

Name of Activity: Community Score Card Scoring on Planting for Food and Jobs

Activity Dates: 9th – 11th December, 2019

Reporting Date: 13th December, 2019

Region: Number of Participants Northern	Beneficiaries/ Region	Male	Female	Total
		108	55	163

1.0 Background & Objectives

In line with the project result to strengthen CSO and Private Sector (PSCs) ability to engage and demand accountability, CSOs/PSAs have been trained on Social Accountability tools on both agriculture budget tracking and community score cards. The training was organised in phases. Phase one of the training was organised on agriculture budget training. Phase two of the training was on Community Score Card. The immediate action is for CSOs to apply the knowledge and skills acquired from the training to assess the 1-year implementation of Planting for Food and Jobs programme. This training has increased the capacities of CSOs to apply the score card and use the scores to demand accountability from government. Against this backdrop, the project will support CSOs to conduct the score card in 3 communities in each district and use the scores to organize district level interface meetings.

1.1 Specific objective

- To put to use the knowledge and skills acquired during the training
- To assess the 1 –year implementation of the Planting for Food and Jobs
- To generate evidence from the ground that will be used for engagement with district, regional and national level stakeholders to improve service delivery.

2.0 Report Details (What happened):

The District Department of Agriculture in the Nanumba South District presented six beneficiary communities to the focal person of SEND-GHANA to randomly select three communities for the community score card administration. The three communities which were randomly selected include: Nassamba, Kukuo and Lungni.

Community members (Farmers) were able to spare sometime out of their busy farm activities to participate in the scoring exercise because the exercise was deemed important to them. The 2019 PFJ according to the community members was an interesting experience. They were told this year (2019) PFJ was going to run on a waybill system to replace the coupon system because of the challenges farmers faced in 2018, the difficulties in access coupons to buy fertilizer. The waybill system rather worsens the situation of farmer’s access to fertilizer. All three communities reported that there was frequent shortage of fertilizer from the retailers. As such, most the farmers who had money bought the open market one in the 50kg. At Nassamba community, farmers reported that some retailers were selling

the 25kg PFJ fertilizer at Gh¢40.00 instead of the official price Gh¢35.00. However, there was no problem accessing seed under the PFJ for 2019 and that the cost was very affordable. Farmers also reported that the seeds were of good quality and as well enough for their fields.

Some farmers at Kukuo reported the infestation of Locusts on their farms which they indicated were very devastating than that of Fall Army Worm. Maize farms that were attacked by the Locusts, were completely destroyed.

Result/s (outputs& Outcomes):

- † Community Score Card scoring was successfully conducted in three selected communities
- † 163 community members participated in the scoring
- † Community members were sensitized on the 2019 model of Planting for Food and Jobs

Emerging issues and Follow up:

- Frequent shortage of fertilizers
- Long distance to farm inputs distributing points
- Locusts infestation at Kukuo community which maybe a threat for next farming season

Challenges:

The field staff waited for a very longtime before community members came out from their individual homes for the scoring exercise to commence

Conclusion:

Even though community members delayed in coming out for exercise, the scoring was successfully carried out in all the three selected communities.

Picture Gallery



Figure 1 Community Score Card for 2019 PFJ at Nassamba, Nanumba South District

Figure 2 Community Score Cards for 2019 PFJ at Nassamba, Nanumba South District