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Vi Agroforestry

COOPERATIVES

UNICOOPAGI IN PARTNERSHIP WITH VI AGROFORESTRY

1. UNICOOPAGI BACKGROUND

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UNICOOPAGI (Union des Cooperatives AgricolesIntégrées) with registration number RCA/426/2012 is a Union of Agricultural Cooperatives headquartered at Nyamugali Cell, Gasaka sector,Nyamagabe District, Southern Province. UNICOOPAGI was created to foster community development by empowering people to build a better and sustainable development.

The Union is composed by 30 cooperatives operating in Nyamagabe, Nyaruguru and Huye districts in the southern province. UNICOOPAGI has 2370 members with 1059 men and 1311 women

The vision of UNICOOPAGI is a society with food security where the people have income in order to satisfy the primary needs.

Its **mission** is the professionalization of the farmers through the reinforcement of their cooperatives.

2. PARTNERSHIP WITH VIAGROFORESTRY

In partnership with VI AGROFORESTRY, UNICOOPAGI is implementing 2 projects:Land protection through Agroforestry technologies, and Increased adaptation and resilience to climate change through Climate smart agriculture.

These projects work with UNICOOPAGI cooperatives operating in Kibirizi, Kitabi, Tare, Uwinkingi and Buruhukiro Sectors of Nyamagabe District.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS

3.1. AGROFORESTRY ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Nursery establishment for AF seedlings production and planting

200,000 AF seedlings produced and planted in Uwinkingi, Kitabi, Kibirizi and Tare Sectors in 2015,
produced Seedlings are Leuceana, Calliandra Alnus and Grevillea



AF Tree planting in Kanyampongo Village, of Munyege Cell in Uwinkingi Sector November,2015

9 Agroforestry nurseries established to produce 450,000 seedlings(Grevillea robusta, Alnus, tree tomato, Calliandra and leuceana) in 2016:

More than 600 farmers trained on nursery establishment and management



Nursery established in karumbi Village Kibirizi Sector(July 2016)

More than 540 farmers have been trained on Agroforestry techniques(grafting), to become resilience to climate change

Farmers have been trained on avocado grafting



Grafted avocados in Mushishito and Nkumbure nurseries (September, 2015)

Training of farmers on nursery establishment and management

Land Husbandry

The project facilitate farmers to establish demonstration on Radical Terraces construction and Anti erosion Ditches creation,

In 2015: 5ha of radical terraces constructed, and 20km of anti erosion ditches created in Kanyampongo Village Munyege Cell to serve as a demonstration site to farmers

In 2016: 5.8 ha of radical terraces created and 80km of AED created in Kimina Village, Uwinkingi Sector

The purpose is to train farmers so as to imitate from the demo sites



Terracing & anti erosion ditches creation in Munyege Cell, Uwinkingi sector (July-September, 2016)

Compost making

To solve the problem of soil infertility we train our farmers on improved compost making using crop residues and cowdung



Water harvesting

Training farmers and sensitization on roof water harvesting for soil erosion control and for other purposes like vegetable garden watering and domestic uses during the dry period.

This water tanks are made of local materials: timbers, bricks, sheetings, sand, Cement and iron sheets. Different water harvesting structures established as demonstration in different sites(Uwinkingi, Kitabi, Tare and kibirizi)



Promotion of roof water harvesting among beneficiaries

2.Capacity building

Provide training on Leadership and good Governance to reinforce farmer groups and cooperatives management

3. Farm Enterprise Development(FED)

Livestock

To improve livelihoods of farmers

100 households facilitated with livestock (pigs rearing) for the purpose of providing 2 piglets to other households after it gives birth



100 hrs from COOPIMU, KOJYATA and Abogezasuka Facilitated with livestock July, 2015



Kwiturana Ceremony in COOPIMU cooperative (July-August 2016)

Vegetable gardens

- Training farmers on Vegetable Kitchen gardens construction
- Facilitate households to build kitchen gardens to improve their nutrition status



Vegetable Kitchen garden construction

VSLA (Village saving and loan associations)

The project Helps farmer groups to access on financial services through creation and follow up of VSLA(Village saving and loan associations) groups