

Dialogos

Status Report

Project on Pesticides, Health and Environment

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Project title:	Pesticide Use, Health and Environment -Uganda										
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1. Activities and project monitoring:

1. Health

1.1 A baseline survey report is ready, combining health, agriculture and IEC components.

1.1.2 There will be no mid-term survey, due to delay in baseline survey and limitation of funds. A final survey will be conducted at the end of the project owing to inadequate funds.

1.2 Training materials used in Bolivia were acquired, and aligned with the Ugandan materials. Fact sheets received from Dr Erik Jors , WHO and UNEP on Sound management of Pesticides and Diagnosis and Treatment of Pesticide poisoning are also used in preparing Ugandan training materials.

1.3.1 Training materials ie handouts for modules 1, 2, & 3 were produced, evaluated, and distributed to the trainees during the training sessions

1.4.1 First part of the materials (handouts) given out during training sessions,were discussed with the trainees for their inputs, and hand outs given to them. However after the trainings, edited booklets will be produced and distributed; these will include inputs from both trainers and trainees

1.5. 20 Health workers in Pallisa District and 20 Health Workers in Wakiso were invited for the trainings.(This was a combined training for Health workers, Agro dealers, Agric extension workers and farmers.However, a total of.....health workers were trained.

1.6.1 Among the 15 clinical health workers who had to be trained in , all the 15 turned up in Pallisa and only 3turned up in Wakiso.However,three modules have already been covered,Module 1 [4 course days; 2 per district],Module 2 [4 course days; 2 per district],-module 3 [8 course days; 4 per district]. Module 1 included in two practical sessions on presentation and knowledge sharing by the trainees. Module 3 had one practical session on the calibration,exercise. $2 \times 16 = 32$ Course days. Therefore a new strategy for training Health Workers in Wakiso Districts has be developed in order to allow Wakiso to catch up.

1.6.2 All the 5 health educators in Pallisa turned up but two turned up in Wakiso.However,Three modules have already been covered:,-Module 1 [4 course days; 2 per district]-Module 2 [4 course days; 2 per district],-module 3 [8 course days; 4 per district]

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(Total 320 person days in Pallisa District and only 80 person days in Wakiso District).

1.7 Makerere University School of Public Health has already identified someone to undertake a PhD study, however no final decision has been taken yet.

2. Agriculture

2.1 A baseline survey report that combines farmers, extension workers, health workers and agro dealers is ready. (There are different sub-reports for each section – Health, Agriculture, and IEC) .

2.2 - 2.3 Following the collection of sample training materials, UNACOH developed relevant material, for training of the farmers, extension workers, health workers and agro dealers which training started this quarter. Training materials were distributed to the trainees during the training sessions.

2.6 & 2.9 Training of farmers (608 course days) and of agricultural extensions (224 course days) and agro-dealers (176 course days) was carried out in the 2 districts of Wakiso and Pallisa, starting on Monday 18th July in Pallisa Agule Sub County, and on 21st July 2011 in Wakiso at Nangabo Sub County. So far 3 modules have so far completely been carried out in both districts for all the groups. Module 1(4 course days), module 2(4 course days), module 3(8 course days)) however, the attendance of participants from the different groups varies from time to time especially the health workers and agro dealers.

3. IEC

3.5 PHE project is collaborating with MAAIF. and UNACOH is currently part of the team developing a proposal for the establishment of the Poisoning Information Centre, spearheaded by MAAIF.

3.7.1 Radio programmes have started in Wakiso (Voice of Africa Radio) and Pallisa (Continental FM) and by end of 2011, eight programmes will have been aired

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3.7.2 Training videos are being produced for each module as well as capturing footage of entire training sessions. The entire information captured will be arranged to form 3 videos; with the 3rd video including from start to end of project.

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3.11 There was a presentation about the PHE project baseline survey during the

UNACOH Annual Scientific Conference (ASC) held in September 2011 at Munyonyo resort centre. This conference received financial support from the PHE Uganda Project.

2. Status for objectives and indicators

Objective 1: Prevention, Registration, Diagnosis and Treatment of Pesticide Poisonings is improved in the Health Clinics in two Districts.

IEC /Training materials ie booklets, on prevention of pesticides poisoning have been designed but not yet printed out. Training of health workers on pesticides poisoning has started.

Objective 2: The number of cases of pesticide poisoning is lowered by promoting IPM strategies among Farmers in 2 districts.

Existing training and IEC materials have been gathered, but new training and some IEC materials have been developed and others are still in the process since the trainings are ongoing.

