



SATNET PROFILE

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BACK GROUND INFORMATION

SATNET is a network of 47 member organisations (MOs) that are registered NGOs, CBOs and Faith Based Organizations training communities in sustainable agriculture technologies. SATNET membership is spread in the 5 districts of the Rwenzori region of western Uganda that is Kasese, Kabarole, Bundibugyo, Kyenjojo and Kamwenge.

SATNET strengthens the capacity of the member organizations through training and providing support services designed to strengthen the institutional capacity of her member organisations to equip farmers with skills and appropriate technologies in sustainable agriculture.



To facilitate the sharing of information and knowledge on best practices of sustainable agriculture in the region, indigenous CBO's and NGOs formed a local network to coordinate sustainable organic agriculture development in the region.

SATNET membership has over the six years grown from the initial 11 to 47 member organisations to date. This makes SATNET the biggest same interest network in the region. SATNET was also set up to facilitate NGO and CBO lobby and advocate the government for supportive policies.

Vision

SATNET envisions a just, empowered, healthy, prosperous and gender responsive society managing her resources sustainably in a bio diverse environment.

Mission:

To improve the livelihoods of communities through a strong network that empowers member organizations to efficiently and effectively to deliver services in field of sustainable and organic agriculture and related services for gender responsive sustainable development.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To create public awareness on sustainable Agriculture and related fields
2. To enhance capacity of member organizations to deliver quality services to the communities.
3. To enhance networking amongst its member NGOs and other stakeholders
4. To influence formulation and implementation of appropriate sustainable agricultural policies
5. To widen knowledge and information base in sustainable agriculture and other related areas through research



Improved methods of farming to enhance productivity

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. Organise Workshops, training and learning events for members and partners in the region
2. Support and link member organisations' trainers to training opportunities to further improve their skills.
3. Organise exposure and exchange visits for members and partners in and outside the region
4. Collecting and disseminating Sustainable Agriculture information through quarterly publication of Agro information and SATNET News.
5. Support member organisations promote marketing initiatives to enhance commercial farming for small scale farmers in the region
6. Providing technical support to members and farmer groups in agri - business plan development and setting up of agro processing initiatives to add value to agriculture produce
7. Networking and partnering with Central and local Government Authorities to build a partnership between the civil society and Government in community development. SATNET organises agriculture stakeholder symposiums to give an opportunity to the civil society, farmers representatives and government officials brainstorm on a harmonisation strategies per district.
8. Support member organisations research initiatives to promote herbal medicines production and usage in the region.



exposure and exchange visits have enhanced learning among trainers and farmers through shared experiences, skills and technology transfers

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF SATNET

The membership makes up the general assembly. The annual general assembly (AGM) is the policy making body of the network. The AGM receives and discusses financial and activity reports, budgets and work plans every financial year. The AGM elects members to the executive committee, which is charged with the management of the network.

The executive committee made up of the Chairperson, vice Chair person, General Secretary, Treasurer and one representative for each district. The Executive committee evaluates applications for membership to the network, recruits and contracts staff, reviews quarterly reports, work plans and budget of the network.

The Secretariat is responsible for the program implementation of the network and liaises with the executive committee on policy issues.

THEMATIC AREAS

1. Capacity building
2. Research and technology transfer
3. Lobbying and advocacy
4. Information documentation & dissemination
5. Agribusiness
6. Addressing cross cutting issues by mainstreaming in HIV/AIDS, public health, Environment conservation and gender.



Lobbying government to support maize farmers

Other key roles of SATNET in the Rwenzori Region

- ❖ Coordinating centre for the Western highlands Agro ecological Zone of UGADEN (Uganda Agro Forestry Development Network).
- ❖ Representative and coordination centre for NOGAMU (National Organic Agriculture Movement Of Uganda) for the western Uganda region.



Prof Rugumayo hands over a prize to John Balinda of FORUD for their participation in the NOGAMU day celebration at Ruboona in 2004. Looking on is the RDC Kabarole District.

