capacity built at farmer grass root leadership levels resulting more efficient management of organic projects for organic smallholder farmers at grassroots level.
3.2.4 Support National ToTs to conduct farmer training on Value chain development	Number TOTs supported to conduct farmer trainings	Limited knowledge and skills of National organic farmers associations	-1 Association with 100 contact farmers representing 843 farmers in Eastern	Atleast 2 Farmer associations at National level (Uganda) trained	Increased capacity of grassroots organic smallholder farmers in value chain development for organic mango and

	Number of farmers trained on Value chain development	in value chain development.	Region (from 3 districts of Kidera, Buyende and Nkondo) was trained on organic mangoe value chain development. - 1 association with 46 contact farmers representing 157 farmers (in 2 districts of Mityana and mubende) in central region was trained on organic fruits and vegetables value chain development		fruits and vegetable value chains.
3.2.5 Facilitate exchange visits to actors to cases of best practices	Number of exchange visits undertaken	Limited experience in organic management by smallholder farmers in Uganda.	18 farmers facilitated to and participate in Exchange visit to share experiences on EOA practices.	1 exchange visit	More hands on experience acquired by farmers who participated in the exchange visit.
3.2.6 Train stakeholders in entrepreneurship and	Number of stakeholder trainings undertaken on	Limited knowledge of stakeholders in financial and	26 farmers in Mubende were trained on	1 training	Farmers more knowledgeable in financial planning and business plans development

development of business Plans	entrepreneurship and development of business Plans	business planning	entrepreneurship and business skills development for fruits and vegetables.		of organic projects.
3.2.7 support strategic business linkages with green investors	Number of linkages with green investors	Limited access to green investors for EOA products	1 green investor from Japan linked and has committed to try some of Uganda's EOA products.	At least 1 strategic business linkage with green investors established	More business partnerships forged with green investors for organic produce from Uganda
3.2.8 Document and share best practices in the value chains of EOA commodities	Number of documented and shared best practices in the value chains of EOA commodities	Limited documented success stories of EOA projects in Uganda	1 Best practices Report developed for Ntungamo Organic Pineapple farmers (annex the best practice report)	1 report on best practices shared	Availability of information for EOA actors interested in venturing into Organic pineapple now available in Uganda.
3.2.9 conduct M&E and share lessons on Value chain development of EOA products	M&E conducted Lessons on value chain development of EOA products shared	Limited M&E Limited lessons shared on value chain development of EOA products		Annual report	
Output 3.3: Capacity in quality assurance for supporting collective	At least 5 farmer groups/associations implement organic quality management system.				

marketing of organic products to the domestic, regional or export markets is enhanced	5 farmer groups/associations marketing collectively				
3.3.1 Train Local organic inspectors	<p>Training of local organic inspectors undertaken</p> <p>Number of local inspectors trained</p>	Two trainings in organic inspection were conducted by NOGAMU for over 100 farmers drawn from the Eastern and Western regions of Uganda	One training for Local Organic Inspectors was conducted with 30 participants from the four regions of Uganda (East, West, North, South)	1 training	
3.3.2 Train and Facilitate at least 16 producer associations nationally in the use of Internal control system (ICS), and participatory Gurantee system(PGS) for market access	Number of producer associations trained nationally in the use of Internal control system (ICS), and participatory Gurantee system(PGS) for market access	Limited number of producer associations trained nationally in the use of Internal control system (ICS), and participatory Gurantee system(PGS) for market access	Two Producer Associations were trained in the use of Internal Control System (ICS) and PGS for Market access.	At least 6 producer associations	The budget could not accommodate training of all the 6 planned Producer Associations.

3.3.3 Facilitate implementation of third party certificate approach	Third party certificate approach facilitated	Third party	In spite of the limited funds to facilitate third party certificate implementation, Shea Butter company was supported towards securing of the Kilimohai Mark Certificate which has a Eastern Africa market recognition	Atleast 1 organic certification	The funds were little and therefore used to support the company to undertake its application process for acquiring the Kilimohai Certificate
Output 3.4: Effective implementation of the pillar activities enhanced.	Details on this Output were not specified in the activity plan				
Activity 3.4.1. Conduct Reflection Meetings/ Monitoring and Evaluation	Number of pillar team meetings to assess progress and agree on methodologies on implementing	No Reflection meeting on record	Refection meeting was not conducted but PIPs were visited and monitored by NOGAMU S taff to follow up on levels of implementation	Conduct at least 2 pillar team meetings to assess progress and agree on methodologies on implementing activities At least one relection meeting for	The limited funds could not allow convening of a relection meeting

	activities		(annex monitoring reports)	PIP and CLO technical team At least two field visits monitoring visits to PIPs(one for each PIP)	
Activity 3.4.2. Prepare annual and progress reports	Reports (annual and progress) prepared and shared on time to the coordinating agency	Annual 2014 report in place	Annual report is prepared to be shared with BvAT and the National Platform.	Pillar implementing partners with other team members to prepare and share Biannual and Annual plans and Progress Reports. Pillar Implementing Coordinators with key team members compile Biannual and annual reports and electronically share with NOGAMU who would later compile a consolidated report and submit to BvAT	The Issue of timely submission Biannual and Annual Reports by PIP needs to be ober emphasized to allow timely consolidation of CLO Report.
		PILLAR IV: SUPPORT AND CEMENTING EOA PLATFORM: STEERING, COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT CLO : NOGAMU			

