



RUCID

(Rural Community in Development)

COMPANY PROFILE

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ACRONYMS

AVSI	Association of Volunteers in International Service
DIT	Director of Industrial Training
KIOF	Kenya Institute of Organic Farming
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisation
NOGAMU	National Organic Agricultural Movement of Uganda
NSYEA	National Strategy of Youth Employment in Agriculture
PELUM	Participatory Ecological Land Use Management
RUCID	Rural Community in Development
UBTEB	Uganda Business and Technical Examinations Board
UK	United Kingdom
UMU	Uganda Martyrs University
UN	United Nations

WHO WE ARE

Rural Community in Development (RUCID) is both an NGO and a training institution premised in organic agriculture. The organisation started working with communities 20 years ago as a not-for-profit organisation to benefit the public through promotion of rural development and education in organic agriculture and related marketing services.

The motivation for establishing RUCID organisation was rooted from the inherent need for Sustainable Agriculture in Africa and its significance on food security, environment, economic profitability and social equity. RUCID underscores the role of every person in the community involved in the food system - be it growers, food processors, distributors, retailers, consumers, and waste managers in ensuring a sustainable agricultural system. Since its inception, the organisation has since registered a lot unfolding from soil, crop and animal management value addition and marketing of quality products at community, regional and national levels.

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After realizing the intrinsic impact of RUCID organisation, the affinity to scale-up knowledge base in organic agriculture increased. As such, in 2007, a training college was officially established to train and promote organic farming methods, mainly among youths and smallholder farmers within East Africa. As a result of establishing the college, organic farming has become exceedingly popular, leading to rising demand for general information and training on organic agriculture from all over East Africa. Currently RUCID College promotes skilling and practical training to farmer groups, students all over the globe and other rural youth. Among others, RUCID has produced professionals in food processing, farm management, agripreneurship, organic product innovations, agriculture value chain management, climate change mitigation and rural development in the country and beyond.



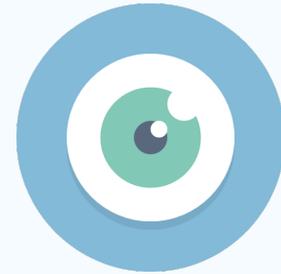
Our Philosophy

We believe that the world we live in, needs no magic formulas, just to encourage healthy life everywhere we can. We fertilize most heavily with the farmer's footsteps, keeping our operation diverse and simple. We try to give service and value to our community members and students to stay humble enough to change. We are truly people centric and understand that you, the individual, will be happy with small farming success that lies in the pursuit of sustainable agricultural practices.



Mission

To be a leading organization contributing significantly to the spread of healthy and sustainable food production and consumption practices in Uganda. Being a pioneer organization in Uganda in Organic Agriculture training, RUCID is committed to seeing global adoption of organic agriculture through training in organic practices, processing of organic pesticides, manufacturing of biomedicine and cosmetics, and marketing of both fresh and dried organic produce.



Vision

To be a leading and innovative organization providing and disseminating knowledge and skills in sustainable organic agriculture in Africa through training, producing, processing and marketing of organic produce for healthy lifestyle and economic empowerment.

VALUES

Our values stem from the belief that organic farmers, as a group, have a serious moral obligation to come together and agree on a strong and rich statement of the many values it provides, or has the potential to provide, the public. They also have an obligation to form a consensus with public constituencies sharing those values on the practical principles needed to preserve those values. These values and the mutual ethical principles which preserve them are the real "soul" of good farming as an honorable and indispensable vocation.

We therefore cherish;

- Collaboration and partnership
- Simplicity and accessibility
- Ability for self-improvement
- Interaction with Nature
- Opportunity for All
- Innovation
- Passion and Hard work

All the values we believe in are hinged on the three basic goal values of organic agriculture; sufficient, healthy and sustainable food supplies. We acknowledge that organic agriculture makes a unique contribution to food sufficiency by developing, testing and retaining in actual practice ways of producing food which are capable of adding to local food sufficiency, also called "community food security," a sufficiency that is secured when food is locally grown and with cultural practices with less short-term dependency on distant and/or interruptible resources.





