



Training in manufacturing of biomass Briquettes using Activity Report.

NDC Support Programme

District: Koboko District

Name of person reporting:

Apayi Salila

Name of Group: Community Empowerment and Rehabilitation Initiative for Development (CERID).

Post held in group:

Project officer

Location of activity: North Division at pearl primary

school

Dates: 03/08/2020-04/08/2020

Cost incurred in Uganda Shillings:

16,394,000

Purpose of Activity:

The purpose of the activity is to train women and youths on making and production of biogas briquettes within Koboko Municipality and District.

In doing so CERID pursued the service of Mr. Mambo Wilson, the briquette trainer from Uganda Industrial Research Institute who is technical person.

In line with that, CERID organized and trained 31 women and youths in Briquettes making and production from waste biomass for 02 days at Pearl Nursery and Primary school in Koboko Municipality, Koboko District starting from 03rd to 4th August 2020.

Specific objectives of the activity; planned targets and achievements.

- ❖ To create a sense of sustainability among women and youth through building their capacity in briquettes manufacturing
- ❖ Empower the youth and the women within Koboko with the knowledge of manufacturing biogas briquettes.
- To empower the youth and the women within Koboko District and the Municipality to be able to conserve their environment.
- ❖ To create employment opportunities for the women and youths

The table below shows the number of participants reached by the activity

	Indicator	Target	Achieved
	# of participants reached by activity	25	31
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The table below shows the number of women and youths who attended the training.

Age Category	Female	Male	Total
Children (under 18)	00	00	00
Youths (18 – 34)	09	04	13
Adults (35+)	16	02	18
Total	25	06	31

Participation: who were the Participants?

CERID trained 31 women and youths from Koboko Municipality and District participants from South Division, North Division, West Division and Lobule Sub County.

Key Issues/Topics discussed during the meeting/event/activity:

The program started with prayer, self-introduction and opening remarks by Mr. Yakani Kariala, the LCI chairperson of Ombaci cell, Mr. Wayi Isaac, the Executive Director of CERID, and Mr. Sanya Wilson, the Mayor of Koboko Municipality. They were happy to host the training and pledged to fully support participants towards commercialization of briquettes within Koboko district as a way to minimize deforestation and improve on sanitation through utilization of biomass waste as feedstock.

A presentation on the training programme was made by Mr. Mambo Wilson, the briquette trainer from Uganda Industrial Research Institute. It was then followed by a brief overview of briquette production. The brief included definition of briquettes, types of briquettes and their respective applications, benefits in comparison to traditional existing cooking fuels, requirements for briquette production on both family size and commercial scale, briquette production process and the appropriate equipment at each stage with their standard operating requirements

They were many topics discussed throughout the process of Briquette production as below;

- **❖** What are briquettes?
- Types of briquettes
- Benefits of briquettes
- **❖** Site selection
- Sourcing of raw materials
- Binders
- Charring/Carbonization process
- Cleaning and grinding the char
- Binder preparation
- Mixing of char and binder
- **❖** Briquette making
- Drying of the briquettes

- Testing durability of briquettes
- Factors affecting briquette quality

Main observations and key success story (i.e. take home messages):

The activity was welcomed by the participants and the stake holders present and this is true when the Mayor in his opening remarks said in his mind he was asking himself how will the participants market the products but the marketing starts with you and the Mayor **Mr. Sanya Wilson** said "I will be the first person to start marketing the products and Am going to support the groups with ten (10) iron sheets and encouraged the participants to own the project to prevent climate change".

Diana Medina the chairperson Giant role model group said "if someone asks me on Briquettes making, I am able to tell and am going to train other women on how to make the Briquettes".

Sitima Rose the chairperson Mufano Women Group said "I am a refugee and I thank CERID very much because through CERID I have under gone four different skills training, training on soap marking both bar and liquid, training in making improved cook stoves, training in GBV prevention and management and now briquettes, I used to say that every rubbish is useless and now with this knowledge am going to separate my rubbish to make briquettes out of them and I encourage all the participants"

Ajule Michael the chairperson Joyous group said "these days if you want to develop be in a group and if you want to work alone you will remain behind, the issues of charcoal that for many years have been a problem between me and my wife is solved personally am going to make the Briquettes for myself for cooking, CERID has done it in giving skills to women and the youth it's like giving someone a hook than a fish that you will eat for one day, I thanked CERID for the initiative and encouraged all the participants to put the skill into practice such we can all together prevent climate change".

Apayi Lucy a member of Giant GVB role model group thank CERID for the skill she has got today and to UNDP for the funding, she said "I am a farmer I grow majorly cassava the cassava peelings can be much which I always regard as rubbish and from now am going to use the cassava peelings for marking Briquettes with the knowledge I have got now and I will also train my neighbors too such that we all together can protect our environment".

Muto Robert Town Agent North Division in his closing remark thanked CERID for job well done. He said "All the activities CERID is undertaking those days used to be facilitated by the whites which most people don't understand and the activities are among the problems facing the communities and CERID has supplemented government programmes and he encourages all the participants to put the skill into practice it will help us conserve the environment".

