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Keywords

Contract sprayer, Nigeria, Borno State, CropLife, age, gender, pesticides, knowledge, payment, interval, training, PPE, protective equipment



1 Background

The N2Africa project has started activities in Borno state where it is encouraging youth agrientrepreneurs to start business activities along the value chain of groundnut, soyabean and cowpeas. The project is active in 40 communities in 4 Local Governance Areas (LGA): Bayo, Biu, Hawul, and Kwaya Kusar.

The government has a keen interest in setting up projects for youth in Borno state. ADP (extension services) in Borno state has trained youth to become contract sprayers. The spray gangs are selling their services to farmers but it is not clear how many were trained, who they service exactly, what type of products there are using, and if there is any follow up on activities in the field.

N2Africa is interested in supporting this group and therefore would like to collect information on their activities and their skills. Based on the information a plan of action can be developed to build their capacity.

Assessment

A total of 3 questionnaires were developed: one to interview farmer who made use of the services of the contract sprayers (see Annex 1), one to interview contract sprayers (see Annex 2), and one to test the contract sprayers on their application skills (see Annex 3).

From 24 to 27 November 2015, 50 farmers and 50 contract sprayers were interviewed, while 20 contract sprayers conducted the application test. The selection was an at random selection from lists provided by the N2Africa project. The interviews were done by 8 enumerators working for ADP Borno State, while the application test was done by the national coordinator of CropLife Nigeria.

This report provides a summary of the results of the interviews and the practical tests. For each question a graph has been created to depict the outcome of that particular question. Under each graphs or topic a short description of the outcome(s) on that particular question or topic is given. In the pie-charts the number indicates the actual number of respondents that gave that particular answer, while the number in brackets indicates the percentage of respondents that gave that particular answer. For example 3 (5.77%) means that 3 people gave that answer which is equal to 5.77% of all respondents.

The graphs and pies do not draw any conclusions but merely states facts or obvious relations. In the last chapter, conclusions are provided and recommendations on follow up activities.

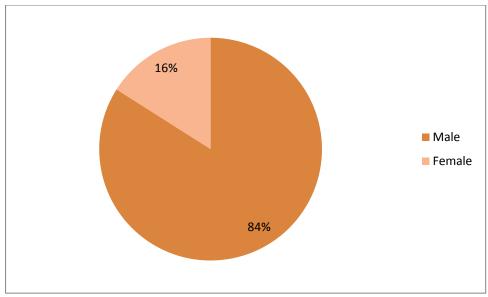


2 Results farmers Questionnaire

2.1 Location of Respondents

LGA	Community	Number of farmers
Вауо	Briyel	6
	Total Bayo	6
Biu	Maina Hari	5
Biu	Nzukuku	2
Biu	Yamarkumi	5
	Total Biu	12
Hawul	Kwaya Bura	5
Hawul	Marama	9
Hawul	Mbulatawiwi	6
	Total Hawul	19
Kwaya Kusar	Gashina	6
Kwaya Kusar	Gusi	2
Kwaya Kusar	Guwal	1
Kwaya Kusar	Mithla	1
Kwaya Kusar	Peta	1
Kwaya Kusar	Wandali	1
	Total Kwaya Kusar	13
	TOTAL	50

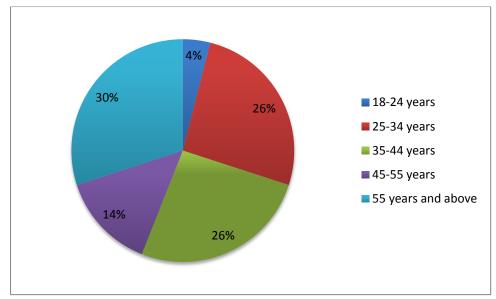
2.2 Gender of Respondents



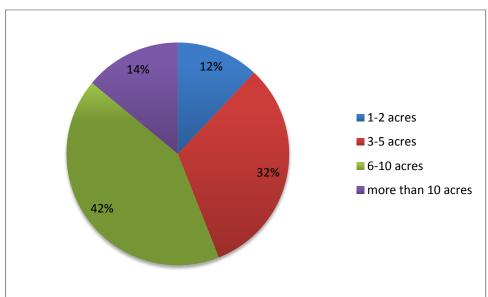
• 84% of the farmers is male while 16% is female.



2.3 Age of respondents



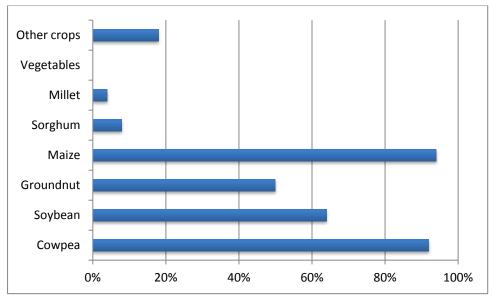
- 4% of the respondents is between 18 and 24 years old.
- 26% is between 25 and 34 years, and the same percentage between 35 and 44 years.
- 14% is between 245 and 55 years, and 30% is 55 years and older.



2.4 Farm size

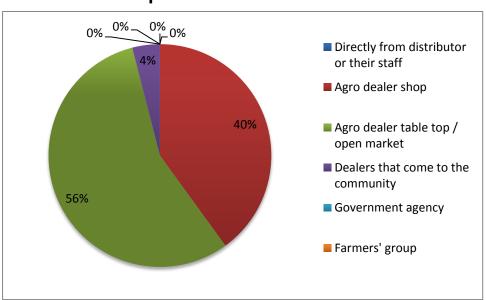
- Most farmers (42%) have a farm of 6 to 10 acres, while 32% has 3-5 acres.
- 12% has less than 3 acres and 14% more than 10 acres.





2.5 **Crops pesticides applied to**

- The most popular crops that are grown and pesticides are applied to are maize, cowpea, soyabean and groundnut.
- All of them apply herbicides (not shown in table). Only 1 person indicated to apply insecticides on cowpea.

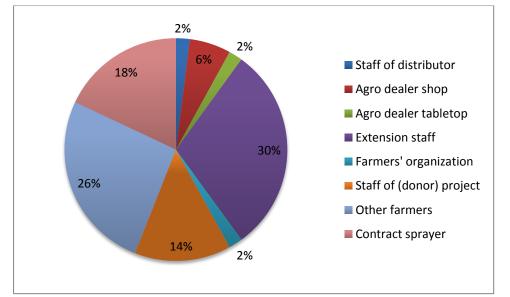


2.6 Source of pesticides

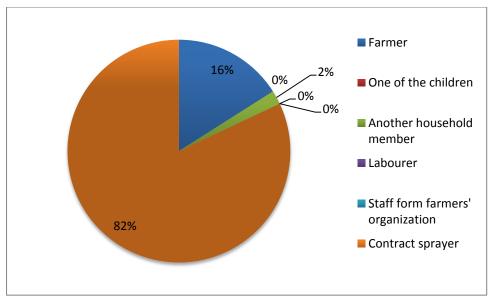
• More than half of the farmers (56%) buy their pesticides on the open market (from table top dealers), while 40% buys it in an agro dealer shop.







- Farmers take from different persons advice on where to buy their pesticides.
- 30% relies on extension staff and 26% on other farmers.
- 18% follows the advice of contract sprayers and 6% from the agro dealer shop.

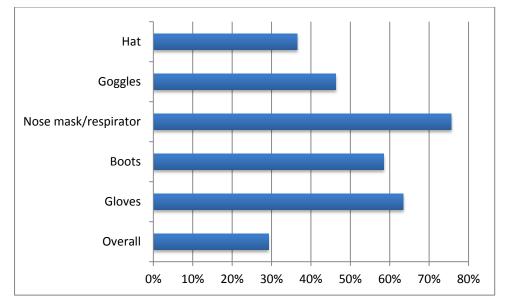


2.8 Application of pesticides

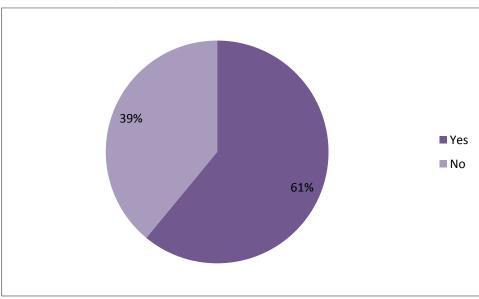
• In 82% of the cases pesticides are applied by a contract sprayer.



2.9 Wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE) by contract sprayer



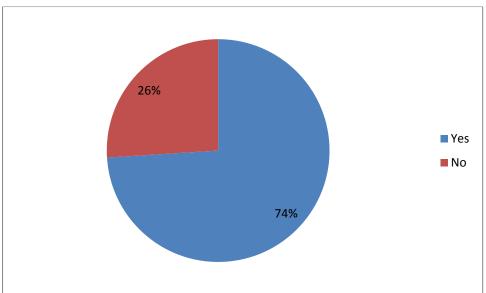
- In case a contract sprayer applies the pesticides, the nose mask or respirator is most often worn (75%), followed by boots (59%) and gloves (63%).
- Less than half wears goggles (46%), a hat (37%) or overall (29%).
- None of the contract sprayers wears a full set of PPE.



2.10 Placing of warning sign by contract sprayer

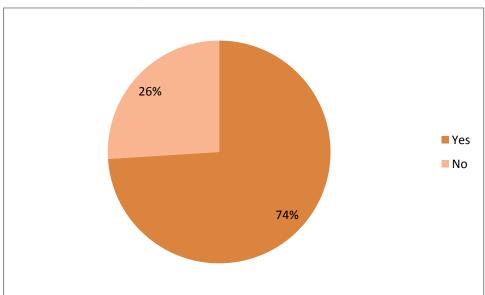
• In case a contract sprayer applies the pesticides, 61% places a warning sign after application.