Mr. Sam Nyanzi
Director (RUCID)

RUCID's Historical Account by the director

After finishing my education, I taught agriculture subject at Light College Katikamu, later joining Kamanje Institute in my home village. It was during this time that the school got an agriculture instructor from abroad by the names of Stuart Mortished who was mainly handling agricultural practicals. I was always around to help him and he later noticed that there were very many things we would do better. For instance, we could do away with spraying and produce healthy food. During our interactions, he advised me to apply for a

scholarship in the UK, which he took upon himself to help me achieve in August 1988 at Emerson College Sussex in UK. My area of focus was Bio dynamic and Rural development where I learnt a lot about crops and animals.

I later wrote a project proposal after my studies in UK on organic agriculture which I reinforced by a dipstick research in Uganda. I was sent to Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF) and my supervisors in UK were still supervising my work. It was in Kenya that one of my professors, a consultant with Misereor at that time advised

and requested me to help out at the Archdioceses of Kampala in the startup and initiation of a project for Sustainable Agriculture.

Together with Ms. Proscovia Nankya, we started by setting up a demonstration and we worked with a number of people across all the dioceses around Uganda to establish sustainable agriculture. While at the diocese, we were invited by KULIKA to help them as well in sustainable agriculture where we were tasked to identify a team of around 4 people to be awarded scholarships to go and learn more about sustainable agriculture in UK.

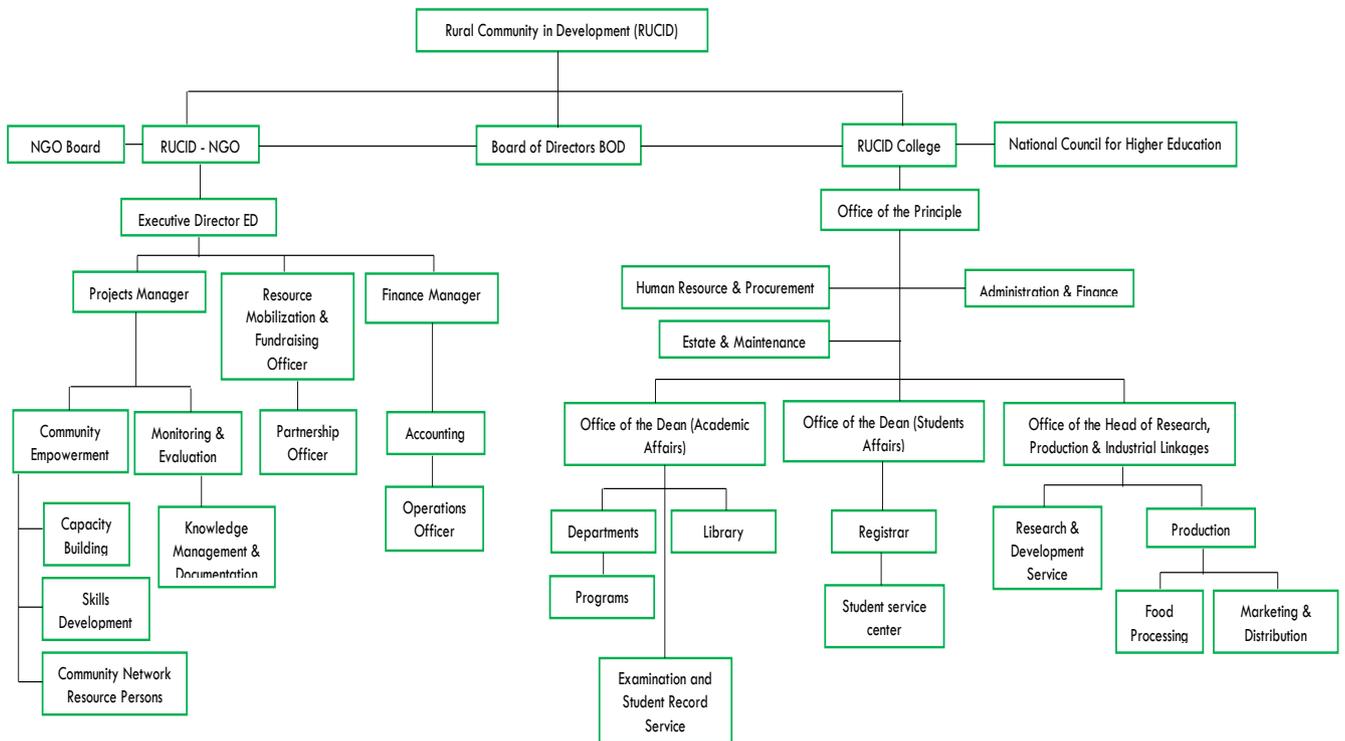
After a period of five years, I left the archdiocese and established Rural Community in development (RUCID). The organisation later established a college which became very instrumental in sustainable organic agriculture training to an extent that Uganda Martyrs