PARTNERS OF SATNET

- ♦ Kabarole Resource and research Centre (KRC),
- ♦ National Organic Agriculture Movement of Uganda (NOGAMU),
- ♦ PELUM (Participatory Ecological Land Use Management) –
- ♦ UgoCert (Uganda Organic Certification Limited),
- ♦ UGADEN (Uganda Agro forestry development Network)
- ♦ SNV (The Netherlands Development Organisation)
- ♦ Rural Community In Development (RUCID) in Mityana,
- ♦ Kyera Farm Training Centre in Mbarara,
- ♦ AHURIO (Association of Human Rights Organisations),
- ♦ Rwenzori Forum for Peace and Justice and the Rwenzori Anti Corruption Coalition among others.

SATNET DONORS

1. HIVOS is main donor for the capacity building programmes
2. Broederlijk Delen and the Belgium Government fund the PIMSAP (Programme implementation Marketing of sustainable agriculture products from Western Uganda) Marketing Programme that is managed by a consortium of 3 organisations RUCID, SATNET and Kyera Farm in Mbarara.
3. Belgian Technical Cooperation funds the herbal medicines development programme

SATNET MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Kabarole District

1. Joint Effort To Save The Environment (JESE)
2. Foundation For Rural Development (FORUD)
3. Western Rift Valley Ecological Farm Institute (WREFI)
4. Bunyangabu Beekeeping Community (BBC)
5. Kabarole Beekeepers Association (KBA)
6. Kyakahinda Beekeeping Community (KBC)
7. Kabarole Intergrated Women Effort In Development (KIWED)
8. Kibota Widows And Widowers
9. Environmental Sustainable Agricultural Project (ESAP) Fortportal Diocese
10. Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSSIA)
11. Toro Botanical Gardens (TBG)
12. Tooro Herbbal Medicine Research Center (THEMERIC)
13. Bamugisa Farmers Demonstration And Training Centre (BFDTC)
14. Nyabubale Rural Development Project
15. Kabarole Research And Resource Center (KRC—HONORARY MEMBER)
16. Kabarole District Farmers Association (KADIFA—ASSOCIATE MEMBER)
17. Kabarole United Organic Farmers Association (KUOFA)
18. Bukuku Extension Link In Sustainable Commercial Agriculture For Rural Development (BELSCARD)

Kasese District

19. Mutiiba Foundation For Agriculture & Community Service
20. Kiima Foods
21. Karughe Farmers Partnership (KFP)
22. Kyempara Farmers Wild Life Protection Association (KFWIPA)
23. Gender & Development (GEDA)
24. Green Home
25. Bukonzo East Training Team (BETT)

26. Rwenzori Herbal & Environmental Activists Association (RHIVA)
27. Catholic Diocese Of Kasese (CDOK)
28. Burangwa Eysisuka Ningabu
29. Kagando Rural Development Community (KARUDEC)
30. New Eden Christian Foundation
31. Sustainable Agriculture Society Of Kasese (SASK)
32. Ikongo Rural Development Association

Kamwenge District

33. Catholic Women Association (CWA)
34. Community Sustainable Initiatives Link (COSIL)
35. Technology For Rural Animal Power (TRAP)
36. Kamwege Sustainable Organic Farmers Association (KASOFA)

Kyenjojo District

37. Agricultural Development Programme (ADP) Fortportal Diocese
38. Kyembogo Farmers Association (KYEFA)
39. Rural Reconstruction Movement-Kyaka (RRM-K)
40. Kulika Charitable Trust-Kijwiga Training Center (KCT-K)
41. Development Foundation For Rural Areas (DEFORA)
42. Kyejojo District Farmers Association (KYEDIFA)
43. Nyakwanzi Farmers Empowerment For Development (NAFED)
44. Bugaaki Development Association (BUDO)

Bundibugyo District

45. Bundibugyo Agro Producers & Sellers Association (BASO)
46. North Rwenzori Rural Agriculture Community Link (NORRACOL)
47. Abanya Rwenzori Moutaineering Association (AMA)