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STATEMENT BY THE ORGANIZATION FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION & DEVELOPMENT- SWEDEN COMMUNICATION ENGAGEMENT

Dear Stakeholders,

I am extremely delighted to reaffirm our organization continuous support to the United Nations Global Compact initiatives and its principles. Over the years we have been able to align our programs to meet our commitment to the ten principles outlined by the UN Global Compact. The organization for Poverty Alleviation and Development (OPAD) will continue to uphold its values by providing relevant information on various modalities of support to the Global Compact in specific areas of its principles.

OPAD established to report on the following area with a measurement of result from its fruitful experience

Bee keeping Training Report Zambia

OPAD in collaboration with Mongu district forestry office conducted training in bee keeping in imalyo community. Out of 109 participants 80% were female and 20% male. The aim of the training was to increase the community members' knowledge; skills and confidence to enable them effectively undertake beekeeping activities and implement programs in beekeeping. The training helped community members understand basic beekeeping, bee botany, beekeeping equipment and tools, hive products, management of honey production, apiary sitting and apiary management and bee keeping work plan.

During the training, it was observed that few people had knowledge about modern beekeeping, this is because most of them are used to the traditional way of beekeeping which affected their inconsistency in the way they handle their bee-harvest. Various methods were given to the community on how they can preserve their bees and harvest more honey production. After the training, our research indicated that there is a tremendous increase in honey production in Imalyo community by 30% in December 2018

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Energy saving stove implementation

The second activity that was done was the implementation of the energy saving stove in various households. OPAD successfully distributed 1000 bricks to 29 households, demonstrated how the energy saving stoves can be built by the community members.

Challenges

There were different types of clay soils and the most suitable type of clay is located to the nearby community; this pose serious bottleneck to access such quality clay soil.

Result,

Today, almost all the communities in Mongu district has energy saving stove; this has increased their savings on fuel to produce their food stuff and as such there is a sharp decrease in firewood consumption.

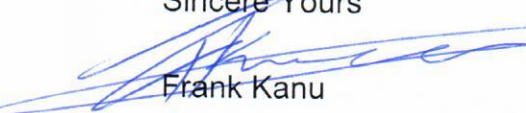
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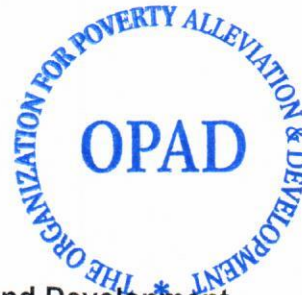
- Successfully distributed 1000 bricks to 29 households. Almost all the communities in Mongu District has energy saving stove
- Trained 109 community members in beekeeping. Honey production has increased in Imolyo by 30%

Progress:

- OPAD and other developing partners are currently working on building each home in Mongu District with an energy saving stove
- There is a growing number of the Mongu district and its' communities locals have joined hands to mitigate climate changes impact within their environment.
- OPAD is advocating by engaging the Mongu communities on the importance of implementing best practices and upholding the ten principles set up by UNGC; the engagement was not only based in the area of environment impact but also in the area of Human rights issues(principle 7.8 and 9) and anti-corruption (principle 10) as well as the implementation of the entire 17 SDG (sustainable development goals) that OPAD is proud to engage in with committed effort.

Sincere Yours


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