2.11 Knowledgeable about pre-harvest interval

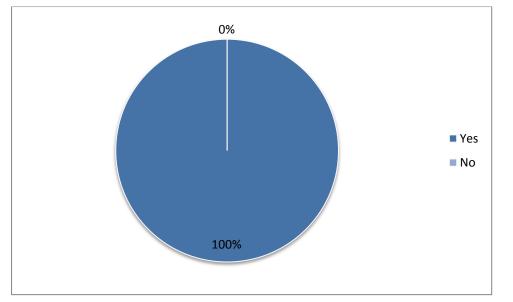
• 74% of the farmers claim to know that the pre-harvest interval is.



2.12 Knowledgeable about re-entry interval

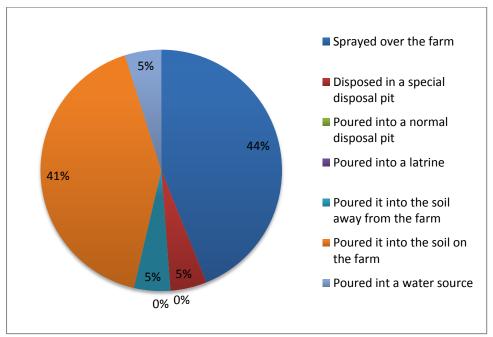
• 74% of the farmers claim to know that the re-entry interval is.





2.13 Triple rinsing of empty container by contract sprayer

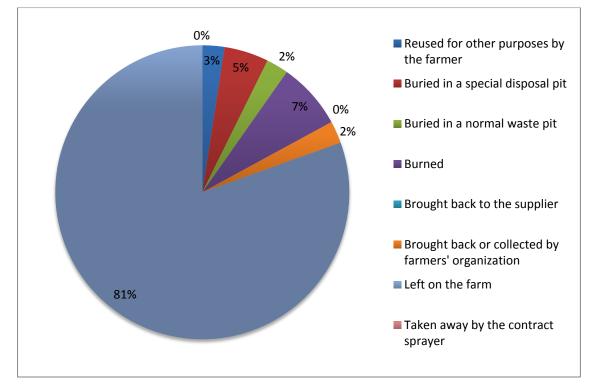
• In case a contract sprayer applies the pesticides, all of them triple rinse the empty containers.



2.14 Disposal of wastewater after triple rinsing by contract sprayer

- In case a contract sprayer applies the pesticides, 44% spray the wastewater of rinsing the empty container over the farm (which is the official recommendation).
- 41% pours the wastewater into the soil on the farm and 5% away from the farm.

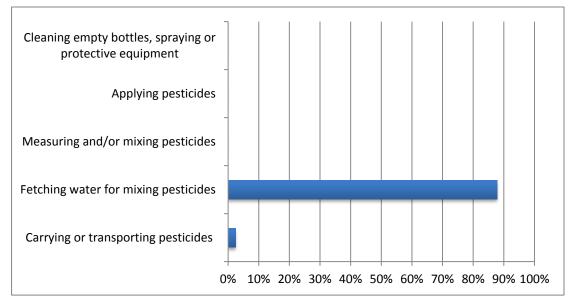




2.15 Disposal of empty container by contract sprayer

• In case a contract sprayer applies the pesticides, 81% of them leaves the empty containers on the farm.

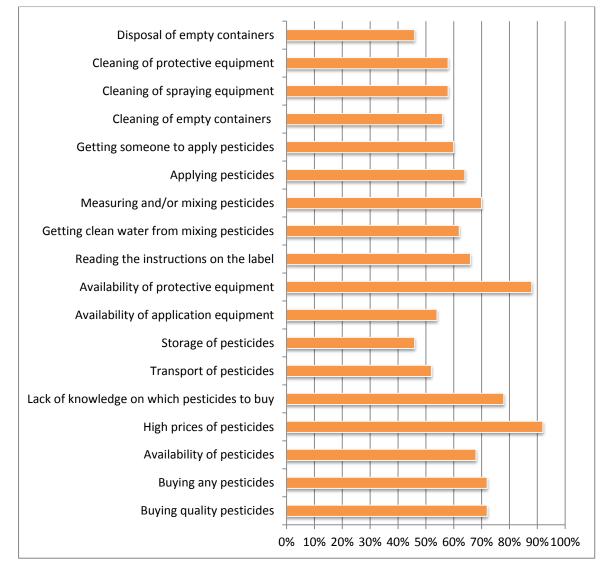
2.16 Involvement of children in pesticides activities when application is done by contract sprayer



• In case a contract sprayer applies the pesticides, in 88% children are used to fetch water.

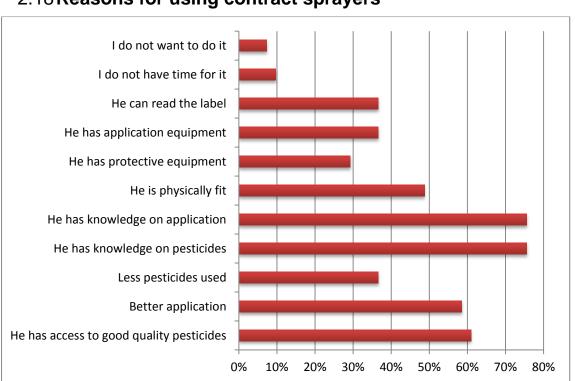


2.17 Challenges with pesticides



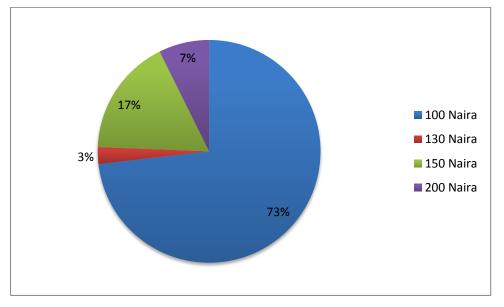
- The high price of pesticides is mentioned by 92% as a challenges, while 88% listed the availability of PPE.
- 78% lacks knowledge on what pesticide to buy, while 72% mentioned the buying of pesticides, and the buying of good quality pesticides.
- The storage of pesticides and the disposal of empty containers are the only two points that were listed by less than half of the farmers (46%).





2.18 Reasons for using contract sprayers

- The knowledge of the contract sprayer on application and pesticides is mentioned as the main reasons for farmers to use their services (76%).
- Also the access to good quality pesticides (61%) and better application (59%) scored high.

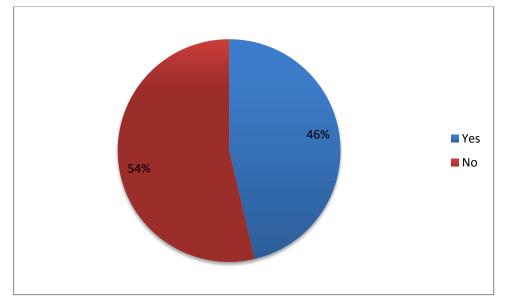


2.19 Payment to contract sprayer per spray tank

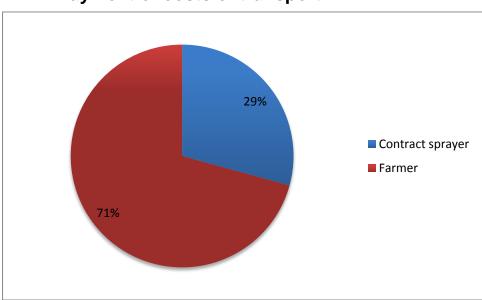
- All farmers pay a fee per spray tank.
- 73% pays 100 Naira, while 17% pays 150 Naira.



2.20 Payment of in-kind to contract sprayer



• 46% of the farmers pays also in-kind to the contract sprayer.

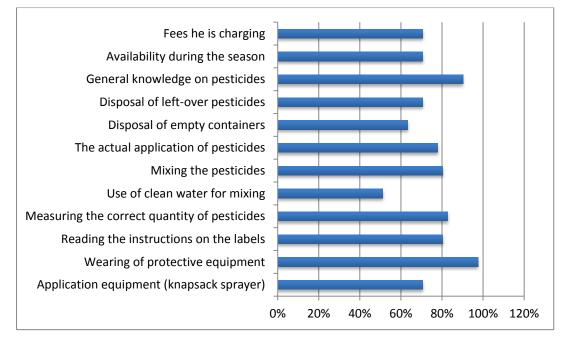


2.21 Payment of costs of transport

• In 71% of the cases, the farmer pays for the transport of the contract sprayer.

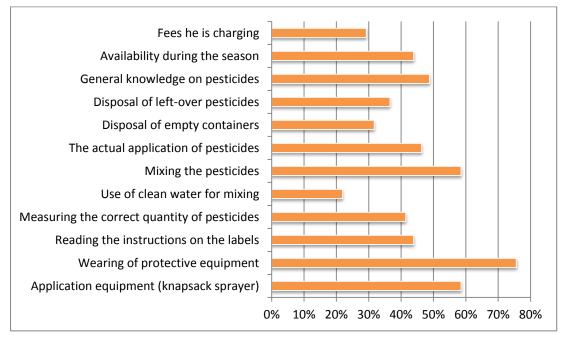


2.22 Activities of contract sprayer that need improvement



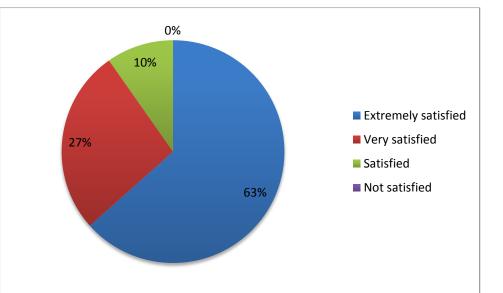
- The wearing of PPE was mentioned by almost all farmers (98%) as point for improvement.
- Also the general knowledge on pesticides (90%), reading instructions on the label (80%) and mixing of pesticides (80%) was mentioned by many farmers.

