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Access Agriculture 2021 on-line survey - Summary

Welcome to our monthly news update with 'Access Agriculture Panorama'

This monthly e-newsletter gives a bird's eye view of all the exciting updates from Access Agriculture, a world-leading organisation for quality agricultural training videos in international and local languages, working across the Global South.

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ANNOUNCEMENT



Welcome to Access Agriculture's new site!

Explore world's largest multilingual library of farmer training videos on agroecology and organic farming

Access Agriculture is proud to announce the launch of its upgraded, new-look video platform (www.accessagriculture.org) with improved functionality and navigation that allows visitors a more engaging way to explore its incredible array of over 4,000 quality farmer-to-farmer training videos across 100 languages.

The new mobile-friendly site is faster, sleeker and responsive across all platforms and devices. Its interface is in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Bangla and Hindi, and will soon be available in Arabic.

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Your support needed to empower the changemakers

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of our donors, as two of the six young women entrepreneurs whom our campaign targets, have successfully embarked on their journey to bring knowledge to other women of their farming communities.

Please be one of the wonderful people to <u>make a donation</u> at GlobalGiving and share this opportunity with your friends.

Help us raise funds for our current campaign!

New videos added in December

13 new videos - 01 Bisaya / Cebuano, 02 English, 02 French, 02 Sinhala, 05 Tagalog, and 01 Tamil - have been posted on our platform www.accessagriculture.org. They are freely downloadable as video (mp4), audio (mp3), mobile (video format 3gp) along with a one-page fact sheet with contact details for more information.

Editor's choice



How to build a rabbit house

Farmers in Kenya show us how they build a rabbit house using simple materials. Because rabbits do not sweat or pant to cool down, they will suffer in direct sun. It is therefore best to put a rabbit house in the shade. A raised house helps to protect the rabbits against rats and also allows the rabbit droppings to fall to the ground. As safari ants can harm baby rabbits, chase away the ants by burning a small piece of rubber and sprinkling salt. Better also destroy ant nests nearby the rabbit house. These and many other tips can help you in rearing rabbits, which is becoming more and more popular and can provide you a good income.

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FROM OUR CHANGEMAKERS



ERAs@work!

Entrepreneurs for Rural Access (ERAs) at work in Cameroon

Cameroon

• ERA team leader **Pesky Kamayou**, who is passionately interested in environmental protection issues and sustainable agriculture, along with

his team member Hans Ngandju, under Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture in Africa (KCOA) project, facilitated six training sessions using videos during the last guarter of 2023. The training sessions were conducted for 123 participants, including 65 women, in Esse and Yaoundé in Centre Region; Banka, Bafang and Bafoussam in West Region; and Bakou in Southwest Region of Uganda. All the training included and practical courses theory sessions. videos shown included the following: Making a modern beehive, Grafting mango seedlings, Quality cassava material, Producing healthy plantain and banana suckers, Managing seed potato, Onion harvest and storage, Organic coating of cereal seed, Making a vermicompost bed, Herbal pest repellent and Tomato concentrate and juice, among others. (See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook).

The ERAs were very happy that rural women were able to build a good beehive after watching the video Making a modern beehive. In December, Pesky Kamayou and his team attended the national networking fair for the development of organic agriculture organised by the Groupement d'appui pour le développement durable (GADD), an NGO which supports sustainable development in Cameroon. They presented Access Agriculture's work and achievements as well as their own ERA activities to participating stakeholders and visitors. (See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook).

ERA team leader Ruth Makoundjou, along with her team member Patrick Herve Kom, under the KCOA project, have extensive experience as independent trainers and are deeply committed to organic farming. They organised seven video shows during the last quarter of 2023 for 222 participants, including 109 women, in the Centre polyvalent de formation (Multipurpose Training Center - CPF), Mbouo-Bandjoun and the Foyer communautaire (Community home) of Ndah, Menoua in West Region, Cameroon. Practical sessions were held after the video shows.

The following videos were shown: Sprouting grains for livestock feed, Hydroponic fodder, Good microbes for plants and soil, Vermiwash: an organic tonic for crops, How to build a rabbit house, Producing healthy plantain and banana suckers, and Making banana flour, among others. (See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook1; Facebook2; Facebook3).

The Multipurpose Training Center (CPF), where Ruth and Patrick facilitate most of their training sessions, has made organic agro-pastoral training its specialty. On the occasion of the Living Seed Discovery Day, an event held at CPF to train participants in healthy seed production under organic farming, Ruth and Patrick took the opportunity to screen the video Producing healthy plantain and banana suckers, for the participants so that they could learn good practices in plantain production. (See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook).

 ERA team leader, Ache William Anubofeh, under the KCOA project, is the founding president of the Sustainable Ecosystem Development Association (SEDA) and is passionate about ecosystem sustainability community development. He conducted with his team mates, Abaka Kennedy and Tebi Atuh, eight training sessions during the last quarter of 2023 for 375 farmers, including 223 women farmers in Mankon, Bafut, Balikumbat, and Tubah in North West Region of shown included Intercropping The videos pineapples, Making biofertilizer, Drip irrigation enriched tomato, Killing fall armvworms naturally, Staking beans, Making banana flour, Making chilli powder and Self help group, among others. (See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook). In November, Ache William and his team members participated in the North West Global Entrepreneurship Exhibition in Cameroon and presented their activities and demonstrated the smart projector. In December, Ache William successfully defended his Master's thesis in Engineering with Grade 'Excellent'. He specially thanked Access Agriculture for broadening his knowledge and opportunities.

- ERA team leader Marcelle Necheu, and her team members, Erika Kouosseu Tchimko and Damals Tchoupa Sietcha, under the KCOA project, are keen to popularise organic agropastoral knowledge and practices in rural communities. During the last quarter of 2023, they facilitated three video screenings for 100 participants, including 60 women participants in Bandjoun, West Region, Cameroon. The videos featured included Human urine as fertilizer, SLM00 Introduction, Management of Newcastle disease and Good storing and conserving maize grain. (See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook).
- Appolinaire Tetang Yiampho from SAILD (CIP) NGO is a very dynamic partner of Access Agriculture in Cameroon and is contributing actively to promoting agroecology among farmers in the Eastern Region of Cameroon using the smart projector. In the last quarter of 2023, he with his team members facilitated six video shows for 164 participants, includina 33 women participants. The videos shown included Management of Newcastle disease, Grafting seedlings, Reviving soils with mucuna, Feeding chickens and Teaching agroecology in schools, among others. (See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook).

BLOG POSTS

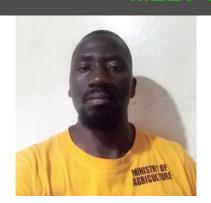


A revolution for our soil

In the 1500s, when men on sailing ships were casually spreading crop plants from one continent to the next, maize came to Africa. Fortunately, many of the maize pests stayed behind, in the Americas. But slowly, trade and travel are re-uniting maize with its pests. A caterpillar called the fall armyworm is the latest American pest to reach Africa, and it has spread across the continent, threatening one of Africa's staple food crops.

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MEET OUR AMBASSADOR



Thomas Phiri

Thomas Phiri obtained a certificate in general agriculture from Zambia College of Agriculture, he then worked at Caritas Kabwe, where he was implementing a project in sustainable organic agriculture. In 2019 he moved to the Zambian Ministry of Agriculture to work as agriculture extension officer. Thomas is also in his second year pursuing a diploma in agroecology.

Thomas is committed to sensitising people in rural areas to the importance of ecosystem, forest conservation and what can be done to help mitigate against climate change. He is also passionate to help others have food security and understand how to add value to agricultural products.

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