

26 ESFROMA PARTNER STAFF AND MASTER FACILITATORS PARTICIPATED IN RIWAH MID TERM REVIEW MEETING FROM 26TH -29TH MARCH 2026.



BACKGROUND

The Midterm review was organized by ***Kilimo organic farmer Learning Centre (KOFLEC)*** with support from **Organic Denmark (OD)** to evaluate the performance of the RIWAH project; Right to Water Access for affordable Rain Water Harvesting Technologies (RIWAH) project that started on 1st of August 2024 with funding from Organic Denmark. The three year project is expected to wind up in august 2027. 26 participants from ESFROMA Programme (**KOFLEC, TOAM, URDT, CK, UWAMWIMA, and GLOFA**) attended the Review workshop. The team consisted of 16 staff and 10 Master facilitators from the partners' organizations. Also present was the Programme Manager from Organic Denmark (OD) Sigrid and respective programme managers.

The participants arrived on the 26th of March and then the workshop commenced the following day on the 27th to the 28th of March 2026.

OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP

- I. The workshop was organized to identify the extent of **deliverables, successes, and way forward** to guide the implementation of the rest of the project.

MIDTERM REVIEW PROCEEDINGS

Day One of the Midterm review:



Participants from URDT presenting the outcomes of their discussions during the midterm review.

The discussions centered on each organization implementation strategies of the RIWAH project .We had discussions from GLOFA, URDT, CK, UWAMWIMA & TOAM concerning people investing in rain water harvesting for increased income from water, increased income by rehabilitating land through irrigation as a result increased organic productivity and conservation measures in line with the recommended Context specific technology recommended for each District in Uganda and Tanzania. The participants discussed the need to have more funding for supporting the Master facilitators,upscale the FFLGs approach reduce the labourious activities and increase the interaction with the FFLGs for knowledge exchange and rain water Context specific Technology for adoption. We had a field visit where we experienced and interacted with FFLGs and visited the adopted technologies sites for better understanding of their challenges.We finalised with a training on video Development by Kule Jockus.

DAY TWO of the Midterm review

We had a recap from Peter Mapampano on the proceedings of the MTR of the previous day. Knowledge sharing on Participatory Gender and impact on RIWAH project implementation. There was emphasis on the involvement of both Men, Women and children in all RIWAH FFLGs activities. There were discussions on the challenges and solutions in the implementation of the RIWAH Project. The findings presented in plannery sessions included limited land, lack of land ownership affecting the implementation, limited strength due to having more women, nature of landscape, limited funding, limited resources for the M&E activities Higher expectations from stakeholders and Prolonged droughts and unpredictable rainfall. The participants agreed that;

The farmers need to focus on land close closer to them, Increase gender inclusiveness, Provide Support in forms of tools like tanks, transport, and provision of data especially for MF, Increase the budget for M&E, Increase the trainings, have Clear communication and orientation to stakeholders, Prioritization Mentorship, increase engagements with the local government. Allocate more efforts to research and Involve LGAs and community members from planning, provide the small grants to farmers so that they can install the technologies. Introduction of borehole and wells for sustainable water supply. Carry out more trainings Climate change Mitigation and adaptation, increase advocacy strategies of RWH technologies. The participants agreed that an alternative source of water like boreholes should be adopted. The participants come up with their expectations on RIWAH phase II and was actioned for preparations. We completed the workshop with completion of the training on Video development.

CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD

The midterm review was successfully conducted involving different stakeholders coming together to share experience on RIWAH implementation and guidance on RIWAH project performance. The project was observed to be on track and going forward will focus on innovation of the rainwater harvesting technologies, their documentation and advocating for scaling up of the innovations. The Community of practice will meet quarterly to share experience and co-create knowledge on rainwater harvesting to leverage the best practices of the RIWAH project. The Participants went through RIWAH phase II expectations, the role of M &E and the inclusion of Gender in the M &E kobo tool and more training on RIWAH Videos Editing during the final sessions.

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ACTION POINTS FROM THE MIDTERM REVIEW

S/N	ISSUE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT	ACTION POINT TAKEN (27 th -28 th 2026	TIME FRAME	RESPONSIBLE PERSONS
1	Increase the number of FFLGs participating in the RIWAH project	To be considered in the RIWAH II & ESFROMA III (2028-2031)	March to Dec 2026 & in phase II	PM, RPC, Dr.Thaddeo.K.T. WHOs,
2	Improve Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage Kujocks media to build local capacity • Buy equipment for documentation • Recruit documentation officer • Conduct 2 online trainings throughout the year 	March 2026 –Dec 2026(can also be included in phase II)	KOFLEC staff, PM, WHO,M&E Persons
3	Develop RIWAH videos	Partners should complete the RIWAH videos	By 1 st may 2026	PM,WHOs
4	Collaboration with the local government extension officers for sustainability	Increase participation and advocacy engagements for increased project sustainability	March 2026 –august 2027	James Mutebi ,PMs,WHO,&OD (Meete & Sigrid)
5	Variation of data in some instances and improve the quality of data captured	The variations to be taken into account during the training of MF	By May 2026	Gerald and Sigrid
6	Increase adoption of the WHTs by smallholder farmers.	Increase the sustainability of the adoption rates of the 1-3 CSTs	Dec 2026. Reemphasize its inclusion in the RIWAH Phase II	RPC,M&E officer ,PM,WHO,MFs
7	Capture qualitative data	<p>Solution(<i>increased interactions with the FFLGs</i>)</p> <p>Increased budget line beyond 2026</p>	March 2026 –Dec 2026	PMs ,RPC,WHO,OD ,M&E Persons
8	increased participation of women and youth in FFLGs, and leadership	Develop an indicator for gender inclusion; Increase the number of gender trainings and collaborations; Include Gender in the M& E tool	Through 2026 (can be included in the frame work for phase II)	Lucy Noeline, PM, WHOs, Sigrid, Gerald Anthony

9	RIWAH Phase II	Focus on food and nutrition security; Water accessibility; and Improved livelihood	March 2026 and through the phase II implementation(2028-2031)	James Mwirima, Mette, PMs, Sigrid, Dr.Thaddeo.K.T, RPC, WHOs, M & E
10	Review & Status of collaborations	Maintain Quarterly meetings but adopt rotational hosting and improved communication	By April 2026 and could be a point of consideration in future projects and phase II in particular	Peter Mumbere Dr.Thaddeo.K.T & Sigrid, PMs

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