2.23 Activities of contract sprayer that definitely need improvement



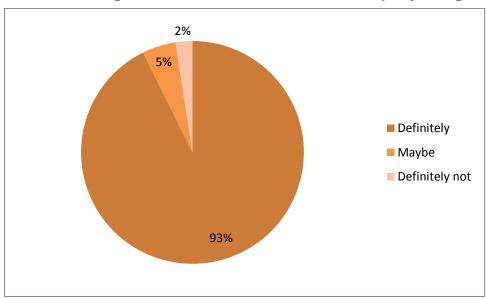
• When asked what definitely needs to be improved, also the wearing of PPE scores highest (76%), followed by mixing (59%) and application equipment (59%).





2.24 Level of satisfaction with services of contract sprayer

- 63% of the farmers who make use of contract sprayers is extremely satisfied with their services.
- None of the farmers mentioned that they are not satisfied with the work.



2.25 Making use of services of contract sprayer again

• 93% indicates to use the services of a contract sprayer again.

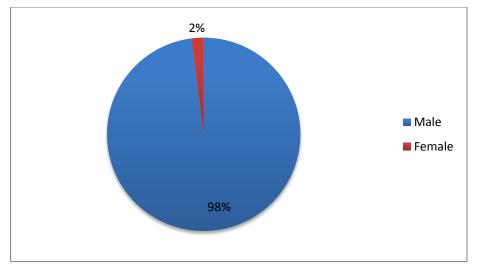


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Hawul	Kwaya Bura	5
Hawul	Marama	6
Hawul	Mbulatawiwi	8
	Total Hawul	19
Kwaya Kusar	Gashina	4
Kwaya Kusar	Gusi	1
Kwaya Kusar	Guwal	2
Kwaya Kusar	Mithla	2
Kwaya Kusar	Peta	2
Kwaya Kusar	Wandali	2
	Total Kwaya Kusar	13
	TOTAL	50

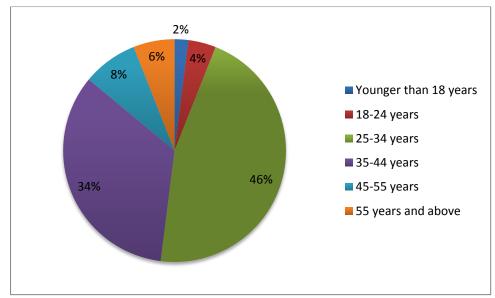
3.2 Gender of Respondents



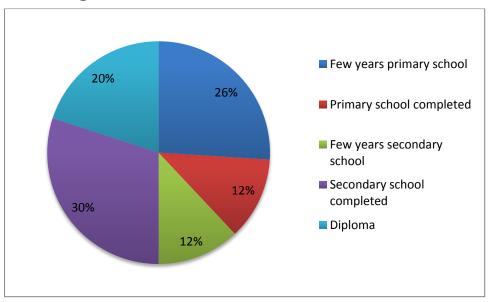
- The majority of the respondents (98%) are males.
- Only 2% are females.



3.3 Age of Respondents



- The majority of the interviewed contract sprayers is between 25-34 years (46%) or 35-44 years (34%).
- 4% is between 18-24 years, 8% is between 45-54 years, and 4% is 55 years and older.
- 2% is younger than 18 years.

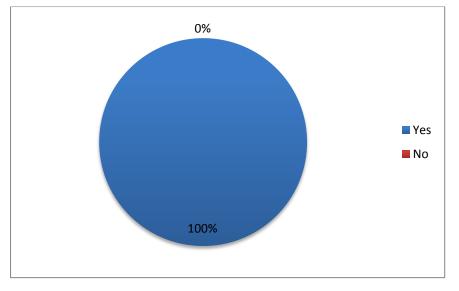


3.4 Highest educational level

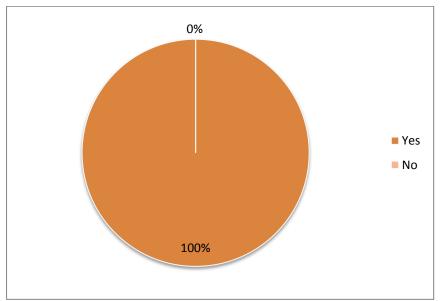
- 26% of the contract sprayers have a few years of primary school and 12% completed primary school.
- 12% has a few years of secondary school and 30% completed secondary school.
- 20% has a diploma.
- Of the 10 respondents that have a diploma, in 3 cases it is in agriculture or related study (not depicted in the graph).



3.5 Growing up on a farm



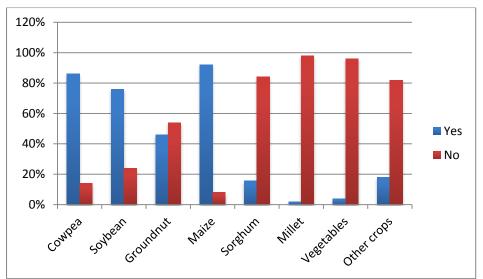
• All of the respondents grew up on a farm.



3.6 Farming at the moment

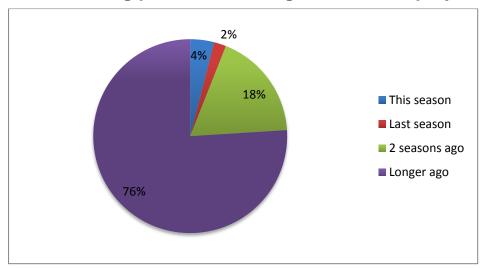
• All of the respondents farm at the moment.





3.7 Crops farmed at the moment

- Most farm maize (92%), cowpea (86%), soyabean (76%) and/or groundnut (46%).
- Only 16% farms sorghum, 4% vegetables, 2% millet, and 18% other crops.

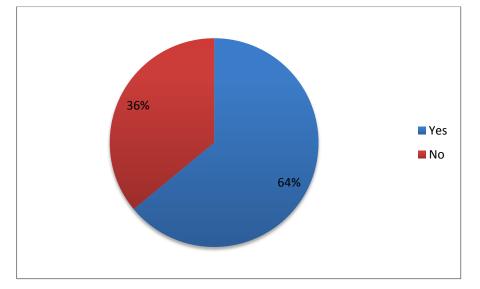


3.8 Starting period of working as contract sprayer

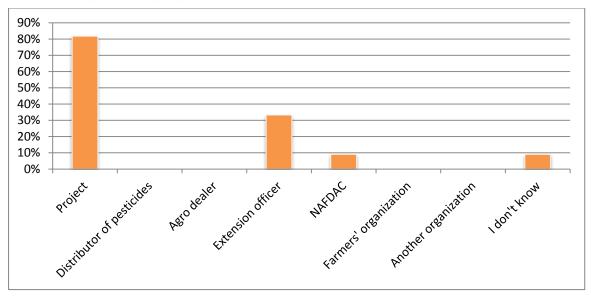
- The majority (76%) started longer than two seasons ago as contract sprayer.
- 18% started 2 seasons ago, while 2% started last season and 4% this season.



3.9 Followed a specific training on application of pesticides



• The majority (64%) indicated to have followed a special training on the application of pesticides, while 36% did not.

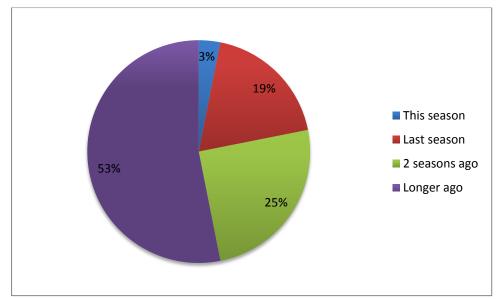


3.10 Organizing agency

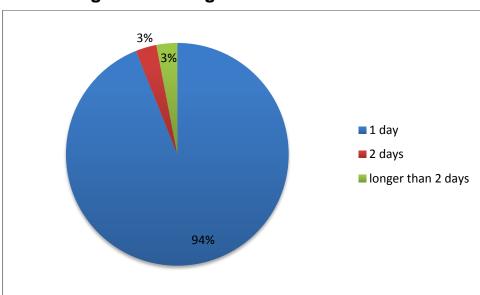
• Of the 32 contract sprayers that did follow a training on the application of pesticides, in 82% the training was organized by a project, 33% were done by an extension officer, and 9% by NAFDAC.



3.11 Time the training was followed



- Of the contract sprayers that did follow training on the application of pesticides, 53% followed it longer than 2 seasons ago.
- 25% followed it 2 seasons ago, 19% last season and 3% this season.

