

## **FACASI SERVICE PROVIDERS MEETING: 16/09/2015**

### **Present:**

- Ngwerume Ambrose (SP)
- Clara Gweudzo (SP)
- Miros Demberere (SP)
- Dorcas Matangi (FACASI Business Development officer-CIMMYT)
- Raymond Nazare (FACASI National Coordinator-UZ)

### **Apologies:**

- Ngonidashe Gwengwere (Agritex /SP)
- Susan Mujati (Agritex)

### **Agenda**

- Deliberating on an equipment lease proposal
- Selecting a committee
- Formulate a constitution

### **Proceedings**

- FACASI came up with a proposal to go around financial challenges that farmers were facing. FACASI will lease a tractor and a planter (single row/double row) to a pair of service providers for a season (Mid October to End of March).
- Farmers will offer mechanised services to farmers and generate money enough to buy their own equipment (2wheel tractor and planter or sheller or any other equipment) at the end of the season.
- During the lease period money generated by the farmer will be used for maintenance of the equipment, paying the operator and a certain percentage will be put into a group account towards saving for buying machinery.
- Service providers will pay a commitment fee of \$250 each into the group account as a prerequisite to receiving the equipment. This will be a deposit in the account to which the service providers will add more money when they start their operations.
- FACASI promised to give a detailed training on business and operations to service providers before disbursing the machinery.
- Group Name was agreed to be Kuvandudza Hurimi (Enhancing Farming) Service Providers

- A draft constitution was presented and changes were made and were to be effected for signing since it was adopted on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2015
- A committee was selected which comprises of the following:-

Chairperson – Ambrose Ngwerume

Secretary – Clara Gweudzo

Treasurer – Miros Tobias Demberere

- The group agreed on opening a savings account into which money will only be deposited and withdrawals will only be done for buying equipment or when on member quits
- The group agreed to have 3 signatories to the account which comprises of the following people:-

Chairperson – Ambrose Ngwerume

Treasurer – Miros Tobias Demberere

FACASI representative – Dorcas Matangi

- For a withdrawal to be effected all three members should be there, this was effected so as to safeguard against abuse of funds and interests of other group members.
- Signatories are supposed to prepare the ID copies, Passport photos and proof of residence for opening the account but the expenses involved will be met by all group members.

#### **Other issues**

- Issues were raised about the timing of the shellers, which came in towards the end of the shelling business.
- Service providers did not manage to realise much business as people had finished shelling. 2 SPs had offered services and are still expecting some business.
- Eng. Nazare said that the repayments for the cofounded amount will be done in the following season when the SPs start business on time.

#### **Concerns raised by SPs**

- Need to see viability of the proposal through figures, to make sure the proposal is worthwhile.

There being no other issues the meeting was adjourned

**Compiled by Ambrose Ngwerume**