

Safe Use Workshop:

Decisions, Action plans & Allocation of responsibilities



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FINAL DECISIONS, ACTION PLANS AND ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Final Decisions:

We have decided that we as a small group cannot focus on all key issues, we follow an 80/20 approach where we focus on the 20% key issues that will give us 80% of improvement of the situations. Therefore we have selected the following points that need to be addressed now:

- General awareness on pesticides handling
- Safe use training & PPE availability
- Improved product knowledge
- Improved law enforcement

We have also decided that the following 2 points are important for the success of the project:

- All material must be easy to understand
- We must join hands and work together

2. Action plans on the above 4 key focus points:

2.1 Increased general awareness on pesticides:

We need to:

- Develop training material:
 - Posters on spill kits and handling of spills
 - Posters on PPE and how to use
 - Toxicity and Label illustrations
- Train people
- Get funding for the posters

Actions:

- Develop a simple farmer training manual
- Investigate the possibility to make this training manual bilingual – English and a local language
- Develop pictorial posters on safe use of pesticides
- Develop a media campaign program (Establish the HOW, WHAT

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and WHO)**

- Investigate the different funding possibilities
- Identify people who will help to do the job

Champion appointed: **Rogers**

2.2 Safe Use Training & Availability of PPE:

2.2.1 Safe Use Training

We need to:

- Training material:
 - Flipcharts
 - Masking tape
 - Demo kits
 - Posters
- Proper planning: Who will be trained where?
- Use the correct method of contact:
 - Use small talk
 - Use visual aids
 - Oral interview with target group: Before & After
 - Make it short
 - Make them part of it
- Find finances for the training

Actions:

- Use model farmers:
 - Must have character
 - Be accessible
 - Be willing to help
 - Be approachable
- Investigate to the possibility to develop a “model village” as role model
- Increased contact with Agricultural Field Officers
- Investigate the different funding possibilities
- Identify people who will help to do the job

Champions appointed: **Wilfred & Fred**

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2.2.2 Increase availability of PPE

Actions:

- Source affordable PPE
- Encourage stockist to sell PPE
- Improvising PPE suitable for local climate conditions
- Develop minimum standards for PPE
- Mobilize farmers to buy PPE

Champions appointed: **Wilfred & Fred**

2.3 Improve product knowledge in Uganda:

We need to:

- We need to do sensitising amongst the farmers in terms of product knowledge of pesticides
- Develop and present product knowledge training:
 - Types
 - Classification
 - What to buy?
- Develop labels in local languages – must be easy to read and understand

Actions:

Sensitising and training:

- Arrange workshops with stakeholders
- Inform people through the media (Newspapers & TV) in local languages
- Develop posters: How to buy the right product, Read the Label and Use the right products for the right pest
- Develop role plays to enhance and strengthen the message
- Use Agricultural Officers to train the villages

Labels in local languages:

- Liase with registration authorities to make labels in local languages part of the registration process
- Get importers and manufacturers involved in the process

Champion appointed: **Josephine**

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2.4 Improving law enforcement:

We need:

- All stakeholders need to come up with a Code of Fair Trade
- Minimum standards for Agro-dealers
- Decentralize preliminary activities for certification of traders
- Introduce the law and relevant regulations to all
- Introduce penalty levels for different offences:
Example:
 - Caution
 - Registration withdrawn for 3 months
 - Registration withdrawn for 6 months
 - Case to police
- Continued public dialogue:
 - Radio
 - Printed Bulletin
 - Press releases
- Funding of the regulatory authority

Action plans:

- UNADA already has a Code of Conduct. All stakeholders must get involved and create a Code of Conduct
- There is a regulation process now on. It is vital to get the Safe Use regulations in this current process
- Implement delegation of authority to Crop Protection Officers
- Develop an abridged version of the Law and Regulations. Mass distribution
- Implement an offence penalty system and make everyone aware
- Uganda Revenue Authorities has a current way of discussing tax matters with the people of Uganda. We must do the same in terms of responsible use of pesticides
- The regulatory authorities must be funded by Government self. The other stakeholders can assist with support and liaison to get the current 3% of the AGB for Agriculture up to 10% of the AGB

Champions appointed: **Francis**