

## **Field Report – Domboshawa Friday 7 August 2015**

### **Background information**

A trip was made to Domboshawa on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July and a meeting was held with service providers. This was to sensitize service providers about the new small sheller and the developments within the project for other sites. Service providers indicated their willingness to procure these with a repayable cofunding from FACASI. It was agreed with service providers that they will buy the generators to power the sheller and FACASI will buy the shellers. A trip was therefore made as a follow up to this meeting with the following objectives:

### **Objectives**

- Dispatch the 4 shellers
- Take service providers through the cofunding agreement and have them sign
- Train farmers on use of the sheller data collection form
- Train service providers on use of the sheller
- Train service providers on safety issues on the sheller
- Update farmers with progress on 2wheel tractors and implements

### **Findings**

Service providers were in place eagerly waiting for the shellers, some were saying they had already secured business with farmers

One of the potential SPs could not make it as he had been involved in an accident.

One SP brought an operator since she won't be the one operating the machine

The shellers were all mounted with service providers seeing how it was done and tested

Service providers were taken through the agreement and they agreed with the terms of the agreement and signed.

SPs showed appreciation of the data collection form and information that need to be collected

SPs were to take their business as a family business so that the children can help their parents with record keeping

A safety training was given to the farmers and precautionary measures were given pertaining to the general use and maintenance of the sheller.

Farmers were informed about a cheap Chinese planter that has been discovered, and that the project would like to buy one for testing before recommending and they were happy with the developments and are praying that it will work well considering its affordability.

### **Recommendations and follow up actions**

Due to time constraints we could not deliver the SPs on their doorsteps, hence a trip will be made to the SPs homesteads and see the generators for the shellers provided.

Mentoring for the SPs and follow up on record keeping

FACASI will go onto trying other business models with small machines like peanut butter mill and water pumps.



Picture 1: SPs mounting the small sheller with the help of Eng Mhiribidi



**Picture2:** Operator for one of the SPs mounting the sheller