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OUTCOME 4: Fully functional multi stakeholder platforms at the national level, mutually agreeing on well coordinated and concerted action to inform public policies and investment plans in favour of EOA

Outputs	Indicators (log frame)	Baseline	Progress between reporting period	Project Targets	Analysis, Remarks
Output 4.1: Fully functional National Platforms with Steering Committees established and strengthened	Enrollement of more Stakeholders or Actors in the National Platform by December 2015 At least 3 Public Institutions have EOA interventions in their plans and make positive statements on EOA. (i.eMAAIF,UNBS,Min. of Health, MTTI)	During the EOA inception meeting held on 20/03/2014, 31 EOA Stakeholders attended the activity.	The average participation for the two National Platforms meetings conducted in 2015 has been 35 Stakeholders. MAAIF which is the mother ministry for EOA Fraternity in on board with EOA implementation. MAAIF has assigned Officer in charge of EOA and he is the Vicechairperson of theNSC.	The Project targets at least EOA 60 Stakeholders in Uganda	About 15 new EOA Stakeholders have to mobilize in order to hit the target.
Activity 4.1.1 Develop and adopt the TOR and rules of procedures for the National	TOR and rules of procedures for the National Platform, Steering Committees	The National Platform and the Steering Committee had been constituted in 2014 but	On the 8 th of April 2015, NOGAMU convened a meeting with Members of NSC to share draft ToR for the National Platform. The	ToR verified by the NSC on file and to be updated annually CLO drafts TOR	

Platform, Steering Committees and PIPs	and PIPs developed	without ToR	purpose of the meeting was to capture comments and inputs from the Platform leadership before the final ToR would be developed. A report on this activity is on file together with the modified ToR. It was on this date that the Members of the Steering Committee also elected their Leadership before the sharing and discussion of the ToR (Annex the NSC TOR and list of members of the NSC)	for NP and Steering Committee and NSC meeting is held to adopt TOR and rules of procedures by end of November 2015	
Activity 4.1.2 Organize at least 1 meeting for bringing together country partners to share experiences and lessons	Number of National Platform Meetings held for bringing together country partners to share experiences and lessons	Inception workshop brought together various EOA stakeholders in Uganda	On the 01 st of October NOGAMU held an EOA Stakeholders meeting for sharing experiences, challenges and lessons. During the share presentations from Farmers and Exporters shared their experiences in organic production and Export	1 NP meeting held by December 2015 where 50 Actors participate. Report produced and shared.	

			<p>respectively. The outstanding Issue faced by Exporters was poor quality of organic products both physically and chemically. Physically it was attributed to poor post-harvest handling technologies. Chemically, dried fruits retained a lot of moisture which compromises on their shelf lives. Among farmers This platform was also used to update stakeholders on the status of EOA implementation in Uganda. (Annex the workshop stakeholders report)</p>		
<p>Activity 4.1.4 Undertake policy gap analysis on current policies as related to EOA development</p>	<p>Policy gap analysis on current policies as related to EOA development undertaken</p>	<p>Limited prior studies undertaken around policy issues related to EOA development</p>	<p>A Consultant was hired to undertake this study and a final report (Soft Form) submitted to NOGAMU on the 24th of November 2015. The analysis highlighted issues like low public investment in Agriculture</p>	<p>TOR and signed contract with consultant by Febraury 2015</p> <p>Analysis carried out and report</p>	

			<p>Sector, Very costly Organic Certification, and Government concentration on conventional Agriculture among others. A copy of this report can be shared. A Policy Brief for this study was also developed (Annex the TOR, contract and gap analysis report)</p> <p>(Annex policy brief)</p>	<p>produced by October 2015 Plan for implementing recommendations is prepared by 2016</p> <p>One Policy Gap Report and One Policy Brief</p>	
<p>Activity 4.1.5 Lobby for inclusion of EOA into national policy making processes, strategies and investment plans</p>	<p>Lobbying for inclusion of EOA into national policy making processes, strategies and investment plans undertaken</p>	<p>Draft organic policy in place pending submission to cabinet</p>	<p>On the 24th of August 2015, NOGAMU together with other stakeholders in the Organic Sub Sector held a policy dialogue meeting with Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industries and Fisheries. The Ministry was represented by the Director for Crop Resources and One Commissioner. The Minister had also confirmed attendance but he lost a close relative that very day. The Organic Fraternity was represented by NOGAMU,</p>	<p>1 Meeting held with stakeholders and the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries</p>	