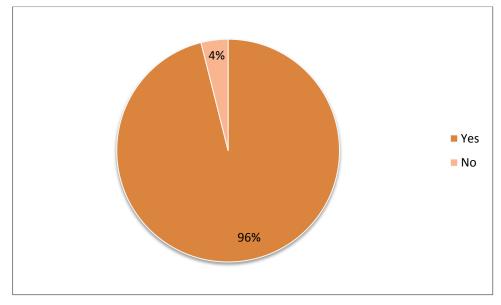


3.12 Length of training followed

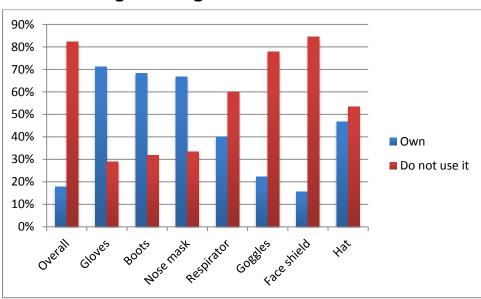
• Of the contract sprayers that did follow training on the application of pesticides, in 94% of the cases it was a training program of 1 day.



3.13 Owns a knapsack sprayer



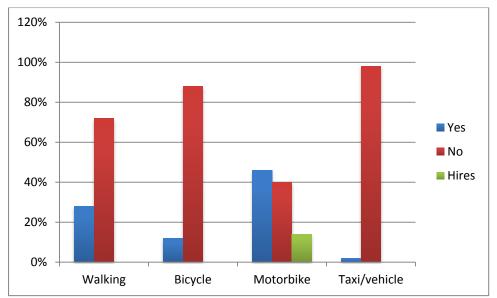
• The majority (96%) owns a knapsack sprayer.



3.14 Owning or using PPE

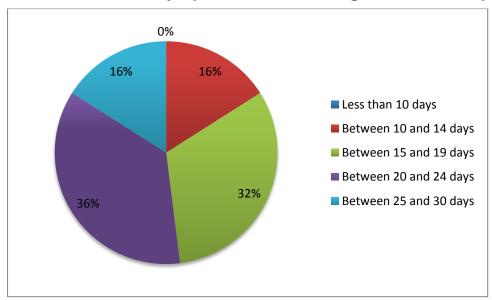
- 10% of all contract sprayers do not use any Personal Protective Equipment, while only 4% owns a full set of PPE (not shown in the graph).
- Of those that use PPE, the majority owns gloves (71%), boots (68%) and/or a nose mask (67%).
- Less than half owns a hat (46%), respirator (40%), goggles (22%), overall (18%) and/or face shield (16%).





3.15 Mode of transport used

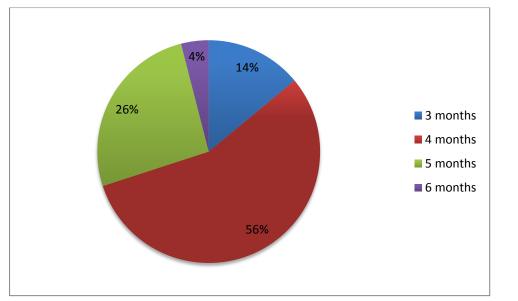
• Most respondents (54%) own or rent a motorbike, while 28% is walking and 12% uses a bicycle.



3.16 Number of days per month working as contract sprayer

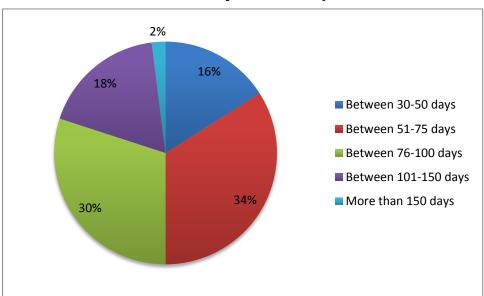
- More than half works 20 days or more per month as contract sprayer: 36% between 20 and 24 days, and 16% between 25 and 30 days.
- 32% works between 15-19 days per month and 16% between 10-14 days.





3.17 Number of months per season working as contract sprayer

• 56% works 4 months per season, 26% works 5 months, 14% for 3 months, and 4% 6 months.

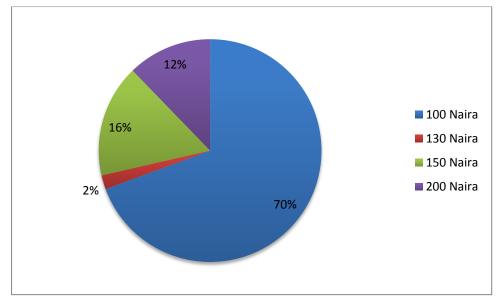


3.18 Total number of days worked per season

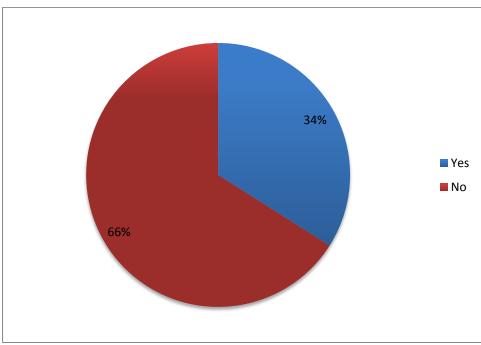
- The majority works between 51 and 100 days per season as contract sprayer: 34% works between 51 and 75 days, and 30% between 76 and 100 days.
- 20% works more than 100 days and 16% less than 51 days.



3.19 Payment per spray tank



- All contract sprayer charge per spray tank. The majority asks 100 Naira per spray tank.
- 2% asks 130 Naira, 16% 150 Naira and 12% 200 Naira.

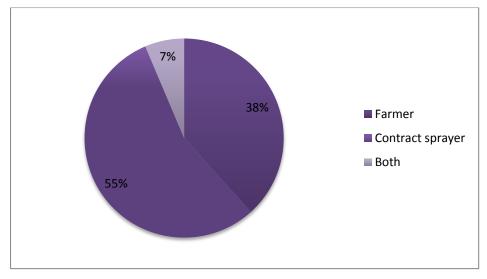


3.20 Payment in kind

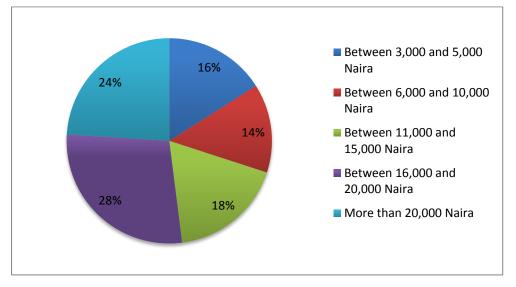
• 34% receives, in addition to their fee per spray tank, also payment in-kind, including some who ask 200 Naira per spray tank.



3.21 Payment of costs of transport



• In case costs are involved for transport, in 55% of the cases the contract sprayer pays for his own costs, while in 38% the farmer pays.

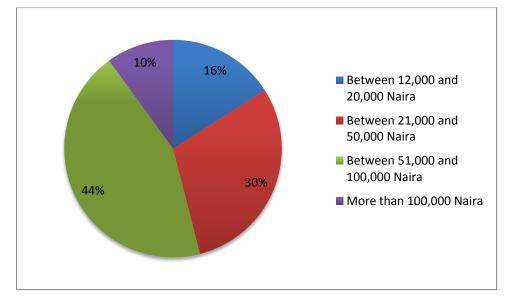


3.22 Average earnings per month from application services

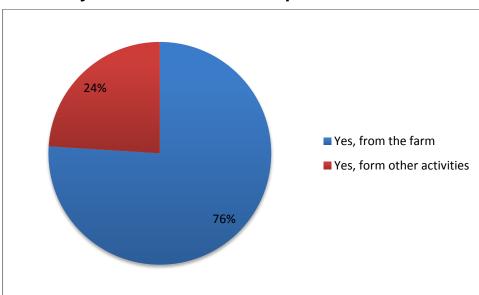
- 30% claims to earn less than 11,000 Naira on average per month, while almost half (46%) makes between 11,000 and 20,000 Naira.
- 24% earns more than 20,000 Naira.



3.23 Average earnings per season from application services



- Almost half of the contract sprayers earns between 51,000 and 100,000 Naira per season from their application activities.
- 46% makes less than 51,000 Naira per season, while 10% earns more than 100,000 Naira.

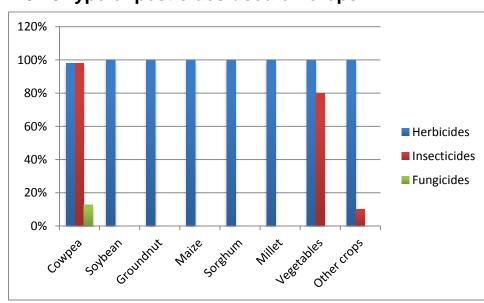


3.24 Payment of costs of transport

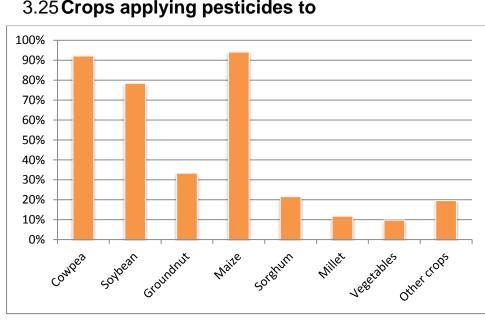
- All respondents earn in addition to their income from application activities, an income.
- 76% earns additional income from their farming activities, while 24% makes extra money from other activities or work.

- Insecticide is also used for cowpea and vegetables.
- In case contract sprayers apply pesticides to a certain crop, each of them applies herbicides.

Most contract sprayers apply pesticides to maize (94%), cowpea (92%), and soyabean (78%).



