



ORGANISATION PROFILE

Sustainable Agriculture Trainers Network (SATNET)



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Back Ground Information

SATNET is a network of 51 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 (Bundibugyo, Kabarole, Kamwenge Kasese, and Kyenjojo) in south western Uganda.

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 was also set up to facilitate NGO and CBO lobby and advocate the government for



Facilitating information sharing on different agricultural technologies

SATNET strengthens the capacity of her MOs through technical training, providing information and other support services designed to strengthen the effectiveness of individual trainers and institutional capacity the MOs of her member organisations to equip farmers with skills and appropriate technologies in sustainable agriculture.

SATNET membership has over the nine years grown from the initial 11 to 51 member organisations as per the June 25th 2009 AGM. This makes SATNET a big network in the Rwenzori region.

Vision: An empowered, gender responsive society in a safe and bio diverse environment

Mission: To improve the livelihood of the farming community through capacity building of member organizations and their trainers , advocacy , networking , research on sustainable and organic agriculture production and marketing systems

SATNET Objectives:

1. To lobby and advocate for formulation and implementation of farmer friendly and realistic policies and government programmes
2. To enhance the capacities of SATNET's, MOs and their trainers to effectively and efficiently deliver quality services to farming community
3. Promote and strength cross cutting issues in SATNET's in programmes

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4. Promote participatory research and utilization of research information
5. Promote and enhance farmer driven Agri-business initiatives
6. Increase and strengthen information sharing, Networking, collaboration and partnership.

Values

- Unity
- Sharing
- Commitment
- Accountability
- Voluntarism



Quality matooke on display at an Agriculture and trade show

Major Activities

1. Conduct capacity building Workshops, training and learning events for MOs and partners in the region.
2. Provide technical support to member organisations promote marketing initiatives to enhance commercial farming in the region.
3. Support and link MOs' trainers to training opportunities to further improve their skills.

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4. Organise exposure and exchange visits for members and partners in and outside the region.
5. Collecting and disseminating Sustainable Agriculture information through quarterly publication of Agro information and SATNET News.
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.
9. Support Member Organizations and farmers actively engage in on farm research and utilisation of the research findings.

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Management Structure of SATNET

The membership makes up the general assembly. The annual general meeting (AGM) is the policy making body of the network. The AGM receives and discusses Audited 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 is made up of the Chairperson, vice Chair person, General Secretary, Treasurer and five district representatives ;one 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 day to day program implementation of the network.

Lobbying government to support maize farmers

Other key roles of SATNET in the Rwenzori Region

Representative and regional coordination centre for National Organic Agriculture Movement of Uganda (NOGAMU) for western Uganda.

SATNET members have moved great heights in value addition to meet organic market standards



SATNET Publications:

- SATNET NEWS - A tri annual publication in both english and local Languages.
- MONIK ADRIAENS & RUDY LEMMENS SATNET (2006), Malaria Vector Control without DDT; Sustainable Alternatives
- EBICOO LI MU UGANDA (Rutooro policy briefs on the maize sub sector)
- AKASESEKA AKE BYE'BIKUSA (Lukhonzu policy briefs on the maize sub sector)
- SATNET/SNV Final Report on Regional Survey & Conference on poverty issues & Regional level poverty alleviations strategies, Nov. 2005
- MONIK ADRIAENS (2006), family medicinal plant gardens in the rwenzori region
- KABAROLE DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT/SATNET, Trade show magazine 2009

Satnet Partners

SATNET's work has been successful due to partnership with both international and local partners among whom is HIVOS, Broederlijk Delen, Belgian Technical Cooperation GEF/UNDP (Global Environment Facility), Oxfam GB, Concern World Wide National Organic Agriculture Movement of Uganda (NOGAMU), PELUM (Participatory Ecological Land Use Management), UgoCert (Uganda Organic Certification Limited), VSO (Volunteer services overseas), French Embassy in Uganda, SNV (The Netherlands Development Organisation), DENIVA (Development Network Of Indigenous Voluntary Associations), Uganda National NGO Forum, AHURIO (Association of Human Rights Organisations), RFPJ (Rwenzori Forum for Peace Justice), RAC (Rwenzori Anti Corruption Coalition), Mountains of the Moon University, RANNET (Rwenzori Association of NGOs and Networks), KADVDO (Kamwenge District Volunteer Development Organization) Bundibugyo NGO Forum, KANCA (Kabarole NGO and CBO Association) KADDENET(Kasese District Development Network), Kyenjojo NGO Forum. SATNET also works closely with the Local governments of Kamwenge, Kabarole, Kyenjojo, Kasese and Bundibugyo.

