

FACASI/SERVICE PROVIDER MEETING (GAMANYA-KASOKO) 17/08/15

Chaired by : Francis Jaji

Present : Engineer Raymond Nazare (Facasi Country Coordinator - UZ)

- Deputy Director Khoza (Deputy Director MAMID/ FACASI Steering Committee Member)
- Dorcas Matangi (Facasi Business Development Officer - CIMMYT)
- Francis Jaji (Agritex- SP)
- Mishek Chingozha (Mechanisation-SP)
- Gift Mazanhi (SP)
- Paradzayi Mashozhera (SP)
- Servias Nyathi (SP)
- Darlington Chasara (SP)
- Elwen Chiyanika (SP)
- Macaroni Museza (SP)
- Crispen Gandanhamo (SP)

Opening Prayer Mr Chiyanika

Welcoming remarks and introductions were done by Mr Jaji

Agenda:

*Discuss with service providers FACASI plans for the 2015/2016 farming season

*Set up a committee that will run the affairs of the proposed initiative

Engineer Nazare began by welcoming all those present to the meeting that seeks to highlight to service providers what FACASI has planned for them for the coming planting season.

He said FACASI has shelved previous plans in which service providers were promised seed money to purchase the power tiller and attachments, substituting that arrangement with a

proposal that he is here to explain to Kasoko service providers. The proposal if adopted is expected to be operational by the second week of October.

Engineer Nazare said FACASI has five (5) tractors and planters in their possession and hope to access three (3) more sets from Hatcliff bringing the sets to eight (8).

He further went on to say FACASI intends to loan these assembled kits to pairs of service providers for the duration of the planting season.

However, for this proposal to work the following stipulated guidelines and conditions have to be met:

- Members have to pair before they can be opted into this arrangement
- Each member of the pair has to raise and pay a commitment fee of \$250 bringing the total money of each pair to \$500
- The sets of equipment will be recalled and resort to be FACASI equipment upon the expiry of the said period.(FACASI) will take back their machinery after the period has elapsed
- An account will be opened with three(3) three signatories , two(2) from the service providers and one from FACASI representative (Mrs Matangi)
- Service fees raised will be paid into the said account.
- Maintenance of the equipment will be done from service fees accrued during the tenure of operation and hiring of equipment.
- Money realised for services and hiring of equipment will only be used to purchase other equipment for the members at the end of the said season.
- In the event of any member deciding to opt out he will be refunded his commitment fee plus half the money realised minus any bank charges that may arise.
- Members will be expected to service equipment timeously.
- If the institute fails to supply the other 3 sets of equipment, FACASI commits itself to buy the 3 sets.
- Conditions being laid down are confined to the service providers and the Kapita group is not part of this arrangement
- A training programme will also be organised before the service providers starts utilising the machinery.
- There is need to cluster customers so as to operate profitably.

CONCERNS /ISSUES RAISED BY SERVICE PROVIDERS

Q _ Can the member take any money from the money realised to utilise for personal reasons.

ANS--- Members should set targets, if the \$1500 target is realised then the other money can be shared by the pair and used for other things however while giving priority to servicing etc.

Q__ Is there any constitution that will guide the operation of the group ?

ANS__ Mrs Matangi said a constitution was a requirement and she then offered a draft copy for members consideration, alterations and improvement.

Q__ Concern raised on the timeliness of receipt of the tractors by Mr Mashozhera

ANS__ The Engineer said members should raise their commitment fees and equipment will be promptly delivered.

CONSTITUTION

The group is required to have an operating name : Name formulated as (**KURIMAKUTSVA SERVICE PROVIDERS**)

- Constitution was read out to all present by Ms Matangi , explained and raised amendments made with Ms Matangi noting all raised submissions and making changes where appropriate.
- The adopted constitution was adopted on this day; however some changes were to be effected before the signing.
- A committee is to be made comprising of five (5) members.
- An annual general meeting to be held in April.
- Ms Matangi will prepare the second draft then a final draft will be compiled for signing.
- Members should meet banking requirements like photos and deposit monies.
- Everyone is expected to share the costs of opening accounts

COMMITTEE ELECTED:

Chairperson	Servias Nyathi
Treasurer	Macaroni Museza
Secretary	Gift Mazanhi
Committee Member 1	Francis Jaji
Committee Member 2	Darlington Chasara

1st Committee member expected to chair meeting in the absence of the Chairperson

2nd Committee member will be the second signatory on the three (3) that appended their signatures on the account.

CONCLUSION

- Engineer Nazare pledged to give the secretary of the group a mobile phone to help in carrying out his mandate.
- A brief word was given by the incoming chairperson, secretary, treasurer.
- Closing Prayer was given by Mr Chiyanka
- There being no further business the meeting was closed

Compiled by Chingozha MG (Mechanisation Makonde District Technician)