



# MEMBER ORGANIZATION



For the month of March 2020



**Location:**

Kazo Village, Kasaana Parish,  
Mubende District - Uganda.  
P.O.Box 263, Mubende (U).

**Major Activities:**

Farmer training  
Climate smart production  
Permaculture Project.

## KAZO FARMERS ASSOCIATION

**Area of operation:** Mubende District

**County:** Kisambya

**Sub County:** Kibalinga

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# ABOUT KAZO FARMERS ASSOCIATION

Kazo Farmers Association was formed by farmers who came together in 2006 in Kazo village of Kibalinga Sub County in Mubende district. The Primary objective of the farmers was to **find sustainable ways of how small scale farmers and pastoralists could improve their livelihoods through the work of their hands in different farming activities.** To date, food security, income generation and shared practices are the forces behind the efforts put in by the members of the organisation.

Kazo Farmers Association is an organisation that has championed climate change mitigation in Mubende district and the organization's members focus on fruit farming, vegetables, banana plantation, piggery, fish farming, bee keeping, goats and sheep that are managed from a climate change lens.

## Climate Smart Production

Kazo Farmers Association is using the community based adaptation approach where the communities including households, schools, social centres and other institutions are equipped with knowledge about climate smart food production and livestock management.

Climate smart food production promotes activities that aim at increasing water residence in gardens, preventing soil erosion and improving soil fertility. Practices promoted include soil and water conservation, cost effective irrigation systems, rain water harvesting, growing of drought resistant crops and pastures, crop residue utilization, pasture preservation.

Kazo Farmers Association has adopted community based seed multiplication system as another strategy for adapting to climate change. This system has used both inter and intra crop genetic diversity to exploit genetic sources of resistance to the abiotic and biotic stresses that result from climate changes.



***A demonstration farm showing Climate Smart Practices***



***A manual powered irrigation system***

## Pemaculture

Kazo Farmers Association's story is one that is premised on supporting the most vulnerable members of the community to organize their homesteads through sustainable farming practices. The organisation is engaged in permaculture to provide a holistic approach of supporting communities through sustainable farming systems that are climate resilient. The organisation trained its members and is continuously training the members of the community of Kibalinga Sub County.

Kazo Farmers Association has set up demonstration farms at homes of members and a climate change resource center to facilitate trainings and practical lessons for farmer groups and individuals regarding climate change resilience activities. The centre has a library where climate change related information is gathered and can be accessed by farmers.

Sustainability, profitability and environmental concerns are at the helm of the choice of enterprises that the association members are venturing into. The outcomes in terms of food security and facilities at household level are evident in the community. The organisation is working with 6 primary schools in the promotion of ecological agriculture practices. This has introduced a total number of over 2000 pupils and 60 teachers to practices of confined space farming with emphasis in fruits, vegetables and small animal rearing.



*A homestead of a farmer in Kasaana Village in Kibalinga Sub County with permaculture practices*

## Livelihood Diversification

Kazo Farmers Association operates on an assumption that if the worst gets worse, farmers should have identified and started practicing activities that generate income. Consequently, the organisation helps farmers to identify activities that can generate incomes alongside agriculture.

These activities are meant to complement agriculture and generate income and these include garden planning, establishment and management, a village savings and credit scheme, agro inputs business establishment and management, and value addition among others.



*Members from Kazo Farmers Association*

## The Future

Mr. Aloysius Tumwikirize stresses that even with less funding, Kazo Farmers Association has designed a strategy to expand their visibility beyond the current Kibalinga Sub County to the whole of greater Mubende. The organisation is planning to train village agents in each parish of the districts of Mubende, Kasanda and Mityana who, through the Farmer-to-Farmer Extension approach upon return to their communities of residence will share skills and knowledge with other community members. Their farms will supposedly act as demonstration centres.

Kazo Farmers Association calls upon individuals, NGOs, CSOs, Government Agencies and other well wishers to come in and support them financially, technically and institutionally in creating climate change resilient communities

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