BUILDING A HEALTHY NATION THROUGH WORKING WITH WOMEN GROUPS IN UGANDA: A Case Study Of Peanut CRSP


Objectives of the Peanut Project:

- To improve the health and livelihood of people in East Africa by addressing aflatoxin and gender related constraints in peanut production/processing and marketing.
- To involve women and men to identify opportunities for addressing aflatoxin contamination in home storage and food preparations.
- To enhance participative research and local partnership.

Impact/achievements of the project.

Women in rural areas of Uganda (Kamuli and Mubende) have had the opportunity of participating in the research and education activities.

The project has promoted the grassroots activism.

Methodology

Mobilization of women groups in Kamuli and Mubende Districts.

Focus group discussions.

Follow up workshops.

Writing/drawing maps workshop and individual exercises.

Fig 1. During the one the workshops

Fig 2. Dr. Kaaya with some of the group members

It helps women’s sense and capacity for innovation and productivity.

It has sensitized the community on hazards of aflatoxin and how they can prevent.

It has made visible the values of groundnuts in daily lives (i.e. nutrition, medicinal, social-economic).

It has led to improved farming practices, for instance sorting seeds for planting, how to plant, weed, harvest and storage.