Delta State-Report IV Community Analysis

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Venue: Otor Owhe-Isoko North

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Summary

The purpose of the Community Analysis was to identify and analyze with the community members their constraints, opportunities, prospects, and priorities with respect to cassavas enterprise development. The analysis involved four local government council areas,: Isoko North and South, and Ughelli North and South; all located within a radius of 10-50 km from Otor Owhe where the analysis was conducted on the 21 March 2009. Participatory tools and techniques were used to explore relevant issues relating to livelihoods, wealth and social status, crop production, processing, marketing and problem prioritization as they affect cassava enterprises. Participants (42) from across 17 communities, comprising 21 men, 11 women, and 10 youths (6 male and 4 female) were involved in focusgroup discussions.



of the farmers and processors in Delta State.





The major findings

Crop production and general farming activities were identified as the prominent sources of livelihood involving men, women and the youth, with more than 50% of the women engaged in cassava production and other farming activities as their primary livelihood ventures. Crop production and farming account for more than 40% of the means of livelihood for both men and youth. Similarly, cassava, yam, plantain and banana, maize and sweet potato were the priority food crops, while oil palm, pineapple, sugarcane, and paw-paw were the major cash crops.

Among the cassava enterprises, the priority activity of the men was the production of stems (30%) and tubers (50%). Making *gari* was a major enterprise for 80% of the women and 30% of the youth, also tuber production for both 70% of both women and the youth. Trading was the major non-farm livelihood activity for all three groups. On average, non-farm activities involved more than 50% of the women but less than 20% of men and the youth.

The major problems with cassava production, common to men, women, and the youth were weed problems, high cost of fertilizer, lack of capital/credit, improved varieties, and technical know-how, the land tenure system, and the high cost of labor. The common problems with cassava processing for all (men, women and the youth) were lack of machines/equipment, high transport costs for moving tubers from farm to processing points, and poor access to clean water. Proximity to market as well as low and fluctuating prices, poor access roads to market and trade unionism were major problems of marketing produce.

Appropriate strategies or development plans need to be carried out to meet both the cassava production and processing needs

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS AT OTOR OWHE, DELTA STATE, NIGERIA LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

S/N	NAME	COMMUNITY OR VILLAGE	LOCAL GOVT
1	MOSES OMOKACHI	OTOR OWHE	ISOKONORTH
2	SAMSON OKUNA	ERUEMUKOHWARIN	UGHELLI NORTH
3	EBOGBARE JOSIAH	OTOR OWHE	ISOKO NORTH
4	DIKE A. JOSEPH	ELLU	ISOKO NORTH
5	FREEBOKN EJAGHE	UVWIAMAUDE	UGHELLI NORTH
6	ABEL OPUIDI	UVWIAMAUDE	UGHELLI NORTH
7	HON JOSEPH OBOMATA	AGBARHO	UGHELLI NORTH
3	CHIEF S. O OBOH	OKPOLOENHE	ISOKO SOUTH
9	ONOKPISEKE MIKE OREVA	UZERE	ISOKO SOUTH
10	FRANCIS OKPAKO	OWERWE	UGHELLI NORTH
11	EKOKOBE OBARO H	OLEH	ISOKO SOUTH
12	SAMSON OLUGUA	OLEH	ISOKO SOUTH
13	ABUKE ITE JAMES	OWERWE	UGHELLI NORTH
14	A.I. OGBOUDU	OTOR OWHE	ISOKO NORTH
15	KUMANE J. O.	EVWRENI	UGHELLI NORTH
16	OMOSIONI ONOYIWITA	OTOE OWHE	UGHELLI NORTH
17	IKEDE O. ISAIAH	OTOR OWHE	ISOKO NORTH
18	MOSES ENITERAI	OTOR OWHE	ISOKO NORTH
19	AKORTHA E. JOSHUA	UZERE	ISOKO SOUTH
20	JAMES E. ANIBOR	ERUMUEKOHWARIN	UGHELLI NORTH
21	EDO SAMUEL	OFAGBE	ISOKO NORTH

WOMEN	GROUP	(AGE=ABO)	VE 30	YEARS)

S/N	NAME	COMMUNITY OR VILLAGE	LGA
1	ILOLO EVELYN U	OLEH	ISOKO SOUTH
2	OTUOKENA MERCY	AFIESERE	UGHELLI NORTH
3	ATANO MARGARET	EVWRENI	UGHELLI NORTH
4	UBIUDODO HELLEN	OKPOLO	ISOKO SOUTH
5	FLORENCE OBEGBU	UZERE	ISOKO SOUTH
6	HELEN OROBO EKIAJARE	IGBIDE	ISOKO SOUTH
7	JOAN ENA OKAH	OGINIBO	UGHELLI SOUTH
8	MERCY OSIKI	IGBIDE	ISOKO SOUTH
9	RACHAEL EMITERAI	OTOR OWHE	ISOKO NORTH
10	SARAH UMUKORO	AFIESERE	UGHELLI NORTH
11	ENABULELE O. QUEEN	UZERE	ISOKO SOUTH

NAMES OF YOUTH GROUP (20-30 YEARS OF AGE

1 1/11/11/1	OF TOUTH GROUP (20-30 TEARS OF AGE				
S/N	NAME	COMMUNITY	LGA	SEX	AGE
1	EKPEBABOR O. JUDE	ERUMUKOHWARIEN	UGHELLI NORTH	M	27
2	UBOR OGHENELEGA	ERUMUKOHWARIEN	UGHELLI NORTH	F	20
3	OMOKPE O. MATTHEW	OPHERIN	UGHELLI NORTH	M	28
4	OKOLOSI SENATOE EDAFE	OLOMORO	ISOKO SOUTH	M	24
5	EVWIERHURHOMA MARTINA	AFIESERE	UGHELLI NORTH	F	22
6	OBROGO CHARLES	UZERE	ISOKO SOUTH	M	20
7	IRUWE RHODA	OLOMORO	ISOKO SOUTH	F	20
8	ALDHA E. MARTINS	UZERE	ISOKO SOUTH	M	23
9	AKPATU ELO	OFAGBE	ISOKO NORTH	F	29
10	OGBUDEKE ABRAHAM	OZORO	ISOKO NORTH	M	29