

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXHIBITION OF THE ORGANIC FFLG APPROACH TO STAKEHOLDERS IN KYEGEGWA DISTRICT

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On the 6th of June 2026 KOFLEC hosted an exhibition at Kyegegwa Town to showcase to stakeholders the much acclaimed Farmer-Family Learning (FFLG) approach. This approach has been developed and tested in different contexts and has proven to be beneficial in different ways. Some of the districts where it has been tested and is being integrated into the government extension system include Kasese, Kitagwenda, Kagadi and Wakiso in Uganda and; Chamwino and Zanzibar in Tanzania . KOFLEC is desirous of having more district local governments and special groups such as the refugee settlements adopt the FFLG approach so more smallholder farmers can experience its benefits. It was against this background that KOFLEC organized the FFLG exhibition in Kyegegwa to specifically showcase the FFLG approach to key stakeholders from the refugee settlement and host communities as an efficient and effective agricultural extension approach.

Targeted were key stakeholders from Kyegegwa District and Kyaka II Refugee Settlement as well as from Kyenjojo district, Kamwenge district, Mubende District, and Kibale District. The objective was to share experiences on the organic FFLG approach as a participatory extension approach for motivating adoption of the FFLG approach in 5 new districts in Uganda, 5 CBOs and Kyaka II refugee settlement by the end of 2025.



Photo: Exhibitors showcase organic products from the Organic FFLG approach

The exhibition attracted over 50 show goers including exhibitors from Kagadi, Wakiso, Kyegegwa, and Kasese districts. Key stakeholders at the exhibition include the Resident district commissioner for Kyegegwa, the District Agricultural Officers of Kyegegwa, Mubende, Kamwenge, and Kibale Districts. Others were the political leaders from Kyegegwa LCV Council and Extension Workers from the lower local governments of Kyegegwa Town Council, Kyegegwa Sub County, and Mpara Sub County. Gracing the exhibition as the chief guest was the Resident District Commissioner for Kyegegwa.



Photo: The RDC Kyegegwa commending KOFLEC for promoting the Organic FFLG approach

Also in attendance were CSOs working in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement including ADRA, Care international and Ripple effect. The function was also attended by the ESFROMA Implementing Organizations particularly GLOFA, URDT, Caritas Kampala, and TOAM. GLOFA exhibited its organic inputs and products outlet while Caritas Kampala exhibited value added organic products including wines, juices, honey and others. On the other hand women groups from Kyegegwa district exhibited processing and value addition to local organic products such millet porridge, flour, among others. Exhibitors from Kagadi district showcased the indigenous organic planting materials and products. They also highlighted to the show goers how the FFLG approach is practiced by the small holder organic farmers and the benefits that have they accrued from it.

The event was covered by both print and electronic media from the region including FM radio stations and TV stations (see link: https://youtu.be/SSB66AiTXSw?si=8YI98xLIDbGgWh_8)

Speaking at the exhibition the RDC Kyegegwa expressed appreciation to the various exhibitions which he noted underscored the NRM Government's message on mobilizing farmers to be engines of poverty alleviation through group formation. He also noted his deep appreciation for the organic FFLG approach which he noted was a pillar in conserving and restoring the degraded agricultural resources in Uganda. He paid particular attention to the exhibitors of the indigenous planting materials and underscored the several benefits of these to Uganda's agricultural industry and nutrition architecture. Further, he was amazed at the extent to which smallholder farmers have gone in adding value to agricultural products noting the several products on exhibition. He encouraged the exhibitors to produce these products to

scale so they can buy into the NRM government's quest for market for processed Ugandan products within and outside Uganda. He pledged total support to the organic FFLG approach. In her remarks the District Agricultural Officer Kyegegwa, Ms. Theopista Kahunde welcomed KOFLEC to the district. She guided on the procedures KOFLEC should take to market the FFLG to the District Local Government and Stakeholders in the Refugee Settlement. She expressed her support for the FFLG approach as it is unique from the Farmer Field Schools approach which the district local government applies.



Photo: The Kyegegwa DAO delivering her speech at the organic FFLG exhibition

The KOFLEC CEO and the chairperson board of KOFLEC emphasized that the organic FFLG approach is for everyone that uses it and that KOFLEC is readily available to train whoever is interested in the approach.

KOFLEC screened a documentary on the FFLG (see link). Following the screening a guided discussion followed from which the following benefits of the FFLG were observed: The FFLG can integrate many aspects; It facilitates collective making, and information sharing; it can be applied on land of any size; it leaves no one behind; all family members are involved.

Other benefits are it is easy for adult learners to adopt; it aligns with the PDM model; and allows equal participation by all members of the household. Other benefits of the FFLG approach include production throughout the year which increases food security; it is sustainable due to inclusivity; it encourages hard work by all family members and FFLG members and promotes solidarity. It also assures the household of daily income and encourages innovation e.g. value addition to jack fruits, dried vegetables. In response to the documentary, the viewers recognized the holistic nature yet flexibility of the FFLG approach which they admired for integration in their advisory approach.

All shower goes signed to supporting the FFLG approach in their respective local governments and organizations.



Photo: The KOFLEC CEO presenting about the organic FFLG approach at the exhibition