3.26 Type of pesticides used on crops





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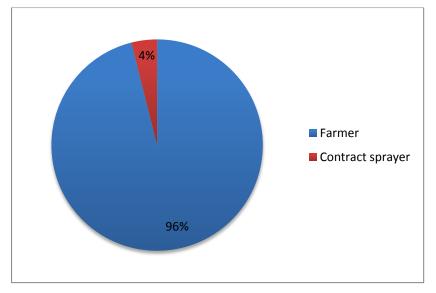
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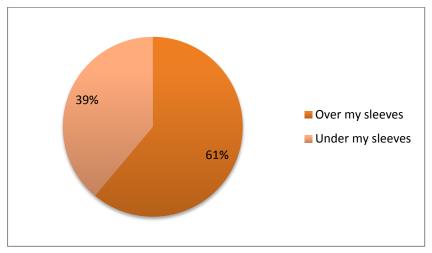




3.27 Person buying the pesticides



• In almost all case (96%) the farmer buys the pesticide and not the contract sprayer.

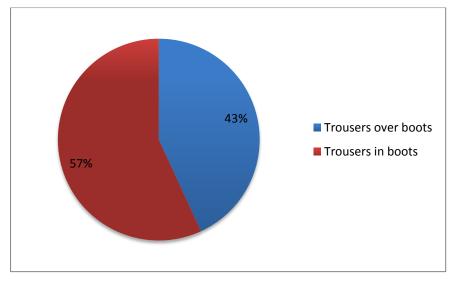


3.28 Way of wearing gloves

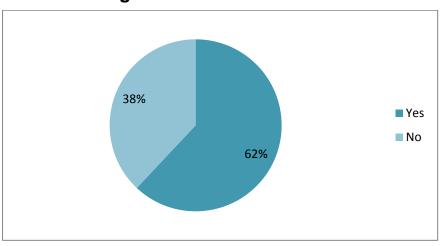
- 61% of the contract sprayers indicated to wear the gloves over the sleeves, while 39% wears them
 under the sleeves.
- The official recommendation on wearing gloves is during application of normal crops (so not tree crops) to wear the gloves <u>over</u> the sleeves.



3.29 Way of wearing boots



- 57% of the applicators wear trousers in their boots, while 43% wears trousers over their boots.
- The official recommendation on wearing boots during application is to wear the trousers <u>over</u> the boots.



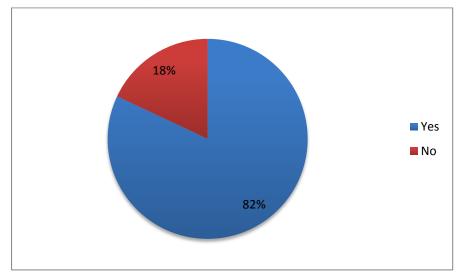
3.30 Reading the label

• 62% of the contract sprayers claim to read the label before application.



3.31 Placing a warning sign after application

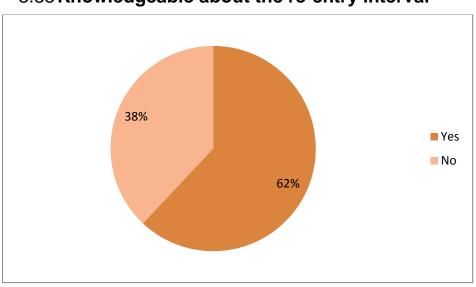
• 3 out of 4 contract sprayers say to place a warning sign at the entrance of the farm after application.



3.32 Knowledgeable about the pre-harvest interval

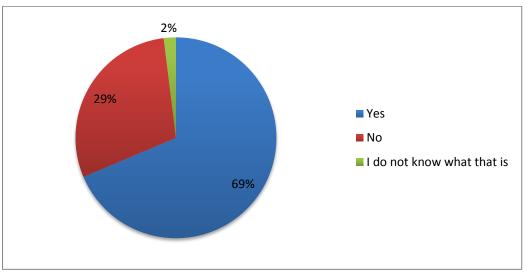
• 82% of the contract sprayers claim to know what the pre-harvest interval is.





3.33 Knowledgeable about the re-entry interval

• 62% of the contract sprayers claim to know what the pre-harvest interval is.

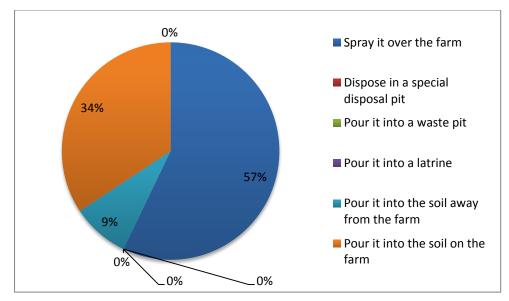


3.34 Triple rinsing the empty container after application

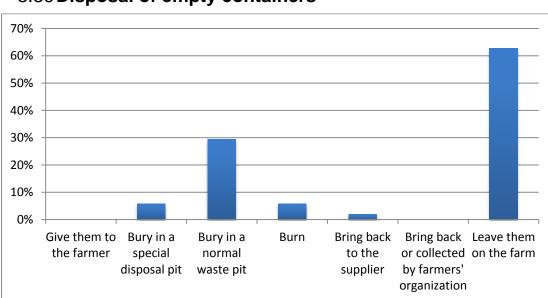
• The majority (69%) of the contract sprayers is triple rinsing the empty container after application.



3.35 Disposal of wastewater after triple rinsing the empty container



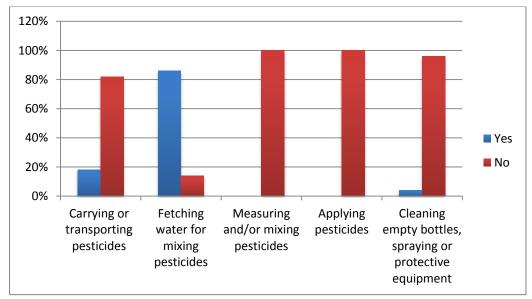
- Of the contract sprayers who triple rinse their empty containers, 57% spray the wastewater over the farm, while 34% pour it into the soil on the farm, and 9% in the soil away from the farm.
- The official recommendation is to spray the wastewater of triple rinsing over the farm.



3.36 **Disposal of empty containers**

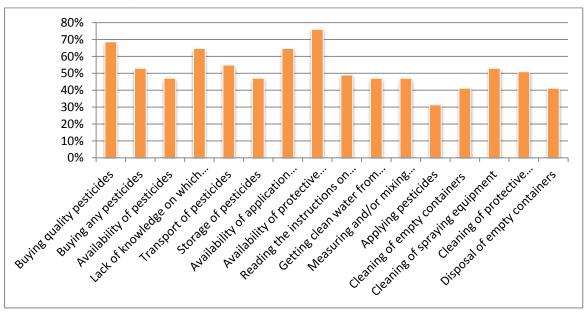
• Most contract sprayers (63%) leaves the empty containers on the farm after application, while 29% buries them in a normal waste pit.





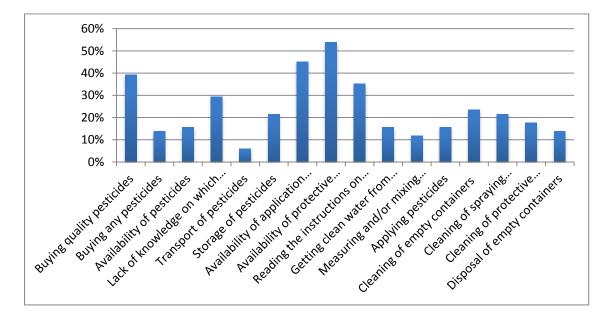
3.37 Involvement of children

• Children are mainly used to fetch water for mixing pesticides (86% of the cases) and in 18% children carry or transport pesticides.



3.38 Challenges (a bit and very much)





3.39 Challenges (very much)

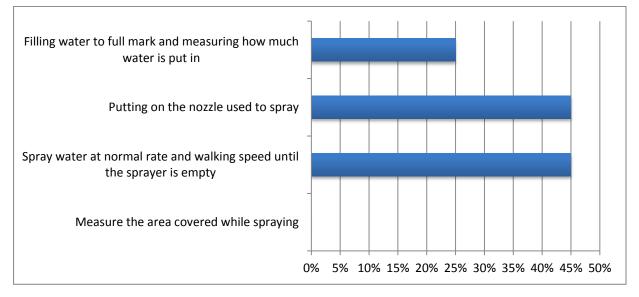
- Contract sprayers were asked for several activities related to pesticide handling and application if they have challenges, varying from very much, a bit to not at all.
- The availability of protective equipment is the biggest challenge: 54% indicates it as a challenge of the highest level (very much). Also the availability of application equipment scores very high (45% very much), just as buying quality pesticides (39%) and reading the label (35% very much).
- Lack of knowledge on which pesticide to buy is a challenge for many contract sprayers but not so severe: 29% indicates it as very much, but 65% mentions it as a challenge. Also the transport of pesticides and cleaning of both protective as application equipment is mentioned by more than half as a challenge.



4 Results Application Test Contract Sprayers

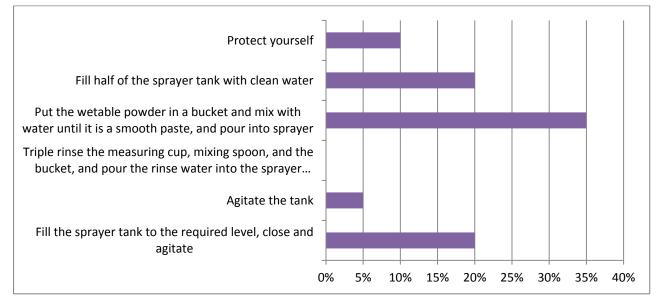
With questionnaires people who are interviewed might not always give an honest answer. Therefore 20 contract sprayers were selected and asked to calibrate, mix pesticide and apply them, while being observed. The graphs below show the results of the practical test.

