



NEPAD Spanish Fund for African Women Empowerment

The EWCD is two years project launched on the 4th September 2012. This project covers three districts (Kayonza, Kirehe and Ngoma) of the Eastern province and target 600 women in 5 areas like maize processing, pineapple processing, tomato processing, beekeeping & honey extraction and then handcraft.

It aims at improving the economic wellbeing of women and local communities by transforming the community-based female associations into cooperatives and supporting them to undertake the income generating activities through processing units and shop-centers. This news page gives a picture of progress for the first year of project implementation.

FIOM RWANDA: DEVELOPING COMMUNITIES OWN FUTURE

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Cooperative development and economic empowerment: Training – Coaching- Processing units

Beneficiaries' distribution:

The beneficiaries of this project are distributed in the district of Kayonza, Kirehe and Ngoma of the Eastern province.

Kayonza: 105 beekeepers regrouped in 3 cooperatives to benefit from one beekeeping center and 147 maize producers in 3 cooperatives beneficiaries of one maize processing unit located in Gahini.

Kirehe: 72 tomato producers from Rwantonde/Gatore regrouped in two cooperatives beneficiaries of tomato processing unit based at IRAMA center; 42 pineapple producers' members of two cooperatives beneficiaries of pineapple processing unit located at

Kaziba and 184 handcraft makers regrouped in 6 cooperatives beneficiaries of shop-center located at Kirehe.

Ngoma: 249 maize producers regrouped in 10 associations from Karemba and Kazo beneficiaries of two processing units located respectively at Karemba and Kazo.

Training - equipment – coaching

A half of these beneficiaries have been trained in legal parameter and principles of cooperative management, in technical and in financial skills. All groups are able to use their processing machines and able make processed

products respectively. Below are some pictures of processing units:



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