SATNET Member Organisations

KABALORE 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. KABALORE INTERGRATED WOMEN EFFORT IN DEVELOPMENT (KIWED)
7. KIBOTA WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS ASSOCIATION
8. ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROJECT (ESAP) FORTPORTAL DIOCESE
9. TOORO BOTANICAL GARDENS (TBG)-ASSOCIATE MEMBER
10. TOORO HERBBAL MEDICINE RESEARCH CENTER (THEMEREK)
11. BAMUGISA FARMERS DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING CENTER (BFDTK)
12. KABAROLE RESEARCH AND RESOURCE CENTER (KRC) —HONORARY MEMBER
13. KABAROLE DISTRICT FARMERS ASSOCIATION (K DFA) —ASSOCIATE MEMBER
14. KABAROLE UNITED ORGANIC FARMERS ASSOCIATION (KUOFA)
15. BUKUKU EXTENSION LINK IN SUSTAINABLE COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (BELSCARD)
16. BUSAIGA MULTIPURPOSE ORGANIZATION

KASESE DISTRICT

17. MUTIBA FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE & COMMUNITY SERVICE
18. KIIMA FOODS
19. KARUGHE FARMERS PARTNERSHIP (KFP)
20. GENDER & DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (GEDA)
21. GREEN HOME
22. BUKONZO EAST TRAINING TEAM (BETT)
23. RWENZORI HERBAL & ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS ASSOCIATION (RHIVA)
24. CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KASESE (CDOK)
25. BURANGWA EYISUKA NINGABU ASSOCIATION
26. KAGANDO RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER (KARUDEC)
27. NEW EDEN CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION
28. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE SOCIETY OF KASESE (SASK)
29. IKONGO RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
30. KYONDO MIDDLE LEVEL FARMERS ASSOCIATION
31. NDONGO UNITED HERBALISTS ASSOCIATION

KAMWENGE DISTRICT

32. CATHOLIC WOMEN ASSOCIATION (CWA)
33. COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES LINK (COSIL)
34. TECHNOLOGY FOR RURAL ANIMAL POWER (TRAP)
35. KAMWEGE SUSTAINABLE ORGANIC FARMERS ASSOCIATION (KASOFA)
36. KAMWENGE DEVELOPMENT CENTER (KDC)
37. KAMWENGE BEE KEEPERS COOPERATIVE SOCIETY (KABECOS)

KYENJOJO DISTRICT

38. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (ADP) FORTPORTAL DIOCESE
39. KYEMBOGO FARMERS ASSOCIATION (KYEFA)
40. RURAL RECONSTRUCTION MOVEMENT-KYAKA (RRM-K)
41. TRANSPARENCY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION- UGANDA
42. DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR RURAL AREAS (DEFORA)
43. KYEJOJO DISTRICT FARMERS ASSOCIATION (KYEDIFA) -ASSOCIATE MEMBER
44. NYAKWANZI FARMERS EMPOWERMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT (NAFED)
45. BUGAAKI DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (BUDO)
46. KIGOYERA ORGANIC FARMERS ASSOCIATION(KIOFA)

BUNDIBUGYO DISTRICT

47. BUNDIBUGYO AGRO PRODUCERS & SELLERS ASSOCIATION (BASO)
48. NORTH RWENZORI RURAL AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY LINK (NORRACOL)
49. ABANYA RWENZORI MOUNTAINEERING ASSOCIATION (AMA)
50. BUBANDI MIDDLE LEVEL FARMERS ASSOCIATION
51. BUSARU MIDDLE LEVEL FARMERS ASSOCIATION