Challenges faced during activity implementation

- COVID19 has affected the activity because following SOP was very difficult because it involved buying materials like masks, sanitizers which were not I the budget approved
- Drying materials were not budgeted for and this will affect the Briquettes during rain seasons
- The machines were not enough for all the group for example the group from Lobule they are far from the town it might be challenging for them to come and use the machine from the town.

• The shade is another big problem since the machines need to be put in a structured place to avoid direct sunshine or rain.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

There is need for more funds because the project has come in a time where even people don't know where to start because the environment is destroyed, So the services of the project are on high demand in the communities my ample request to our donors is that there is need for more funding such that the whole district is well informed on issues of environment.

Follow-up action / other comments:

Stima Rose the chairperson Mufano women group requested CERID to lobby for more funds such that each each group will have a set of machine and this will encourage appropriate use of the machine to produce more briquettes which in turn will reduce the rate of tree cutting and our environment will be protected and conserved.

Supervisor's comments and signature:

CERID would like to acknowledge the support from UNDP - NDC Support Programme and for sustainability of the knowledge acquired through briquette production and utilization, the trainees need to practice and involve as group members as they take the activity as a business and for home use.

Wayi Isaac

Executive Director / Chairperson.

Note: Attach all attendance lists and at least three pictures of the event.



Hon. Sanya AK Wilson, the Mayor Koboko Municipal Council launching the training in making and production of briquettes in Koboko funded by UNDP implemented by CERID.



Hon. Sanya AK Wilson, the Mayor Koboko Municipal Council pledging ten (10) iron sheets for the groups to raise shelter for the machines during launching of the training in making and production of briquettes in Koboko funded by UNDP implemented by CERID.



Mr. Mambo Wilson the trainer from Uganda Industrial Research Institute Kampala giving a brief overview of briquette production process to the participants during launch of the training.



Mr. Mambo Wilson the trainer from Uganda Industrial Research Institute Kampala explaining the carbonization process of briquette to the participants during the launch of the training.



Mr. Mambo Wilson the trainer explaining and demonstrating to the participants how to Carbonize the wastes for briquettes production during the training.



The trainer Mr. Mambo Wilson explaining how the process of charcoal dust begins to the participants while making the Briquettes



The participating crushing the charcoal dust for making briquettes after the explanation by the trainer during the training in Koboko district in briquettes production using the crusher machine.



The participants mixing the charcoal dust with binder using the mixture machine to make ready for briquettes production during the training.



The participants molding briquette using the honey comb manual machine during the training.



A youthful participants Anguyo Swaib so much happy after molding a briquette using the honey comb manual machine during the training.



Madam Ajonye Celina one of the participant sun drying sample briquettes at the veranda of the training facility produced during the training.



Maneno Beatrice sun drying sample briquettes at the veranda of the training facility produced during the training.



One of the participants counting the number of briquettes so produced during the training in Koboko district.



Mr. Mambo Wilson the trainer from Uganda Industrial Research Institute Kampala guiding participants on how to ignite, manage ash, top up briquettes using appropriate stoves for effective combustion of briquettes.



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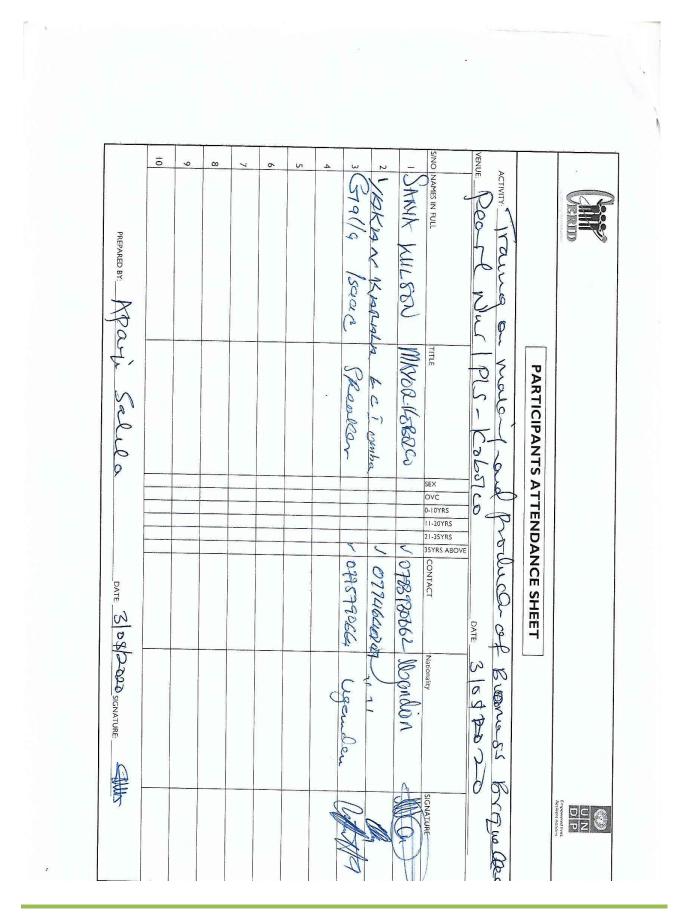


Sitima Rose the chairperson of Mufano Women Group thanking UNDP for the support and CERID for training them on behalf of the participants on closing of the 2 days training in briquettes production in Koboko district.

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