University (UMU) tasked RUCID to develop the first curriculum for organic agriculture at the University.

By 1990's, students of Makerere doing Environmental studies would come to RUCID for two weeks for training and subsequently, other institutions came on board including; Boku University of Vienna, Uganda Martyrs University, Mbuye Farm Trees, Sese Farm School and students from other universities abroad. Some of the current and previous funders include; Tudor Trust, Misereor, UN Environment, Kulika UK and Broaden Daylen. Our current partners include; all Catholic Dioceses in Uganda, SNV, PELUM Uganda, AVSI, Makerere University, UMU, KIOF and NOGAMU among others.



RUCID ADMINISTRATION STRUCTURE



OUR STRATEGIC APPROACH

Our strategic approach focuses on mainstreaming organic farming and agro-ecological methods that are based on principles of Health, Ecology, Fairness and Care enunciated by International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements. The organic principles of Fairness and Care contribute to the idea of a farming and food system that is sustainable, meaning one which can be defined as 'meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the possibilities of the future generations to meet their needs'.

We believe that Agro-ecological methods build primarily on local resources and rely on interactions with natural systems, and there are no patents or major trade systems involved. Since these methods do not use industrially produced inputs, they are not connected to economic interests. No patent rights exist on 'working with nature' methods of farming. Very often, they are quite labor-intensive farming systems, managing many types of crops and products. Furthermore, the methods require knowledge, awareness and an ability to reflect and be innovative – which is our niche. These farming methods are therefore owned by the people who practice them. In this understanding, organic farming contributes to the enhancement of food sovereignty.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

We intend to achieve our mission through the following strategic objectives;

- » To carry out comprehensive and certified training for young people from all over East Africa so that they can be change agents and farmers.
 - » Strengthen the short-term training and skills development for local farmers, youths, and people with disabilities in Organic Farming and other related fields as a means to contribute to Rural Development.
 - » Carry out product development related to agro based enterprises, food processing and marketing activities for sustainability and food security at both farmer and organizational level.

TARGET GROUPS

Our main target groups are the smallholder farmers including women and youths. Others include, Youths who did not get a chance to join tertiary institution after completing their Ordinary and Advanced mainstream education level, agriculture extension workers, students of higher learning, and rural communities, Colleges and Universities.

Other target audiences include school leavers interested to take up organic farming and other agro based related skills as a business and livelihood, traders, exporters, Importers, consumers of natural products, suppliers of processing equipment, Government agencies and civil society organization interested in community and agricultural development. Our programme is open to all and cooperates with farmer groups (male, female and youth) who show interest in RUCID's sustainable agricultural activities and efforts. We work with NGOs, government departments and research organizations in a bid to promote organic farming and other agro based related fields.



