

Effective Promotion of Conservation Agriculture Through Master Trainers Training Approach in Ethiopia

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Theme:

Building a Resilient Future in Africa through Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable Mechanization



THE MAIN REASONS FOR CA MASTER TRAINING IN ETHIOPIA

- Previous SUCA project positive impact information by all actors encouraged to reach more farmers,
- To transfer the CA knowledge to the agriculture experts who can cascade the training to the farmers at local level,
- It is effective approach to promote CA in wide scope,
- It is effective method in changing the mind-set of experts and farmers due to practical mix of trainings.



METHODS AND STRATEGIES APPLIED

- Exposure visits organized and conducted for agriculture/government officials.
- Developing effective curricula: by revising & translating it into local languages,
- Master trainers selection criteria made in practice jointly with partners,
- Posters printed in local languages and pictures used were from the contextual areas of Ethiopia,
- Conducting CA Master training (technical & adult facilitation skill training),
- Inclusion of gender training enabled to address both female and male farmers,
- Three rounds of training (first round training; then they train farmers & extension workers; - then collecting the data and report back in next rounds),



EXPOSURE VISITS TO CA PLOT



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Master Trainers Groups



Master trainers on practical field visit



RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Increased technical capacity for government agriculture experts / Experts are well equipped with training materials like:

- The 300 CA practical training videos were prepared in local languages and distributed to training facilitators at field level.
- 600 CA Technical guideline manuals, 96 posters and 1000 fliers were printed and distributed equipped the master trainers.
- More than 252 CA curriculum modules were printed and distributed to master trainers to use as field level training manual.



RESULTS CONT....

Enhanced gender sensitivity of conservation agriculture extension work

- Increased awareness of gender staff on Conservation Agriculture.
- Increased gender sensitivity of master trainers to support female farmers access to CA.



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Strengthened networks and opportunities for collaboration

- Increased awareness of 252 agriculture officials (34 female)
 through exposure visits,
- Increased awareness of 166 agriculture officials who participated in CA regional workshops to support CA trainings,
- Master trainers trained 12,906 farmers (3146 female) in two phases of the capacity building program.



Farmers CA Field





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