

A brief about PELUM Swaziland visit on 18th August 2016 –Host PELUM Kenya



PELUM- Swaziland and PELUM-Kenya Secretariat Staff

PELUM Swaziland visited PELUM-Kenya on Thursday 18th August 2016. The PELUM Swaziland Team was led by Ms Tsakasile Dlamini the Country Coordinator. The Swaziland Team was welcomed by the PELUM Kenya Coordinator Mr Zachary Makanya and Jeff Kahuho, Ms Maryleen Micheni Programmes Operation Manager the Capacity Enhancement Snr Programme Officer.

In the morning, a sharing session was held for PELUM-Swaziland and PELUM-Kenya Secretariat, it was more about learning on Operations of both Organization, projects implementation and Governance. Mr Zachary Makanya shared a presentation by on best practices in networking strengths and challenges



Maryleen, Zachary, Tsakakile, Alice and ----- in Staff sharing session

In the Afternoon the Team visited OACK (Organic Agriculture Centre Kenya) and welcomed by Mr Stephen Wainaina the Director OACK and the Staff where introductions and a brief about OACK was shared. OACK is one of the Member located in Central and Nairobi zone. The Team proceeded for a field visit in one of the groups members of OACK Gitaigua Farmers group. The Team held an interaction session with farmers. The members are located in a Tea zone area and are seriously facing problems on food security mainly because focus has been more on Tea production for income ignoring production of quality food. The group has become a model for other farmers in changing lifestyle by engaging in Organic farming and Village Saving Schemes.



Field visit Farmers sharing session – Stephen and Spencer exchange ideas during the field visit

In the evening, the Team had again a moment to interact with PELUM-Kenya Staff for feed back and Mr Ngugi Mutura PELUM Association founder and the Director of SACDEP –Kenya one of the pioneer members of PELUM-Kenya. Mr Ngugi Mutura shared about the genesis of PELUM-Association, Networking opportunities /challenges and words of wisdom. The Country Coordinator Ms Tsakasile Dlamini lauded the visit and thanked PELUM-Kenya for organizing for the visit. Ms Tsakasile and Mr. Spencer Ngwenyama the Board Member of PELUM Swaziland were confident that they have learnt quite a lot in both visit in Kenya and Uganda and informed all that they will apply the knowledge acquired to strengthen PELUM Swaziland



Word of Wisdom by Ngugi Mutura and Zachary Makanya during relection dinner

PELUM Swaziland Team comprised of;

1. Ms. Siphwe Malambe - Project Officer - Green Living Movement
2. Mr. Spencer Ngwenyama - Programme Manager - Caritas Swaziland
3. Mr. Msutfu Samuel Fakudze - Director - Conserve Swaziland
4. Ms. Tsakasile Dlamini - Country Coordinator - PELUM Swaziland
5. Mr. Nkhosinathi Nhlabatsi - Self Help Project Officer - ACAT Swaziland
6. Ms. Somto Ginindza - Sustainable Agriculture Project Coordinator - ACAT Swaziland
7. Mr. Siyabonga Ndlangamandla - Agronomist ACAT Swaziland
8. Mr. Sandile Malaza - M&E Coordinator - ACAT Swaziland
9. Mr Thabani Mdlovu, a Programme Manager at ACAT.