Local Artisans as Entrepreneurs

ProNet WASH team has completed all Entrepreneurship training for Latrine Artisans as part of SanMark activities in all 3 operational Districts (Daffiama Bussie Issa, Sissala West and Wa East). The training provided artisans the needed skills and knowledge to be business entrepreneurs. The training also offered artisans the opportunity to discuss obstacles hindering their work and strategies to overcome them in order to expand their business. As part of the training, Artisans also explored other innovative ways of working to ensure the sustainability of their business within the sanitation sector. Similarly, they intend to work with households and communities to construct household latrines, based on demand driven approach. In this approach, communities will generate money through VSLA contributions using the VSLA sanitation model. Whiles, Artisans are expected to market the various sanitation products such as latrine options and related costs for households to make a choice based on what they can afford. The programme target is to achieve 80% latrine coverage in each District by the end of the one-year period.

LMCs Training Organized in CBE

The training of Local Management Committees (LMCs) members was held in the various districts for cycle 5 of Complementary Basic Education (CBE) project. Through the training, LMCs had a better understanding about CBE and their role in the programme. During the training, some participants who were LMC members in previous cycles shared some success and challenges they encountered in the previous cycles and how these can be prevented in this current cycle. The LMCs training aimed to build the capacity of members to support the CBE class facilitators for an effective management of the CBE classes.
CRAFS Promotes Climate Adaptation

Climate Resilient Agriculture and Food Systems (CRAFS) is a climate change adaptation programme that seeks to improve upon food security and livelihoods through climate smart farming and livelihood interventions. Currently, the project has 1,125 beneficial farmers in Daffiama-Bussie-Issa (DBI) District.

As part of project activities, a training session for small scale farmer groups in DBI was held in October in which CRAFS promoted and trained farmers on bush fire prevention and compost making. In November, ProNet staff visited the trained farmer groups to follow-up and observe whether farmers are practicing what they were trained on. It was observed that some groups had started making compost, whiles others were gathering the needed materials for compost making, against the dry season.

Next month, CRAFS will hold refresher training on beekeeping as an alternative income generation activity for farmers during the dry season.

Monitoring of GROW Completed

On GROW, field monitoring of harvested Soya beans in all communities have been completed. The Monitoring Team shared the results of their activities with other staff during a GROW meeting. A total of 72 communities were visited by our GROW monitoring team between October and November. Reports from the team indicated that most women needed threshing services for effective threshing of soya seeds.
Toele Yeng (right, aged 10) and Irene Nabele (left, aged 9) are CBE beneficiaries in Sangoryiri in Nadowli-Kaleo District. Toele is one of the transitioned learners, and Irene is currently attending the CBE class in her community. Toele said, “CBE programme benefited me a lot. Although I could speak Dagare (local language in Sangoryiri), attending the CBE class enabled me to write the language as well. All thanks to the CBE programme, I can now study at the formal school. I want to be a nurse to help people suffering from sickness and contribute to the health of my community.”

Irene also said, “I really enjoy the CBE class because the mode of instruction is Dagaare. I have never been to school before attending CBE class, because I had to do household work for my mom. However, through the intervention of CBE, my parents changed their mind and allowed me to go to CBE class. I will keep studying hard at CBE class to be a teacher.”

ProNet is pleased to see the positive impacts of CBE. We hope that these two girls among other beneficiaries would realize their ambitions and have positive impacts on society.

“CBE let us have our ambitions for future”