			<p>1Public Universities, 2 Private Universities, Private Sector (Organic Exporters) and NGO promoting organic farming (Kulika and Caritas-Kampala. The purpose of the dialogue was to fast track the passing of the draft organic policy by the Cabinet. It was in this meeting that the Ministry shared changes in the requirements for submission of a draft policy to Cabinet. Among the requirements were the Regulatory Impact Assessment, Financial Implication Analysis and Policy Option Analysis Paper. A report on this activity is can be shared. (Annex the report)</p>		
<p>Activity 4.1.7 Develop directory and</p>		<p>Soft copy of directory available</p>	<p>During the month of August 2015, NOGAMU mobilized subsequent meetings with the</p>	<p>Entrance into database by 1st</p>	

<p>database of members of the National Platform and development partners.</p>			<p>NSC Members to input comments as well as updating the soft directory that PELUM-Uganda had developed but an able to print copies. NOGAMU and PELUM-Uganda chose to cost shared this activity because they both had insufficient budgets. The Consultant addressed all comments and included other suggested EOA Members. The draft Directory was shared in September while 500 copies of the Final Directory were delivered to NOGAMU in October 2015. (Annex the directory)</p>	<p>Quarter of 2015 National Directory of EOA actors printed and shared</p>	
<p>Activity 4.1.8: Support member participation in regional/international fora</p>	<p>Members supported in the participation in regional/international fora</p>	<p>Continous support of members through other initiatives</p>	<p>Participated in 1 international and 1 local tradefair where organic produce from Uganda was show cased.</p>	<p>At least two trade fairs participated in.3 EOA actors supported to participate in at least 2 relevant regional/international</p>	<p>3 Market contacts secured for organic coffee, organic sesame oil and Organic dried fruit from NOGAMU members that particiapted in trade</p>

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Activity 4.1.9: Creation of a Website for visibility of the EOA Initiative and Information Sharing	Virtual platforms established for visibility of the EOA Initiative and Information Sharing	NOGAMU and Makerere webistes in place.	NOGAMU in collaboration with Makerere University under the Information and Communication Pillar has formed a virtual platform purposed to increase EOA visibility and information sharing. We have also developed a draft Communication Strategy awaiting validation by the National Steering Committee.	Virtual ptaforms like facebook, twitter, blogs remain active throughout the year	
Output 4.2: Capacities of Country Lead Organizations (CLOs) and Pillar Implementing Partners (PIPs) to perform their functions strengthened			Attended EOA training in Project and Financial Management organized by BvAT in Kenya from 26 th to 30 th October 2015. The training built my capacity in areas of report, resources mobilization and managing Donor funds.	CLO sign agreement with 3 PIPs by end of July 2014 Progress Reports from PIPs and CLO produced and shared by September and November 2014.	

				Monitoring plan is developed and used by December 2014	
Activity 4.2.1: Prepare contractual agreements and disburse funds to PIPs	Contractual agreements and disburse funds to PIPs accomplished	No contractual reviews had been done before This would be the second project release of funds to PIP	PIP contractual agreements were not reviewed for compliance and technical backstopping at PIP level Funds were disbursed late in July as NOGAMU also delayed to receive funds	PIP contractual agreements reviewed for compliance and technical backstopping at PIP level Funds disbursed by March 2015	Implementation modalities for reviewing the agreements had not been emphasized in the work plan.
Activity 4.2.4: CLO Convene at least 2 National Platform meetings a year for PIPs and other stakeholders.	At least 2 National Platform meetings convened a year for PIPs and other stakeholders.	No platform for PIP had been held before	On the 30 th of January 2015, NOGAMU convene a National platform for PIPs and Other EOA Stakeholders. The purpose of the meeting was for PIPs to present to Stakeholders progresses in their implementations, challenges and lessons learnt. Stakeholders included Organic Exporters, Organic Input dealers, Organic Farmers, Training	At least one National Platform meeting is held and minutes shared among Stakeholders by December 2015	

			<p>Institutions, Certification bodies, Organic promoting, Government ministries(MAAIF and Health) , Researchers among others.</p> <p>It was on this very date that the 2015Annual work plan for EOA was also validated.</p> <p>During the open discussions, Stakeholders suggested that PIPs should assume a coordination role in all their undertakings as they build more synergies amongst themselves and other Stakeholders. This was purposed for fast tracking EOA initiative implementation and results in our Country. (Annex workshop report)</p>		
Activity 4.2.5: CLOs Conduct project	Monitoring plan produced	No monitoring plan for the pillar	Monitoring plan not done	1 Monitoring Plan/ Schedule	The implementation modality had not been well spelt out in the

supervision, monitoring, evaluation and reporting to executing agencies and other stakeholders.	Activity reports and Progress report prepared and shared Number of Monitoring visit reports produced	Monitoring visits and evaluation	No activity reports regarding supervision, monitoring and evaluation of executing agencies No Monitoring visit reports	At least one supervisory, biannual and annual progressive report At least two monitoring visit reports	work plan
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