CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE (CSA) TRAINING REPORT FACILITATED BY MR. SETH YASHIM GADO OF RURAL AND URBAN RESOURCES COUNSELING OUTREACH AND NETWORK (RURCON) AND THE TWO SISTERS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HAUSA CHRISTIANS FOUNDATION (HACFO) WHICH TOOK PLACE FROM 14TH TO 18TH AUGUST, 2023 AT THE HACFO MISSION HOUSE, NO.19 DOKAJE STREET UNGWAN BORO SABON TASHA KADUNA, NIGERIA.

INTRODUCTION

The Hausa Christians Foundation (HACFO) in partnership the Two Sisters conducted an empowerment training program of farmers cutting across different status of life and needs on Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) which was facilitated by Mr. Seth Yashim Gado of RURCON Nigeria. The training was conducted at the HACFO Mission House No. 19 Dokaje Street Ungwan Boro Sabon Tasha Kaduna from 14th to 18th August, 2023.

The Training usually starts 9am and ends at 3pm with lunch break in between. The HACFO Lead Minister continues with the Participants on goals settings and practical action plans on how to put what was taught into practice up to 4pm and sometimes 5pm.

The training was characterized by Lectures, Group Discussions, Questions and Answers Session and Videos play.

Topics treated include the following:

- a) Climate Smart Agriculture and Biblical basis for Climate Smart Agriculture.
- b) Compose Manure Production
- c) Biocide on Chemicals
- d) Crop Production Method
- e) Climate Change
- f) Water Resource Management
- g) Grain Storage
- h) Livestock Production
- i) Fishery
- j) Cooperative Farming/Business
- k) Record Keeping
- l) Integrated Farming.

TENDING OF 100 GOATS FOR TWO WEEKS

On the 1st of August, 2023, RURCON brought 100 goats which were meant to be given out to the 50 trained farmers. Due to the manner in which they were transported, two died which were later replaced as the training commenced.

The goats were not healthy when they were brought hence the need for some medications of which we invited a Vet Doctor to check them. According to the doctor, the goats suffered from post transportation stress, pregnancy toxemia, lice infestation, helminthes, PPR disease and starvation.

On the 3rd of August, the goats were medicated, but due to the financial constraints as complained by RURCON, we couldn't allow the Doctor to do a follow up on the treatment done and at the week of the training, we lost 8 goats. The latest outbreak made us to call the doctor for another treatment.

PICTURE RPORT: TRAINING SESSIONS



ISSUING OF CERTIFICATES TO PARTICIPANTS



ISSUING OF GOATS TO PARTICIPANTS



MINUTES OF MEETING ON CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE

Time and Place

This meeting No.1/2023 for the Climate Smart Agriculture training, was held on Thursday August 17, 2023 at 3:45pm at HACFO Mission House, No. 19 Dokaje Street, Ungwan Boro, Sabo, Kaduna State.

Meeting Facilitator: Ambs. J.D. Jydson

Attendance: All participants of the Climate Smart Agriculture training

Absent: None

Meeting Agenda: To discuss the way forward for the Climate Smart Agriculture participants (What is next after the Climate Smart Agriculture training?)

Opening Address by the Convener

Ambs. J. D. Jydson spoke to the participants on the need to draw up a plan that will be beneficial to all and sundry as the Climate Smart Agriculture training draws to a close. He reiterated that a whole lot was put together to ensure the training became a reality. He further stated that there have been harvests of ideas during the course of the training and those ideas should be deployed for the betterment of the society. On what is next after the Climate Smart Agriculture training, the participants suggested the following:

- Formation of a cooperative group
- Appraisal meetings
- Enlightenment campaign
- Creation of a WhatsApp group
- Leadership formation
- Giveback to Society/ Partnership with HACFO

Having listened to all suggestions, Ambs. J. D. Jydson noted that the formation of a cooperative society is the foundation upon which every other suggestion can be built. Immediately, a strategic planning team was set up and charged with the responsibility of ideas formulation and designing the structure for the cooperative society.

The strategic planning team was constituted and comprised of the following members.

Strategic Planning Team

- 1. Team Lead Saratu Adamu
- 2. Secretary Dare Peter

Members

- 3. Pastor Dorcas Midalla
- 4. Pastor Sarah A. Haruna
- 5. Venerable Yahaya Ibrahim
- 6. Baba Yusuf S. Dodo
- 7. Amos Daladi Andrew
- 8. Comfort Johnson
- 9. Silas Musa
- 10. Francis Danlami
- 11. Kande Silas
- 12. Ladi Abubakar
- 13. Kande I. Garba

Closing Remarks

Members of the strategic planning team were admonished by Ambs. J.D. Jydson to carry out their assigned responsibilities diligently to the end that the formation of the cooperative society becomes a reality. The participants were told to remember that seeds are not to be eaten but they should be sown which would someday make possible the availability of bread.

Closing Prayer

The meeting ended at 5:30pm with a closing prayer by Baba Yusuf G. Dodo

Next Meeting

Our next meeting holds on Friday August 18, 2023 at 12pm.

Submitted by: Dare Peter

TESTIMONIES

Testimonies and the story of conversion of few of the participants were recorded in video format. The size is too large to be sent, we want to work on it to reduce it to a lesser version for the purpose of sharing with you.

APPRECIATION

The Hausa Christians Foundation (HACFO) wishes to express our profound gratitude to the Two Sisters who are instrumental in orchestrating this timely and rich training. Indeed, this training is marking a new glorious beginning for most of the farmers trained. May the Good Lord continue to bless and prosper the works of your hands in Jesus Name. May all seeds sown germinate and bear the desired fruits in the mighty Name of Jesus. Amen!

Thank you so much Mas.