4.1 Calibration of knapsack sprayer



• Although almost half made an attempt to calibration, none of them calibrated the knapsack sprayer because none of them did the last step (measuring the area that was covered).

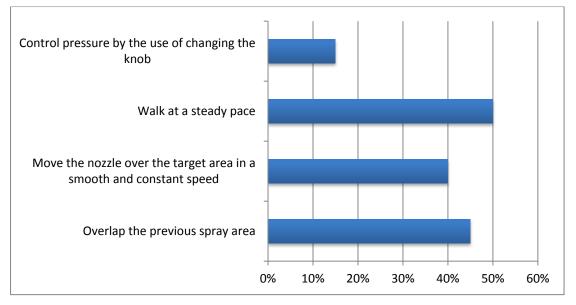
4.2 Mixing pesticides



- None of the contract sprayers succeeded in correctly mixing the pesticides.
- Only 10% protected himself and none of them rinsed the equipment used for mixing.



4.3 **Application**



- Not even half succeeded in applying the pesticides in the correct way.
- Half walked at a steady pace and 45% overlapped the previous spray area.
- Only 15% was able to control the pressure.

4.4 Total score

Total score	Number of contract sprayers	
0%		8
9%		1
14%		2
23%		2
27%		1
32%		2
36%		2
41%		2

- For approval of admission to the Spray Service Providers (SSP) Network CropLife Nigeria as SSP, he needs to score at least 60% in the application test.
- 2 Contract sprayers managed to score 41%, while 8% did not score any point.
- The average score of the group of 20 was 16%.



5 Conclusions and Recommendations

5.1 Conclusions

The following conclusions are drawn.

5.1.1 Contract Sprayers

- Age: Most contract sprayers (80%) are between 25 and 44 years old, which is within the age bracket set by CropLife. The person who indicated to be younger than 18 years, should be contacted by the project to ensure that he will no longer work as contract sprayer.
- Literacy rate: The educational level is also acceptable: 75% has at least completed primary school, so they should be able to read and write. Special attention should be given to those with only a few years of primary school.
- **Experience:** All of them grew up on a farm and are farming at the moment, which indicates they have experience with crop production, which helps to be a SSP. Most of them (76%) work for more than 2 seasons as a contract sprayer, which shows they are experienced. However, still 1 out of 3 has challenges with the actual application of pesticides, and almost half with measuring and mixing.
- **Training:** 35% of them did not follow any training on the application of pesticides, and those that did follow training, for more than half it was longer than 2 seasons ago, and in 94% the program was only 1 day.
- Use of PPE: 1 out of 10 does not use any PPE, and 3 out of 4 mentions that the availability of PPE is a challenge. More than half owns gloves, boots and a nose mask, while most do not have an overall or any other equipment. Only 4% has a full set of PPE. More than half wears their boots wrongly and 2 out of 5 also wears their gloves wrongly. The project should ensure that everyone has an overall and other equipment to make the full set, and create awareness on the importance of wearing it and how to wear it.
- Business:
 - There seems to be enough work, because for most contract sprayers their activities are almost a fulltime job with more than half working for more than 20 days per month.
 - Contract sprayers make a decent income from their application activities with almost half earning between 51,000 and 100,000 Naira, on top of their income from farming activities or other activities.
- **Application:** Herbicides application on cowpea, soyabean and maize is most popular. During the SSP training emphasize should be on herbicide application for these 3 crops.
- **Buying of pesticides:** At the moment farmers buy the pesticides, although almost 70% of the contract sprayers indicate that buying quality pesticides is a problem. To ensure that the correct pesticides are used, it is advised that contract sprayers buy the pesticides. Therefore, the project should as much as possible link contract sprayers to member companies to ensure access to quality pesticides. In addition, the field officers of member companies can advice the contract sprayer which pesticide to buy.
- Label reading: 2 out of 5 does not read the label and half indicates to have challenges with reading the label, while knowledge on warning sign, re-entry and pre-harvest interval can be improved.
- Handling empty containers: 30% does not triple rinse the empty container and of those who do, more than 40% pours the wastewater into the soil. Most worrying is that more than 60% leaves empty containers on the farm and 30% buries them in normal disposal pits. Therefore, the topics on handling empty containers should be given a lot of attention.
- **Involvement of children:** In 86% of the cases children fetch water for pesticide application. It is strictly prohibited to use children for any activity related to pesticides. With fetching water, changes are high that children stay on the farm during application and are thereby exposed to the pesticides.



5.1.2 Practical test

The practical test was extremely bad made: 8 did not even score any point, meaning they did everything wrong. Only 2 succeeded to score higher than 40% which was still not enough to be approved by CropLife Nigeria as SSP.

5.1.3 Farmers

- Farmers use contract sprayers to apply herbicides on maize, cowpea, soyabean and groundnut.
- More than half buys their pesticides on the open market and follow advice from different sources on what type of pesticides to buy. 78% lacks knowledge on what pesticide to buy.
- A lot of farmers (82%) make use of contract sprayers and are extremely satisfied or very satisfied with the work (90%), and would definitely use their services again (93%).
- None of the contract sprayers wears a full set of PPE.
- Although containers are triple rinsed (100%), the wastewater is in more than half of the cases not disposed well. 81% of the contract sprayers leaves the empty containers on the farm.
- In case a contract sprayer applies the pesticides, in 88% children are used to fetch water.
- The knowledge of the contract sprayer on application and pesticides is mentioned as the main reasons for farmers to use their services (76%).

5.2 **Recommendations**

5.2.1 SSP training

Contract sprayers have a lot of working experience and the level of satisfaction among farmers is very high. However, because of the extremely low score of the practical test, it is advised to give every contract sprayer the full SSP course and pay special attention to the practical exercises.

5.2.2 Focus of training

- The main focus of the SSP training should be on herbicides.
- Other focus points are the importance of wearing PPE, handling wastewater after triple rinsing, disposal of empty containers, and involvement of children.

5.2.3 Linkages to member companies

Contract sprayers should be linked directly to (field staff of) member companies of CropLife Nigeria to guarantee access to good qualities.

5.2.4 Awareness creation among farmers where SSPs will be active

- It is common practice to leave empty containers on the farm after application, very likely to show to the farmer that the pesticides were applied. Therefore it is extremely important that awareness is raised among farmers about the correct disposal of empty container. It would be advised to set up collection schemes in the communities with active SSPs.
- Another common practice is that children fetch water for spraying activities. It should be communicated among farmers that children are never allowed to be involved in any activity related to pesticide handling or application, including fetching of water for application.
- Another point of awareness creation is the importance of buying and using good quality pesticides and informing farmers that contract sprayers that are trained as SSP will have access to good quality pesticides.



Annex 1: Farmer Questionnaire

	Qı	lestionnaire for	farmers	
Date%f%numeration:		2 0 1 5 Enu	umerator:	
A. Demographics				Number:
Location/address	LGA	Вауо	Hawul	
		Biu	Kwaya Kusar	
	Community			
-Farmer	1. Name			
	2. Sex Male	Female		
	3 4 60	Young than 19 years	35-44 years	
	- (Young than 18 years 18-24 years	45-54 years	
		25-34 years	55 years and abov	ve
	4. Mobile number			
		3		
B. Farming				
5. Total farm size	Acres	(That is, ALL crops)		
6. Farm size per crop	·····			
a. Cowpea	• Acres	e. Sorghum	• Acres	
b. Soybean	Acres	f. Millet	Acres	
c. Groundnuts	Acres	g. Vegetables	Acres	
d. Maize	• Acres	h. Other crops	• Acres	
C. Pesticide use				
7. Did you use pesticide	es in the past seaso	n? If No for all	l, you can stop with the que	<u>estionnaire</u>
a. Cowpea	Yes No	e. Sorghum	Yes No	
b. Soybean	Yes No	f. Millet	Yes No	
c. Groundnuts	Yes No	g. Vegetables	Yes No	
d. Maize	Yes No	h. Other crops	Yes No	
8. What type of pesticid	es did you use?			
	Herbicides		Europiaista -	A
a. Cowpea b. Soybean	Herbicides	Insecticides	Fungicides Fungicides	Any other type
c. Groundnuts	Herbicides	Insecticides	Fungicides	Any other type
d. Maize	Herbicides	Insecticides	Fungicides	Any other type
e. Sorghum	Herbicides	Insecticides	Fungicides	Any other type
f. Millet	Herbicides	Insecticides	Fungicides	Any other type
g. Vegetables	Herbicides	Insecticides	Fungicides	Any other type
h. Other crops	Herbicides	Insecticides	Fungicides	Any other type
9. From where or who de	o you <u>mainly</u> buy yo	our pesticides? (tick only one	ə option)	
a. Directly from distr	ibutor or via their staf	f e. Gov	vernment agency	
b. Agro dealer shop		janaani	rmers' group	
c. Agro dealer tablet	op/open market to the community		ntract sprayer	
d. Dealers that come		h. Oth		Ll



10. Who advises you <u>most often</u> on what type of pesticides to b11. Who is <u>most often</u> applying the pesticides? (ask the question and then tick only 1 option) (ask the question and then tick only 1 option)

Yes

Yes

Yes No

No No

(ask the question and then tick only 1 option) (ask the question and then tick only 1 option a. Staff of distributor closest to the answer) b. Agro dealer a. Farmer c. Agro dealer tabletop b. One of the children d. Extension staff c. Another household member e. Farmers' organization d. Labourer f. Staff of (donor) project e. Staff from farmers' organization g. Other farmers f. Contact sprayer h. Contract sprayer g. Other i. Other

12. Did the person applying, wear any of the following protective equipment?

	\$,	,		3		
a. (Overall	Yes	No	Do not know	e.	Respirator	Y
b. (Gloves	Yes	No	Do not know	f.	Goggles	Y
c. E	Boots	Yes	No	Do not know	g.	Face shield	Y
d. N	Nose mask	Yes	No	Do not know	h.	Hat	Y

espirator	Yes	No	Do not know
oggles	Yes	No	Do not know
ace shield	Yes	No	Do not know
at	Yes	No	Do not know

No

Yes

13. Were warning signs placed after the application of pesticides?

14. Do you know about the preharvest interval?

- 15. Do you know about the re-entry interval?
- 16. Were the empty containers triple rinsed?

