

## **ESFROMA Uganda Team completes four day training in Kobo Tool for M&E**

Three water harvesting officers, Nine Master facilitators and Three program managers have been re-tooled in Kobo tool for data collection. This adds to the already highly appreciated M&E system for the ESROMA which has been used as good case story by international organisations to inspire better participatory M&E.



Using our systematic M&E we are able to track that ESROMA and RIWAH have progressively improved the livelihoods of smallholder through enhancing food security, institutional governance and collective marketing.

At the training, participants shared experiences about data collection but also about the resilient farming methods particularly cost effective, context specific rain water harvesting technologies, how to strengthen sustainability in FFLGs.

One participant mentioned that *“I always feared computer things, but after seeing how kobo simplifies life including calculations it has become my best way to handle interviews and data”*. It was amazing to learn that the data collectors are also enjoying the output of their collected data.

The main facilitator Mr. Gerald Kizito the ESROMA and RIWAH M&E officer also recommended the current M&E system, he said *“At the beginning in 2022, I used to travel long distances with so many questionnaires for data collection, now I can breathe, it is a matter of sharing the tools with the data collectors and the data starts flowing in with already analysis done by the software”*



During the training, the tools currently used in M&E for ESFROMA and RIWAH were updated in preparation for the next interventions towards a better participatory M&E to inspire self sustaining initiatives among smallholder farmers.

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