

ACTIVITY REPORT ON DOCUMENTATION

REPORTING PERIOD: FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2019

DOCUMENTATION OFFICER: ELPHAS MASANGA

ORGANIZATION: SEED SAVERS NETWORK

DONOR: HIVOS

WIRUTIRI S.H.G

Wirutiri S.H.P is made up of 20 members; 19 women and 1 man both from rural area that is Kasambara village of Gilgil sub county, Nakuru County.

Focused group discussion on characterization of Nyayo potato was held at PEFA church Kasambara on 6th of May 2019. Farmers through focused group discussion were guided through Bioversity international descriptor to characterize and collect traditional knowledge for local kameru potato . They gave information as below;

1 IDENTIFIERS
FIELD WORK DATE: 2019/05/06
FIELD WORK ACTIVITY: FOCUSED GROUP DISCUSSION ON CHARACTERIZATION OF MBASHASHA
AGE: 28-72
NAME OF LOCAL INFORMATION PROVIDER: KASAMBARA FARMERS
MAIN OCCUPATION: FARMERS
ADDRESS: KASAMBARA VILLAGE
ETHNIC GROUP: AGIKUYU

NAME OF PERSON CONDUCTING THE INTERVIEW: **ELPHAS MASANGA SEED SAVERS NETWORK**

2 PLANT IDENTIFICATION

GENUS **Solanum** SPECIES **tuberosum**

COMMON NAME OF CROP OR WILD SPECIES: **NDERA MWANA**

SPECIES RICHNESS: -

3 SITE (ECOGEOGRAPHICAL CONTEXT)

COUNTRY: **KENYA -;** COUNTY: **NAKURU -;** SUB COUNTY: **GILGIL-;** WARD: **GILGIL -,** VILLAGE: **NJERU**

LATITUDE: **E36° 11.866'** LONGITUD: **E36° 11.866'** ELEVATION: **8611 ft.**

LOCATION OF FIELDWORK SITE

NAME OF THE LOCATION OR NEAREST PLACE: **KASAMBARA**

DISTANCE TO SITE: **40KM (FROM SEED SAVERS)**

TYPE OF DISTANCE: **ROAD DISTANCE**

DIRECTION FROM THE NEAREST PLACES:-

LAND ELEMENT: **UPPER SLOPE**

4 RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

IN UNCULTIVATED AREAS:-

NUMBER OF COLLECTING SITES/NICHES:-

ESTIMATED AREA OF EACH COLLECTING SITE:-

FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION (if uncultivated):-

6 COLLECTORS NOTES

- 1. Mostly eaten by people with high blood pressure**

Name of the cultivar/landrace/botanical variety or wild form					
Plant further identification	Local vernacular names		mbashasha		
	Language(s) of local vernacular name		waru		
	Local name meaning		-		
	Biological status		Traditional cultivar/landrace		
Relative abundance	Area cultivated for each cultivar		-		
	Number of plants		-		
	Total uncultivated area		-		
	Relative abundance of the plant (if uncultivated)		Rare		
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PLANT	Distinguishing traits /characteristics used by farmers	Main reasons for using the cultivar / landrace or wild form		Food security/scarcity;- Resistance to abiotic stresses ; - Resistance to biotic stresses.	
		Parts of the plant used		Leaf;- Root or corm;-	
		Plant uses		Food (fresh, processed, cooked) ; -Fodder or fodder additive (for animals)	
		Parts of the plant used		Fruit ; -Leaf;- Stem/trunk	
		Traits attribute		Taste	
		Agronomic traits		Yield	
		Abiotic stresses		Water logging	
		Biotic stresses	diseases		Early and late blight ,bacterial wilt
			Pests		-
			Other biotic stresses		
		Quality traits related to the food uses	Organoleptic qualities		Eating quality
			Nutritional qualities		Source of protein
			Other quality traits		-
		Market traits		Marketability;- Shelf life/storage ability	
		Social aspects	Division of labour by gender	Labour	Sowing;- Harvesting ; -Conservation/storage ; - Processing 5 Utilization
				Gender	Both
		Socio-economic characteristics		Seed supply	Own harvest ; -Exchanges with relatives/neighbours ; -Exchanges between close villages ; -Local /regional market
				Main use of plant	Home consumption (including for animal fodder)
				Main form of market outlet	Local



ANEX

ATTENDANCE LIST

S/No	NAME	SEX	PHONE NUMBER
1.	Miriam Mureithi	F	0726218668
2.	Ann Nyambura	F	0702684523
3.	Mary Wanjiku	F	0726179192
4.	Elizabeth Wanjiku	F	0706740049
5.	Ann Wangechi	F	0715101152
6.	Jane Wanjiku	F	0714836523
7.	Mary Njeri	F	0710751088
8.	Sarah Wangui	F	0712042065
9.	Rahab Wanja	F	0722154818
10.	Esther Wairimu	F	0723216965
11.	Hellen Wangari	F	
12.	Monicah Nheri	F	0702554721
13.	Loise Njeri	F	0726880816
14.	Monicah Nyambura	F	0711779910
15.	Nancy Raguru	F	0715988113
16.	Naomi Wambui	F	0795400563
17.	Jane Wanje	F	0729699194
18.	Rose Njeri	F	0728051797
19.	John Maina	M	0714711775
20.	Magret Njambi	F	0717597065

Wiruteri S.H.G attendance list

CHALLENGES

Some of the challenges experienced were women feeling inferior to speak before men during the focused group discussion and this probably hindered more important information to get out

clearly. Language barrier was also a challenge because some information could be well understood in native language.

CONCLUSION

For the second and third quarter more farmers got involved during the Focused Group Discussion (FGD) which included both gender male and female, youth and elderly who were able to understand and recognize the idea and importance of the documentation project. Dividing farmers in four groups of male and female and youth and elderly made it easier for both gender to share more ideas rather than using one group where female feel so inferior to speak before men . During the FGD farmers shared, farmers characterized different crops varieties and give indigenous knowledge on different crops .