

**STIMULATING COMMUNITY INITIATIVES IN SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT (SCI-SLM)**

**SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT (SLM) PROJECT/ UGANDA**

**Preparation for SCI SLM Teleconference; 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2012**

<p><b>SCI-SLM Programme Objectives:</b> To refine ways of stimulating the further improvement and spread of community-based SLM initiatives to achieve local and global benefits, while simultaneously developing a methodology to upscale and institutionally embed SCI-SLM approaches at local and regional level.</p>		
<p><b>Objective 1:</b> Identification and analysis of Community initiatives in SLM: Community initiatives/innovators identified screened and selected:</p>		
Activities	Progress	Way Forward
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathering of baseline information/characterization from the 4 focused communities' namely: BANDERA, NACIA, Banyakabungo and RECPA</li> <li>• Baseline information submitted to TAG team for further analysis</li> </ul>	<p>-Focus community meetings facilitated by district extension staff were held to gather baseline data in November, 2011. Validation of information on the characterization forms was carried out by the National project team in December, 2011. Completed characterization forms were submitted to the TAG team in December, 2011.</p>	<p>- Analysis of the baseline information in progress</p>
<p><b>Objective 2:</b> Stimulation and up-scaling of community initiatives</p>		
<p>Community networking and exchange visits Increased access to information for decision making  Community joint experimentation with researchers</p>	<p>- The Communities of Nalukonge (NACIA) in Nakasongola and BANDERA in Kamuli districts undertook farmer to farmer learning visits focusing on Conservation Agriculture and other SLM practices in the districts of Kamuli and Palisa respectively in December 2011</p> <p>- A proposal to promote innovative use of ICTs to help SCI-SLM communities share and disseminate knowledge and information for decision making</p>	<p>-Open days for the four SCI-SLM communities to take place in May 2012</p> <p>- Farmer exchange visits to Morocco is planned in 2012</p> <p>- implementation of</p>

	<p>has been developed in collaboration with Makerere University kabanyolo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint experimentation on bio control of termites in Nalukonge community (NACIA) rangelands with arboreal termites in collaboration with Kawanda Biological Control Unit (on going)</li> <li>- Joint experimentation on fruit flies control in mango orchards in BANDERA community using strict sanitation practices and pheromone traps in collaboration with Kawanda Biological Control Unit (on going)</li> </ul>	<p>the proposed ICT activities in 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visit to Kiruhura and Kamwenge Districts by NACIA to learn more indigenous knowledge regarding the effects of arboreal termites on subterranean termites in May 2012</li> <li>- Continuation of on station experimentation on the effects of arboreal termites on one destructive species of surface termite known locally as “Kaserengeta” and other insects e.g. bees (on going)</li> </ul>
<b>Objective 3:</b> Awareness raising amongst policy makers		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication strategy for SLM</li> <li>• Production of a documentary on SLM</li> <li>• Production of news articles on SLM practices</li> <li>• Production of banners, t-shirts and caps on SCI-SLM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLM project team developing communication strategy for SLM to integrate measures to raise awareness on SCI_SLM activities</li> <li>- Using materials collected during SCI_SLM steering committee and other materials a first copy of documentary has been produced and editing is progressing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Documentation of community initiatives will include participation of Journalists</li> <li>- Developing a brochure for SCI-SLM Uganda in a process</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two print media articles on SLM themes in New Vision news paper and several broadcast media i.e. Uganda Television Network and radio Uganda</li> <li>- Banners, t-shirts and caps on SCI-SLM were produced and distributed to policy and decision makers among others</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radio talk shows for SCI_SLM focus communities</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The 4 SCI - SLM communities held talk shows to share their innovations and testimonies of benefits from SLM practices as part of public awareness on SLM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Talk shows for communities to continue</li> </ul>
<p><b>Objectives 4:</b> Development of methodology for up-scaling and Institutionally embedding SLM initiatives</p>		
<p><b>Promote the methodology through implementation to SLM initiatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCI_SLM focus communities used as learning centers to train communities under other projects and programmes</li> <li>• SCI-SLM methodology adopted by other SLM projects/programmes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BANDERA 2000 has been used as a training ground for other SLM community groups in conservation agriculture, fruit tree growing and other SLM practices. BANDERA 2000 has also provided trainers to train other community groups within Kamuli district in SLM practices</li> <li>- NACIA has provided training to others SLM community groups in construction of water harvesting underground tanks</li> <li>- RECPA has provided training of communities with bare hills to plant trees</li> <li>- The National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS) coordinators have identified SCI-SLM communities as learning centers for integrating SLM in agricultural enterprise development in Kamuli and Ntungamo districts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Documentation of the process of up- scaling the SCI_SLM methodology is planned in 2012</li> <li>- Organize workshop for NAADS staff and service providers in the districts of Kamuli, Nakasongola, Ntungamo on SCI_SLM methodology in June 2012</li> </ul>

	<p>- The UNDP SLM projects has adopted the SCI_SLM methodology for identification, screening and selection of communities as well as the characterization of the communities</p>	
--	--	--