FARMER TRAININGS

Smallholder farmers are trained in organic farming methods using locally available resources, including local indigenous knowledge, for long-term optimal production in order to feed a growing population.

To achieve this, RUCID encourages a holistic approach to the farming system that includes such factors as choice of crops, soil tillage techniques, composting, planting systems, crop storage, animal care and welfare, ecological crop protection, soil and water conservation, agro-forestry, bee keeping and human bio medicines. RUCID also promotes ecological tourism and balanced human livestock rearing and nutrition.

The trainings at RUCID emphasize organic value addition of agricultural products. This is to specifically encourage the implementation of organic approaches and methods, particularly with respect to the development of organic agricultural value chains from start to finish, from cultivation to processing, domestic consumption and international marketing.



INNOVATIONS

Today innovation is seen as the primary instrument for overcoming the sustainability challenges of organic agriculture, such as food security, climate change and the conservation of natural resources. Over the years, RUCID has been devising means to overcome challenges faced with organic farming particularly in pest control and fertilizer application.

At RUCID, we know that innovation in organic agriculture is about finding the right balance. Although organic farmers want to boost their output - currently yields from organic farmers do not want to incur costs to boost production, there are organic practices that can be used to support local biodiversity coupled with environmentally and non-persistent natural pesticides and ecologically friendly fertilizers and soil conditioning agents.

of that from conventional modern farming - they do not want to do it at any cost. The challenge is to produce more without compromising on the practices that define organic farming, such as actively supporting local biodiversity, limited use environmentally and non-persistent natural pesticides and use of organic and ecologically

friendly fertilizers and soil conditioning agents .

We also acknowledge that product quality and process improvements can also strengthen the organic sector, such as through the development of new methods to improve nutritional and environmental quality. Currently, we are proud to have initiated a successful



project that has spread to several farmer groups and institutions for extraction of organic products from wood ash for purposes of maintaining soil health, pest control especially army worm and eliminating post-harvest losses.

At RUCID we encourage the use of organic methods to control pests at home and in the fields. As such, we have invented a number of organic products that are friendly to the environment in the control of pests. One of the major reasons to use Eco-friendly pest control method is the issue of carbon footprint. Environmental conservation and preservation are the main reason to choose organic products to control pests. Inorganic or

artificial products are more harmful to users and environment compared to pests targeted.

Eco-friendly products contribute less percentage of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. As a result, their effects to carbon print are minimal hence reduced negative effects on the environment. Additionally, Eco-friendly methods maintain natural food chain as opposed to chemical ones who disrupt the chain. Chemical sprays kill insects while breaking food chains. On the other hand, natural methods place predators prey on insects or pests thus food provision is plenty. As a result, these pests are eradicated.



RUCID COLLEGE PROGRAMS



The college programs are done in collaboration with Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF) based in Kenya. The courses undertaken at RUCID lead to the award of either a Certificate or a Diploma. However, there is a joint training programme for youths and other interested persons which gives an opportunity for students to get a formal training in Sustainable Organic Agriculture, Organic Animal Husbandry, adding value and processing of farm produce, Marketing, Biomedicine, appropriate

Information Communication Technology and Extension services.

Students are given an opportunity to study an additional course in Certificate in crop production and a diploma in animal production examined by the Technical Institutions Examination Board (UBTEB) without paying extra fees and this is done simultaneously with the main Sustainable Organic Agriculture Course.

CERTIFICATES

Certificate in Organic Agricultural Practices and Principles

Farming is both challenging and exciting. At RUCID we have compiled knowledge about how things grow and why some growing methods might be preferred over other methods and the information is offered to students to help expand awareness of methods of organic farming and sustainable agriculture. Certified Organic food and fiber production is an increasingly important part of the world agricultural economy. Certified organic farming requires the use of practices that protect on-site and off-site environmental quality and create favorable conditions for biological activity on the farm. The course goals include increasing students' agronomic knowledge and their ability to consider farms as ecosystems, and fostering respect for farmers. The course seeks to balance the personal, holistic methods of thinking used by alternative agriculture practitioners.

