



Member Organization of the month of December

Uganda Youth at Risk Development Network (UYDNET)

Selected Farmer: Kabuye Samuel

Kabuye Samuel is the Director and a founding member of Uganda Youth at Risk Development Network (UYDNET). Kabuye Samuel grows a number of crops and is on the verge of introducing poultry into the mix of the enterprises. His farm sits on 4 acres of land. Mr. Kabuye says he grows more than eight types of crops on his farm but maintains that his main crops are pumpkins and hibiscus. Mr. Kabuye's favourite thing about a variety of crops on his farm is that each crop is harvested at a different time, so the farm has some fresh products at almost any time throughout the year and this ensures constant flow of money. Mr. Kabuye says his products are organic and uses best practices to maintain soil fertility and control pests and diseases. Mr. Kabuye has recently ventured into value addition, processing hibiscus seeds into drinking powder and processing pumpkins into wine.

MEET YOUR FARMER

MO: UYDNET
Farmer: Kabuye Samuel
Nickname: Labour
Location: Najjemba-Buikwe
Enterprise: Pumpkins, Hibiscus, Tomatoes, Bananas, Coffee and Green vegetables.

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He says that these products are not only nutritious but also very medicinal. His biggest challenge remains pushing his products to the market and people appreciating their benefits.



Value addition process of Hibiscus/rosella



Mr. Kabuye on air during a live radio programme

Mr. Kabuye periodically is hosted by media houses in educative shows where he continues to inspire the young generation to engage in agriculture and fight youth unemployment and poverty.

Mr. Kabuye through UYDNET collaborates with higher institutions of learning and periodically accepts interns and equips them with practical skills that their courses demand them of. Mr. Kabuye says he advises interns from Najjemba-Buikwe to join agriculture and become members of UYDNET where Kabuye says they are supported in terms of technical knowledge and some inputs.



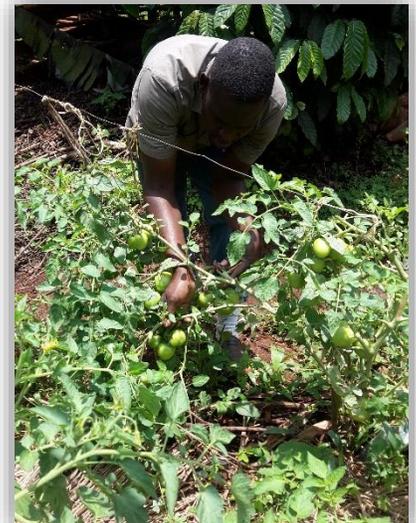
Mr. Kabuye with a group of interns outside UYDNET's office

Mr. Kabuye says that he hosts farmer groups and individuals who want to learn about farming practices and enterprise selection and he does this at the least cost possible. Through this, he says that other farmers have been able to transfer some of his practices to their farms thereby improving their farms' productivity.



Mr. Kabuye explaining to farmer about pumpkin farming

Mr. Kabuye says he remains committed to organic farming practices and is optimistic that the future looks brighter especially when the organic policy is operationalized and fully implemented.



Mr. Kabuye on his intercropped farm coffee and tomato plants