17. If triple rinsed, what was done with the waste water?

- (Ask the question and tick 1 answer that is applicable) a. Sprayed over the farm
- b. Disposed in a special disposal pit
- c. Poured into a normal waste pit
- d. Poured it into a latrine
- e. Poured into the soil away from the farm
- f. Poured into the soil on the farm
- g. Poured into a water source (stream, pond)
- h. Do not know

18. What was mainly done with the empty contain

- (Ask the question and tick 1 answer that is applicable)
- a. Reused for other purposes by the farmer
- b. Buried in a special disposal pitc. Buried in a normal waste pit
- d. Burned

Do not know

- e. Brought back to the supplierf. Brought back or collected by farmers'
- organization g. Left on the farm
- h. Taken away by the contract sprayer
- i. Do not know

19. Did children (younger than 18 years) help in any of the following activities linked to pesticide application?

			•
a. Carrying or transporting pesticides	Yes	No	Do not know
b. Fetching water for mixing pesticides	Yes	No	Do not know
c. Measuring and/or micing pesticides	Yes	No	Do not know
d. Applying pesticides	Yes	No	Do not know
e. Cleaning empty bottles, spraying or protective equipment	Yes	No	Do not know

20. Do you have any of the following challenges with regards to pesticides?

a. Buying quality pesticides	Very much	A bit	Not at all
b. Buying any pesticides	Very much	A bit	Not at all
c. Availability of pesticides during the season	Very much	A bit	Not at all
d. High prices of pesticides	Very much	A bit	Not at all
e. Lack of knowledge on which pesticides to buy	Very much	A bit	Not at all
f. Transport of pesticides	Very much	A bit	Not at all



20. Do you have any of the following challenges with regards to pesticides?

g. Storage of pesticides	Very much	A bit	Not at all
h. Availability of knapsack sprayer (application equipment)	Very much	A bit	Not at all
i. Availability of protective equipment	Very much	A bit	Not at all
j. Reading the instructions on the label	Very much	A bit	Not at all
k. Getting clean water for mixing pesticides	Very much	A bit	Not at all
I. Measuring and/or mixing pesticides	Very much	A bit	Not at all
m. Applying pesticides	Very much	A bit	Not at all
n. Getting someone to apply the pesticides	Very much	A bit	Not at all
o. Cleaning of empty containers	Very much	A bit	Not at all
p. Cleaning of spraying equipment	Very much	A bit	Not at all
q. Cleaning of protective equipment	Very much	A bit	Not at all
r. Disposal of empty containers	Very much	A bit	Not at all

D. APPLICATION BY CONTRACT SPRAYER

21. What is the main reason you decided to use the services of a contract sprayer? (ask the question and tick answe a. He has access to good quality pesticides (more answers are possible)

a. He has access to good quality pesticides	(more answers are possible	<i>!)</i>
b. Better application		×
c. Less pesticides used	 h. He has application equipment	
d. He has knowledge on pesticides	i. He can read the label	
e. He has knowledge on application	j. I do not have time for it	
f. He is physically fit	k. I do not want to do it	
g. He has protective equipment	I. Other reasons	

22. How much do you pay the contract sprayer?

Naira

Not satisfied

per Acre Spray tank Day

23. Do you pay anything in kind to the contract sprayer?

Yes No

Someone else

Definitely not

Other

24. Who pays for the transport of the contract sprayer (tick only 1 option) Farmer Contract sprayer Farmers' organization

25. On what can the contract sprayer improve?	
a. Application equipment (knapsack sprayer)	definitely improve somehow improve no need to improve
b. Wearing of protective equipment	definitely improve somehow improve no need to improve
c. Reading the instructions on the label	definitely improve somehow improve no need to improve
d. Measuring the correct quantity of pesticides	definitely improve somehow improve no need to improve
e. Use of clean water for mixing	definitely improve somehow improve no need to improve
f. Mixing the pesticides	definitely improve somehow improve no need to improve
g. The actual application of pesticides	definitely improve somehow improve no need to improve
h. Disposal of empty containers	definitely improve somehow improve no need to improve
i. Disposal of left-over pesticides	definitely improve somehow improve no need to improve
j. General knowledge on pesticides	definitely improve somehow improve no need to improve
k. Availability during the season	definitely improve somehow improve no need to improve
I. Fees he is charging	definitely improve somehow improve no need to improve
26. Rate your level of satisfaction with the contract sp	prayer 27. Would you use the services of the contract sprayer again
Extremely satisfied	Definitely
Very satisfied	Maybe
Satisfied	Maybe not



Annex 2: Contract Sprayer Questionnaire

		Questic	onnaire fo	r contract	spraye	rs
Date%f%	numeration:		201	5 Enumerat	or:	
A. Demo	graphics					Number:
Location/	address'	LGA	Bayo	<u>.</u>	Hawul	
			Biu		Kwaya Ku	ısar
		Community				
1. Name						
2. Sex	Male Fema	le				
3. Age	Young t	than 18 years	35-44 y	ears		
	18-24 y	ears	45-54 y	ears		
	25-34 y	ears	55 year	s and above		
4. Mobile	number					
5 What is	vour education	nal background?				
	-	nary school (go to qu	loction 7)	Secondary sch		l (go to question 7)
		completed (go to qu		Diploma (go to	-	(go to question 7)
		ondary school (go to	1	University deg		stion 6)
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7. Dia you	I grow up on a f	farm? Yes	No 8. C	o you farm at the	moment?	Yes No
9. If you fa	arm, what crops	s do you farm?				
a. Cow	/pea	Yes No	e. S	Sorghum	Yes No	-
b. Soy	bean	Yes No	f. M	illet	Yes No	
c. Gro	undnuts	Yes No	g. V	/egetables	Yes No	-
d. Mai	ze	Yes No	h. C	Other crops	Yes No	
B. Trainii	ng					
10. When	did you start w	orking as a contrac	ct sprayer?			
	This season		2 seaso	ons ago		
	Last season		Longer	ago		
11. Did yo	u follow any sp	ecific training on t	he application of	pesticides? Y	′es No	
(If no,	go to question 1	5. If yes, continue w	ith question 12)			
12. lf you	followed a trair	ning, who organized	d it? (you can circl	e more than 1 opti	on)	
	A project		NAFDA	C		
	A distributor of	pesticides	Farmer	s' organization/ass	ociation/coope	erative
	An agro dealer		Anothe	rorganization		
	An extension o	fficer/ADP officer	I do not	know		
13. If you	followed a trair	ning, when did you	follow it?			
	This season		2 seaso	ins ago		
	Last season		Longer	ago		
14. lf you	followed a trair	ning, how many day	s was the trainin	g?		
	Half a day		2 days			
	1 day		longer t	han 2 days		