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2.6.1 Farmers have already attended 608 course days(16 training sessions for 38 participants).

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2.7.1 Extension workers have attended 224 course days (16 training sessions for 14 participants).

2.8 Agro dealers have attended 176 course days (16 training sessions for 11participants).

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Objective 3; The civil society, especially emphasizing UNFFE and district farmers groups are aware of pesticide dangers and able to advocate for concrete actions in the district pesticide committees and the National Agricultural Chemicals Board to ensure sustainable food production.

3.1 With the elections that took place ,some of the selected members lost their office seats ,thus a need to form new committees.

- 3.2. Seminars will be held when the committees are restructured.
- 3.3 The 2011 UNACOH Annual Scientific Conference had a presentation on the PHE project Baseline survey. Dr Erik Jors of Dialogos made a presentation about the sister project in Bolivia.
- .Training sessions for farmers committee members in both Wakiso and Pallisa were not held due to the elections, whereby many people lost their political offices. Therefore these trainings will be carried out in the 7th quarter.
- 3.4 UNACOH is part of the team working on a proposal aimed at establishing a poisons information centre. It is headed by Mr Stephen Byantwale who works with the Ministry of Agriculture.
- 3.5 No articles have appeared in the newspaper yet. The cost of having articles in the newspapers in form of adverts was found to be costly thus the team is trying to explore opportunities of how experts on the project can be interviewed to give opinions on different issues and appear in the press, or even a way of facilitating journalists to cover some activities of the project.
- 3.6.1 Radio programmes have started in Wakiso (Voice of Africa Radio) and Pallisa (Continental FM). Different groups of project trainees are engaging in discussion during the radio programmes.
- 3.6.2 Training video snips are being produced for each module as well as capturing footage of entire training sessions. The entire information captured since inception of the project will be arranged to form 3 videos, with the 3rd video including from start to the end of the project.

3. Problems and/or new possibilities

- Health workers and agro dealers' participation in the trainings have kept on varying from time to time with low turn-up all the time compared to the way it was planned in

Wakiso, unlike ~~pallisa~~Pallisa. A new strategy to involve them more has been identified in order to increase on their participation into the project.

- District farmers committees, which were initially formed, are ~~dysfunctional~~currently ~~currently~~dormant. This is because during district elections, some members on these committees lost their political offices. Therefore revival of these committees is to be carried out in the 6th quarter.

4. Changes and adjustments

- Agriculture and health activities that were to be carried out jointly in Wakiso district were separated and therefore they will be carried out independently. However for Pallisa the groups are still together.
- There is need to restructure the district pesticide committees that were initially formed, since after the political elections, some members lost their offices and therefore did not come back. Therefore in the next quarter (6th), new members will be elected to fill in the positions of those who left.
- Pesticide conferences that were initially supposed to be carried out this quarter were pushed ahead ~~in-to~~ the 6th quarter due to the trainings that are still ongoing.

5. Status for expenditure (Updated Budget Variance report)

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Total budget:	1,839,026	d.kr
Budgeted expenditure at the end of this report period:	202,604	d.kr
Actual expenditure at the end of this report period:	176,505	d.kr
Un-utilised funds at the end of this project period	26,099	d.kr

6. Additional comments

The budget performance this quarter shows 90% utilization and rises to 93% when investment component is considered. Budget components, Health, Organizational IEC materials and Administration expenditures were all within the budget. The budget for Organizational IEC materials for the same period was only utilized by 62%, this was due to the Radio programmes that started in the last month of the quarter (September 2011). The Agriculture component this period's budget was 100% utilized and even the balances from the previous quarters were partly utilized due to the late start of the activities here. This is however a positive sign of increased activity levels in the overall project performance. This quarter was mainly devoted to trainings.

The budget component of the common project activities was overspent but has also a buffer of balances from the previous quarters. Increased expenditure included transport costs, reflected in project vehicle repairs in the reporting period and increases fuel costs coupled with quite a number of field visits made during trainings. Other budget over-runs occurred under stationery and communication, also attributed to preparation of training materials and telephone costs.

ANNEX 1: BUDGET REVISION**Current budget:****(the latest approved budget)**

	<u>Total budget in d.kr</u>	Period: July 1 st – September, 2011 (d.kr)	
		<u>Budgeted expenditure</u>	<u>Actual expenditure</u>
1. Activities	874,100	141,852	108,439
2. Investments	197,437	-	12,308
3. Staff	521,537	43,461	40,385
4. Administration	245,952	17,291	15,373
5. Project expenses in total	1,839,026	202,604	176,505