National Certificate in Agriculture

This full time programme provides students with a broad understanding of all types of agriculture. Successfully completing this course prepares a student for entry-level

positions in agriculture or for further study in an agriculture related field.

The National Certificate in Agriculture is ideal for school leavers wishing to pursue further studies in agriculture, farm operators, farm supervisors, junior managers and emerging farmers who have practical experience on farms, but who do not hold a formal qualification in agriculture.

On achieving this qualification, the learner will be able to:

- Interpret and manage a sub-section of a pre-set business plan;

- Understand interpret and apply technology within a specific context and appropriate to a commodity(ies) of own choice. This could be applicable to both primary and secondary agricultural processes;

- Understand, implement and apply safety and hygiene standards to comply with applicable legislation and industry requirements;

- Understand, apply and monitor different production systems appropriate to an agricultural commodity(ies);

- Implement applicable legislation;
- Identify possible disasters and apply the necessary precautions;

- Collect and apply data and information;
- Demonstrate an understanding and adhere to basic marketing principles,

considering quality standards and the export market;
Understand and apply the communication process and evaluate the success thereof;
Work effectively with others and lead a team by applying basic teamwork principles;
Understand what informs personal ethics, values, and norms and how it impacts on the workplace with specific reference to relationships with co-workers, clients, him- or her as well as the environment;
Identify and access basic resources; and co-ordinate production processes.



Certificate in food processing and value addition (UBTEB Examined)

We underline the fact that processed and value-added products fetch a higher price, can be stored for a longer time and need less space. This course introduces participants to different value addition and food processing techniques. It is made to cater for farmers, small and medium enterprises and those who would like to venture into food processing and value addition.

The Food Processing and Value Addition course include:

- Post-harvest handling
- Hygiene and sanitation in food processing
- Standards for food processing
- Sorting and grading of fruits and vegetables
- Preparation of fruits and vegetables for processing
- Production of fruit marmalade (jam)
- Production of peanut flour and peanut butter
- Solar drying of fruits and vegetables
- Mushroom production
- Packaging and packaging material
- Branding and labelling



DIPLOMAS

Diploma in Organic Agricultural Production, Practices and Principles

The Diploma in Organic Agri-Food Production is a full-time programme that provides foundational, transferable knowledge and experience with the theory and practice that make up contemporary organic agri-food production. Graduates of the Diploma will be well placed to seek employment or to work entrepreneurially in urban and rural settings for organic agri-food production; in organic primary production or other sectors related to organics, particularly education and hospitality.

Graduates moving into organic primary production will tend to be involved in smaller-scale operations such as supplying farmers' markets and restaurants. Graduates moving into or returning to the education sector will be able to embed the principles and practices of organics and sustainability in educational delivery. Hospitality sector graduates can involve themselves in smaller niche ventures such as food stalls, catering, cafes and farmers' markets. The Diploma includes a requirement for students to complete twelve weeks' practical work (450 hours) in two different enterprise types, with at least four weeks on one enterprise in Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF).

National Diploma in Crop Production and Management (UBTEB Examined)

RUCID acknowledges that some industries may come and go but crop production is one that has always been with us since the start of civilization. It is, however, a changing industry. The world's population increase shows no sign of slowing so new crops which take up less room and which produce better yields are needed. Global warming affects the types of crops which can be grown in different regions.

Crop production today requires a level of sophistication beyond what has previously been the case. It offers opportunities beyond comprehension, but to optimize a business or career in producing crops you need to have knowledge, awareness and drive to

succeed not only in growing plants, but also in business management practices, science and technology.