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5. DO	you own a kn	арѕаск	sprayer	ſ				Yes	Р	lo		
6. Do	you own or hi	ire any c	of the fo	llowing pr	otective	equip	ment?					
a.	Overall	Own	Hire	Do not u	use it	e.	Respirator	0\	vn	Hire	Do not	use it
b.	Gloves	Own	Hire	Do not u	use it	f.	Goggles	0\	vn	Hire	Do not	use it
c.	Boots	Own	Hire	Do not u	use it	g.	Face shiel	d Ov	vn	Hire	Do not	use it
d.	Nose mask	Own	Hire	Do not u	use it	h.	Hat	0\	vn	Hire	Do not	use it
7. Do	you own or m	nake use	of any	of the follo	owing tra	anspo	rt modes w	hen goi	ng t	o farme	ers?	
a.	Bicycle	Own	Hire	Do not u	use it	c.	Taxi/vehicl	e Ov	vn	Use it	t Do	not use it
b.	Motorbike	Own	Hire	Do not u	use it	d.	Walking	Ye	s	No		
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8. HOV	w many <u>days</u>	per mon	<u>tn</u> ao ya	ou work as	s contrac	ct spra	ayer?		day	5		
9. Hov	w many <u>montl</u>	hs per ye	<u>ear</u> do y	ou work a	is contra	ct spr	ayer?		mor	nths		
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1.How	v much do you	u ask for	your a	pplication	activitie	s?						
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				1.77								
2. Do	you receive a	nything	in kind'	2 Y	es No							
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30. Who advises you on what typ	e of pesti	cides to	o buy?	(ask the qu	estion and the	en tick only 1	option)	
a. Staff of distributor				e. Farmer	s' organizatio	n		
b. Agro dealer				f. Staff of	(donor) proje	ct	1	
c. Table-top dealer				g. Other f	armers			
d. Extension staff				h. Other				
31. How do you wear your gloves	? Over n	ny sleev	/es	Under my sle	eves I do	not wear glov	/es	
32. How do you wear your boots	? Over n	ny trous	ers	Jnder my tro	users I do	not wear boo	ots	
33. Do you read the label on the	-			Yes No			·····	
34. Do you or the farmer place an	ny warning	g signs	after t		on of pestici	des? Yes	No	
35. Do you know what the preha	rvest inter	val is?	Yes	No	36. And the	re-entry inte	rval? Ye	es No
37. Do you triple rinse empty cor	ntainer?		Ľ	res No	l do not knov	v what that is		
(If no or I don't know, to to ques	stion 39. If	yes, coi	ntinue	with questior	n 38)			
38. In case you triple rinse conta (Ask the question and tick the option		-				e water?		
a. Spray it over the farm			Π	e. Pou	ur it into the se	oil away from	the farm	
b. Dispose it in a special dispo	osal pit			f. Pou	ur it into the se	oil on the farm	า	
c. Pour it into a waste pit				g. Pou	ur it into a wat	er source (str	eam, pond)	
d. Pour it into a latrine				h. Oth	er			
39. What do you do with the emp (Ask the question and tick the opti	-		nted M	ore options are	nossible)			
a. Give them to the farmer				ing back to t				m
b. Bury in a special disposal p	it			-	collected by fa	rmers' organi	zation	
c. Bury in a normal waste pit				ave them on	-	annere ergann	2011011	
d. Burn			h. Of					
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40. Do children (younger than 18	years) he	lp in ar	ny of tl	ne following	activities lin	ked to pestio	cide applica	ation?
a. Carrying or transporting pest	icides	Yes	No	d. Appl	ying pesticide	s	Yes	No
b. Fetching water for mixing pe	sticides	Yes	No	e. Clea	ning empty be	ottles,	Yes	No
c. Measuring and/or mixing pes	sticides	Yes	No	sp	raying or prote	ective equipm	ient	
41. Do you have any of the follow	ving challe	enges v	vith re	gards to pe	sticides?			
a. Buying quality pesticides			Ň	/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
b. Buying any pesticides			· ·	/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
c. Availability of pesticides durir	ng the seas	son	Ň	/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
d. Lack of knowledge on which	pesticides	to buy	`	/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
e. Transport of pesticides			`	/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
f. Storage of pesticides			`	/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
g. Availability of application equ	ipment		, T	/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
h. Availability of protective equi			,	/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
i. Reading the instructions on the			1	/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
j. Getting clean water for mixing		5	Ň	/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
k. Measuring and/or mixing pes		-		/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
I. Applying pesticides			÷~~	/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	
m. Cleaning of empty container	s		\$~~~ \	/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
n. Cleaning of spraying equipm			Υ.	/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
o. Cleaning of protective equipr				/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
p. Disposal of empty containers				/ery much	A bit	Not at all	Not appli	cable
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Annex 3: Scoring Sheet Practical Test Contract Sprayer

Practical Test for Application Scoring Sheet



NAME:

Activity	Maximum number of points	Number of points
Question 1: Calibration of knapsack sprayer		
1.1 Filling water to full mark and measuring how much water is put in	1	
1.2 Putting on the nozzle used to spray	1	
1.3 Spray water at normal pumping rate and walking speed until the sprayer is empty	2	
1.4 Measure the area covered while spraying	1	
Question 2: Mixing wettable powders		
2.1 Protect yourself	2	
2.2 Fill half of the sprayer tank with clean water	1	
2.3 Put the wettable powder in a bucket and mix with water until it is a smooth paste, and pour into sprayer	2	
2.4 Triple rinse the measuring cup, mixing spoon, and the bucket, and pour the rinse water into the sprayer tank	2	
2.5 Agitate the tank	1	
2.6 Fill the sprayer tank to the required level, close and agitate	1	
Question 3: Spraying		
3.1 Walk at a steady pace	2	
3.2 Pump at a steady pace	2	
3.3 Move the nozzle over the target area in a smooth and constant speed	2	
3.4 Overlap the previous spray area	2	
TOTAL	22	

TOTAL SCORE:

____/ 22 = ____ %



List of project reports

- 1. N2Africa Steering Committee Terms of Reference
- 2. Policy on advanced training grants
- 3. Rhizobia Strain Isolation and Characterisation Protocol
- 4. Detailed country-by-country access plan for P and other agro-minerals
- 5. Workshop Report: Training of Master Trainers on Legume and Inoculant Technologies (Kisumu Hotel, Kisumu, Kenya-24-28 May 2010)
- 6. Plans for interaction with the Tropical Legumes II project (TLII) and for seed increase on a countryby-country basis
- 7. Implementation Plan for collaboration between N2Africa and the Soil Health and Market Access Programs of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) plan
- 8. General approaches and country specific dissemination plans
- 9. Selected soyabeans, common beans, cowpeas and groundnuts varieties with proven high BNF potential and sufficient seed availability in target impact zones of N2Africa Project
- 10. Project launch and workshop report
- 11. Advancing technical skills in rhizobiology: training report
- 12. Characterisation of the impact zones and mandate areas in the N2Africa project
- 13. Production and use of rhizobial inoculants in Africa
- 18. Adaptive research in N2Africa impact zones: Principles, guidelines and implemented research campaigns
- 19. Quality assurance (QA) protocols based on African capacities and international existing standards developed
- 20. Collection and maintenance of elite rhizobial strains
- 21. MSc and PhD status report
- 22. Production of seed for local distribution by farming communities engaged in the project
- 23. A report documenting the involvement of women in at least 50% of all farmer-related activities
- 24. Participatory development of indicators for monitoring and evaluating progress with project activities and their impact
- 25. Suitable multi-purpose forage and tree legumes for intensive smallholder meat and dairy industries in East and Central Africa N2Africa mandate areas
- 26. A revised manual for rhizobium methods and standard protocols available on the project website
- 27. Update on Inoculant production by cooperating laboratories
- 28. Legume Seed Acquired for Dissemination in the Project Impact Zones
- 29. Advanced technical skills in rhizobiology: East and Central African, West African and South African Hub
- 30. Memoranda of Understanding are formalized with key partners along the legume value chains in the impact zones
- 31. Existing rhizobiology laboratories upgraded
- 32. N2Africa Baseline report
- 33. N2Africa Annual country reports 2011
- 34. Facilitating large-scale dissemination of Biological Nitrogen Fixation



- 35. Dissemination tools produced
- 36. Linking legume farmers to markets
- 37. The role of AGRA and other partners in the project defined and co-funding/financing options for scale-up of inoculum (banks, AGRA, industry) identified
- 38. Progress Towards Achieving the Vision of Success of N2Africa
- 39. Quantifying the impact of the N2Africa project on Biological Nitrogen Fixation
- 40. Training agro-dealers in accessing, managing and distributing information on inoculant use
- 41. Opportunities for N2Africa in Ethiopia
- 42. N2Africa Project Progress Report Month 30
- 43. Review & Planning meeting Zimbabwe
- 44. Howard G. Buffett Foundation N2Africa June 2012 Interim Report
- 45. Number of Extension Events Organized per Season per Country
- 46. N2Africa narrative reports Month 30
- 47. Background information on agronomy, farming systems and ongoing projects on grain legumes in Uganda
- 48. Opportunities for N2Africa in Tanzania
- 49. Background information on agronomy, farming systems and ongoing projects on grain legumes in Ethiopia
- 50. Special Events on the Role of Legumes in Household Nutrition and Value-Added Processing
- 51. Value chain analyses of grain legumes in N2Africa: Kenya, Rwanda, eastern DRC, Ghana, Nigeria, Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe
- 52. Background information on agronomy, farming systems and ongoing projects on grain legumes in Tanzania
- 53. Nutritional benefits of legume consumption at household level in rural sub-Saharan Africa: Literature study
- 54. N2Africa Project Progress Report Month 42
- 55. Market Analysis of Inoculant Production and Use
- 56. Identified soyabean, common bean, cowpea and groundnut varieties with high Biological Nitrogen Fixation potential identified in N2Africa impact zones
- 57. A N2Africa universal logo representing inoculant quality assurance
- 58. M&E Workstream report
- 59. Improving legume inoculants and developing strategic alliances for their advancement
- 60. Rhizobium collection, testing and the identification of candidate elite strains
- 61. Evaluation of the progress made towards achieving the Vision of Success in N2Africa
- 62. Policy recommendation related to inoculant regulation and cross border trade
- 63. Satellite sites and activities in the impact zones of the N2Africa project
- 64. Linking communities to legume processing initiatives
- 65. Special events on the role of legumes in household nutrition and value-added processing
- 66. Media Events in the N2Africa project
- 67. Launch N2Africa Phase II Report Uganda



- 68. Review of conditioning factors and constraints to legume adoption and their management in Phase II of N2Africa
- 69. Report on the milestones in the Supplementary N2Africa grant
- 70. N2Africa Phase II Launch in Tanzania
- 71. N2Africa Phase II 6 months report
- 72. Involvement of women in at least 50% of all farmer related activities
- 73. N2Africa Final Report of the First Phase: 2009-2013
- 74. Managing factors that affect the adoption of grain legumes in Uganda in the N2Africa project
- 75. Managing factors that affect the adoption of grain legumes in Ethiopia in the N2Africa project
- 76. Managing factors that affect the adoption of grain legumes in Tanzania in the N2Africa project
- 77. N2Africa Action Areas in Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda in 2014
- 78. N2Africa Annual report Phase II Year 1
- 79. N2Africa: Taking Stock and Moving Forward. Workshop report
- 80. N2Africa Kenya Country Report 2015
- 81. N2Africa Annual Report 2015
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