

Feed the Future: Innovation Lab for Integrated Pest Management Trip Report

Country(s) Visited: Kenya

Dates of Travel: 19-22 Dec 2016

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Purpose of Trip: Project activity monitoring and follow-ups

Sites Visited: Bomet County, the following villages: Chepkitwal, Kiptulwa, Kamenwo, Norerai, Kyogong and Samituks.

Description of Activities/Observations:

Visited six villages: Chepkitwal, Kiptulwa, Kamenwo, Norerai, Kyogong and Samituks, maize IPM demonstration sites in Bomet Kenya with local partners including farmers, Patrick Kigo icipe field assistant, Nicholas Byegon USAID mission focal person and John Too from Department of Agriculture of Bomet County. The size of the demonstration plot is half an acre, quarter an acre is on treatment and the remaining quarter is on control plot. The push-pull technology was piloted here in which maize was planted in between with desmodium and surrounded by Napier grass in order to control stem borer damage. The germination of all crops, maize, desmodium and Napier grass was good; however, in some sites there is sign of drought affecting maize and desmodium. In few places the maize is attacked MLN disease and this can be seen in the neighboring farms.

Training Activities Conducted:

Program type (workshop, seminar, field day, short course, etc.)	Date	Audience	Number of Participants		Training Provider (US university, host country institution, etc.)	Training Objective
			Men	Women		

Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:

Follow up activities include weeding, application of fertilizer to both maize and desmodium in order to maintain plant nutrition and better establishments.

Rouging of plants infected with MLN or showing any symptom of MLN to avoid further spread of the diseases.

Training farmers on the push-pull technology and maize stem borers IPM.



Picture of the trial from Samituku.

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