Successful technologists and growers in this industry do not achieve success through qualifications alone, but they have a level of knowledge and awareness about growing commercial crops that would often leave the university graduates reeling. This course aims to set you on the path to this sort of success with growing crops.

The National Diploma in Crop Production and Management comprises of modules such as; Farm Management, Soil Management, Biochemistry, Irrigation (Agricultural), Agronomy, Weed Control, Seed Propagation, Irrigation Management (Agricultural), Agricultural Marketing, Research Project and Pasture Management. To complete this qualification, you are also required to complete at least four weeks on one enterprise



National Diploma in Animal Production and Management (UBTEB Examined)

The study leading to Diploma in Animal Production and Management provide the agribusiness and science training needed to manage domesticated farm and non-farm animals. Students pursuing this course will learn about care and feeding of livestock. The coursework includes livestock management practices, animal nutrition, and veterinary technology. Livestock management prepares students to care for a herd or flock of animals with a combination of skills in livestock feeding, agricultural business management and animal husbandry. Animal nutrition focuses on feeding and creating healthy sources of food for animals, usually focusing on one or more common agricultural animals, such as cows,

sheep, or pigs. Several programs exist for the care and management of common laboratory animals as well, such as mice or rats.

Students studying animal science take several classes in veterinary technology and applied science. Depending on a student's interests, elective courses include topics like laboratory practice or agricultural business management. In general, those studying animal management will learn the care and feeding of various species of domesticated animals, and courses feature the following subjects:

- Animal nutrition
- Animal behavior analysis
- Equine studies
- Animal disease
- Animal reproduction
- Animal care ethics



SKILLS TRAINING

Skills Training Programs assessed by Director of Industrial Training (DIT)

At RUCID we believe that skills development is a primary means of enabling young people to make a smooth transition to work. Our approach integrates young women and men in the labour market through relevant and quality skills training and career guidance as well as incorporating entrepreneurship with training and effective skills forecasting. We attach importance to business-related skills such as production of cosmetics, catering, soap-making, business management, enterprise selection, art and craft and design.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COURSES

Certificate

At least 3 credits

Diploma

At least 2 principal passes

Skills Training

Interest and ability to learn

SKILLS TRAINING

4 Months	1,200,000
1 Week	400,000
1 Day	50,000

FEES STRUCTURE 2019-2021

Certificates

Semester	Fees
Semester 1	977,000
Semester 2	1,232,000
Semester 3	975,000
Internship & Graduation	320,000
Travel to KIOF in Kenya	330,000

Diplomas

Semester	Fees
Semester 1	1,361,000
Semester 2	1,227,000
Semester 3	1,452,000
Semester 4	1,177,000
Internship & Graduation	320,000

In order to graduate with a Diploma or Certificate, students must attend our exchange program at Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF). RUCID Organic Agricultural Training College also welcomes over 20 international exchange students each year through its exchange program with KIOF. The exchange program is an integral part of RUCID's college programs and contributes to the vibrant community and improved learning experience of programs at the college and at the partner institute KIOF.

Incoming exchange students from Kenya are directly enrolled in courses in which RUCID has better teaching and learning experience. KIOF exists solely for the benefit of the public at large by promoting rural development and education in organic agriculture and related marketing services.

OUR ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT



Number of farmer groups
formed

236



Number of Enterprises
Established

816



Sustainable Projects
Established

114

RUCID NGO

The NGO has had documented impact at community level since its operation 20 years ago in the area of sustainable agriculture. The organisation has created a network of farmer groups who are passionate about organic farming and have made economic sense out of their farm production. This network has been very instrumental in building communities through creating new friendships and business partnerships as well as deepening existing ones. There has been extensive sharing of education and mentoring

opportunities in sustainable agriculture by different groups through targeting specific audiences with shared interests and concerns.

This has culminated into avenues for farmers to have peer-to-peer discussion, which often results in innovative production and marketing strategies; and provides an effective way for agricultural professionals to reach and increase the success of sustainable agriculture producers. The numerical impact by the organisation over 20 years is as follows;



Number of Farmers
Trained

286,318



Number of Inputs
Supplied

Seeds 174,000MT
Fertilizers 644,200L
Machinery 85pcs



Number of Villages
reached

593

Aware that the youth and young people constitute about 78% of Uganda's population, RUCID activities have targeted youths and women in different villages. The organizational activities have led to an increase in human capital, evident in all of the case studies across different projects. There have been direct improvements in health of individuals and communities as a result of increased knowledge, an increase in food yields and improved access to food. The ability of farmers to use their better understanding of the holistic nature of organic farming to adopt and change their farming systems when faced

with new challenges has resulted in these agricultural systems becoming more resilient to environmental and external stresses.

Because of RUCID's organic farming activities, there has been a positive impact on poverty in the villages where implementation has taken place through cash savings, as organic farming precludes the need to purchase synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. There have been extra household incomes gained by selling the surplus produce at household level resulting from change to organic farming across different villages.



RUCID COLLEGE

International Scale

Since its inception in 2007, the college has produced change agents in the field of Sustainable Agriculture all over the globe. Other than the national outlook, RUCID has held numerous international trainings in Agroecology, sustainable agricultural practices and value addition with participants from Africa, Europe and Asia.

Among international initiatives, RUCID has hosted AGcelerate program which is a multi-stakeholder partnership initiative to co-create Africa's food systems through research, training and innovation and accelerating sustainable agribusinesses by linking academic trajectory to practice.

In August 2017 the first AGcelerate Lab was held with over 150 participants mainly students from universities and young agripreneurs. From the outset, AGcelerate was aimed to create a forum where students and their mentors from the global North and South could interact to energise students regarding the opportunities for entrepreneurial activity within the agri-food sector.

The second workshop in August 2018 clearly showed that a broader eco-system would be

required to leverage the wider academic and research knowledge to forge truly innovative and sustainable youth-led agribusinesses through collaboration and development of marketable products along the agri-food value chain.

For the AGcelerate 2019 activities, RUCID had a Boot Camp and farm visits to understand different interesting innovations using indigenous knowledge and sustainable agricultural techniques. The aim of the boot camp was to generate business ideas from these innovations. Visits were made to large-scale commercial farms, urban farms and retail outlets including organic markets before and after the collaborative lab.



National Scale

From a national perspective, RUCID has complemented the government efforts for promoting decent rural employment through trainings in entrepreneurship skills to the youths at the college. In particular, we have supplemented on the National Strategy for Youth Employment in Agriculture (NSYEA) aimed at increased and sustainable youth employment in the agriculture sector at various levels of the value chain.

RUCID trainings are in line with the three thematic areas for NSYEA. These are; 1) Improving youth education and learning, 2) Supporting youth entrepreneurship and 3) Adaptation to and mitigation of agribusiness risks and uncertainties.

A lot of emphasis on agricultural education and learning has been put on farming, but less on other aspects of the agriculture value

chain (especially post-harvest loss reduction, processing and agri-business). RUCID courses on organic farming are more practical and responsive to youth needs in modern day agriculture. The college uses peer-to-peer learning approaches while enhancing agricultural vocational training.

As a key strategy to ensure gainful employment in agriculture, the college supports youth entrepreneurship events in crop, animal husbandry, fisheries and aquaculture with a focus on market readiness and honing agri-business acumen. This accelerates government efforts to promote and support youth agricultural entrepreneurs as an incentive for job creation and income generation.

Aware of the negative effect of climate change, RUCID promotes climate smart farming methods for sustainability. This is in line with the government efforts to increase adaptation and mitigation of climate change effects.

Community Level

Despite the growing windfalls in Organic Agriculture at community level, inadequate knowledge and skills is still an impediment towards full realization of this windfall. The increasing forces of national and global changes among these ecological, economical, technological requires the integration of indigenous and modern training knowledge in Organic Agriculture. Without the integration of indigenous knowledge with appropriate modern knowledge and skills, people are excluded from even accessing the most skills critical for them to thrive in this globalized world while conserving our only home-earth.

RUCID has been instrumental in bridging these skills gap through knowledge and

skills dissemination by offering education and training. With a rich and responsive curriculum that factors in the ever-changing demands of the market to deliver up to date knowledge as well as a broad range of skills, RUCID is at the forefront of not just ensuring communities benefit from the windfalls of organic agriculture but also that the youth are employable and entrepreneurial.

RUCID has offered hands on practice for community members in Rusanja and other neighboring communities in food processing and value addition. These community trainings are complemented by experimental and innovative way of learning which allows farmers to apply the theories and processes they have learnt in real world scenarios and applications.



With RUCID taking such small but high impact steps at community level, farmers are set to achieve gains through these training programs offered by the college. The uptake of the trainings by farmers have further impacted on the household level income because of various enterprises that they have developed.

CASE 1 IMPACT

Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture Project Achievements:

Farmer groups were formed in the different villages, including Wealth of Aden in Ntvetwe sub county which is now a registered community Based Organization. The CBO is able to mobilize resources for the activities from the local government and international agencies like World Vision.

Kazo Mixed Farmers in Mubende District, Bageeza subcounty currently Kibalinga sub county is an outcome of the SAP. Members of the group were linked to the market, and attained organic certified status for a good number of years.

Individual farmers shifted their life goals, improving their farming occupation. One Hajji Abasi Nsereko of Mbaliga village,

Busimbi subcounty, currently Busimbi division of Mityana Municipality; has turned agriculture his primary source of his income. He is a focal farmer for the Buganda kingdom and the local government. He has scaled up fruit production Mangoes, coffee, banana, apiary and wood lot. He has tamed water movement on his steep land and as a result the water source which had dried up now is sustainable and he has set up a commercial fish pond at that same point.

Farmers increased their field production, and could not find ready market for their fruits (pineapples, mangoes, papaya, yellow bananas, jack fruit) as a result RUCID together with partners setup a pilot project for processing tropical fruits.

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CASE 2 IMPACT

Development of Demonstration and Trial Garden

Missereor made the pioneer support for the demonstration and trial garden for RUCID where farmers would come to learn and share their experiences together with the staff. It also supported RUCID to build a training center which is expanding and now is housing a college training inorganic agricultural course.

The demonstration and trial farm is slowly evolving into an agro ecological tourism, demonstrating climate smart agriculture.

TESTIMONIALS

Hey Sam and RUCID Team, this is completely brilliant! You have been working at this for so long, first the NOGAMU legislation and now a step change in the recognition of RUCID. The work you are doing is critical not only in Uganda but across Africa. We are so proud to be associated with the pioneering work and humble approach.

Matt Dinwell – Chairman African Group of Tudortrust

PARTNERSHIPS

RUCIDs initial activities were mainly training farmers in practices and principles of organic farming and general rural development. Primarily the target area was Mubende district but later expanded to Kiboga with the activities concentrated in Ntwetwe Sub County. To date activities have expanded to other sub counties, including Kyegegwa district.

RUCID has emphasized working with groups rather than individuals among whom are donors and local NGOs and umbrella organisations dealing in sustainable agriculture.

Donors are in favor of the growth of the college, for example Tudor Trust has supported the construction of the hostels and classrooms. The college can now accommodate at least 120 students with modest facilities.

Makerere University and Uganda Martyr's University (UMU) Nkozi are closely collaborating with RUCID to ensure that there is steady progress. RUCID together with these Universities have developed national curriculum for Ecological Organic Agriculture which was accredited by the National Curriculum Development Center.

The main partners currently include;

- All Catholic Dioceses in Uganda
- SNV
- PELUM
- AVSI
- Makerere University
- Uganda Martyrs University
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