from the field, training materials developed; FTPP publications; and use of radio media. These have contributed to increased awareness of FTPP activities in Uganda.

- To ensure long term institutionalization and in volving all collaborators an Advisory Panel was established. The Panel consists of key institutions representing government, institution of higher learning and NGOS namely: Makerere University Forestry Department, Forestry Research Institute, Government Forest Department, Natural Resource Management Forum and Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance. It over sees the running of FTP programme in Uganda.

- Curriculum Development Workshops on Community Forestry for Eastern Africa.
- Examining of the applicability of Joint Forest Management (JFM)

- Farmers-Initiated Research in Iganga District

- Participated in annual regional and global facilitators meetings.

FTPP Partner Institutions

Institutions collaborating with FTPP share an interest and have mandate in community forestry development. They are active in training, education and/or information production and dissemination. FTPP Uganda has worked and collaborated with:

- NGOS
- Interested Individuals
- Network Centers
- Research and Training Institutions
- Community Based Groups
- Government Institutions
- High Institutions of Learning
- Media Organizations
- Donor Agencies

Publications and Videos

FTPP Uganda has a number of publications on Newsletters, SUAS/IRDC Working Papers and Rural Development Studies, Community Forestry Notes, Community Forestry Field Manuals, Community Forestry Case Studies, Working papers, FAO Miscallenous Publications. The Vidoes available as training materials are: Handing Over the Stick, What is a Tree, Gender Analysis for Forestry Development and Planning, and Forestry and Food Security.

Details on how to buy or borrow for training purposes, please contact the National Facilitator or National Networker.

How To Become a Member

To become a member and benefit from the FTPP study materials, regional and global Community Forest publications as well as share your experiences with others write to:

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Introduction

Forests Trees and People Program(FTPP) is a network of active people and organizations around the world with distinct region programs in Eastern Africa, Latin America, Asia, Central/South Africa, and Europe/North America.

The multilateral programs are coordinated at the global level by Food and Agriculture Organization(FAO) with various donors supporting specific regions.

The Eastern Africa regional program which includes Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia is supported by Swedish International Development Agency(SIDA) and co-facilitated by Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences(SUAS).

History of FTPP in Uganda

FTPP activities in Uganda started in 1992 with an ad-hoc National Committee comprising of Makerere University Forestry Department, Government Forestry Department, NGOs in close collaboration with SUAS and FAO.

Presently FTPP in Uganda is viewed as network of more than 150 registered members and institutions interested in and engaged in the management of natural resources, forests and trees in particular. They collaborate and carry out studies which help to give all partners understanding on how natural resources especially forests and trees in particular can be better managed at the local level.

The implementation team comprises of a core group constituting of National Facilitator, National Network, and an Advisory Panel.

Current Reality in Uganda

In Uganda, 90% of the population live in rural areas and depend largely on agriculture, forests and trees for every thing ranging from food, fuelwood, medicine to building materials. Local communities however, have little or no participation in the management of forests and tree resources. To a large extent this was due to the current policy, legislation and resource management systems which have been heavily centralized.

Development strategies for sustained growing and management of resources must therefore enlist the involvement of local people and incorporation of their knowledge and concerns.

The recent developments in Uganda, however, have spurred an increasing optimism in terms of meeting local communities' needs with regard to the use and management of tree and forest resources. Listed below are some of the opportunities in the country for FTPP involvement:

- the government administration system which is based on participation of local communities through local councils.
- the 1995 Constitution stipulates that land in Uganda belongs to the citizens of the country who can use it in accordance with the approved land tenure systems (i.e customary, freehold, mailo and leasehold).
- increased decentralization of central administra tion taking place.
- the 1995 Constitution which focusses on popu lar participation.
- the on-going curricula review process which also allows for incorporation of community forestry and participatory methods into the syllabus at the country's major forestry training institutions.

The objective of FTPP in Uganda

The primary objective of FTPP is to improve the livehood of rural poor men and women and contribute to their sustenance through self -help management and proper utilization of trees and forest resources.

National Focus Activities

- To increase knowledge on sustainable forest and tree resource utilisation.
- To develop strategies that enable local people participate in the use and management of forests and trees.
- To carry out participatory case studies in joint forest management, indigenous knowledge, and conflict management and resolution.
- To facilitate capacity building of selected institutions to implement the above.
- To disseminate information , exchange views and experiences generated by the program.

Collaborative Activities since 1992:

Case studies on:

- Non-Forest Timber Forest Products in Kibale Forest, Kabarole District.
- Management of Traditional Forest Reserves in Mpigi District.
- Constraints to and opportunities for tree planting and management of common property resources in Lira District.
- Marketing Information Systems on Non-timber Forest Products in Mukono district.
- Conflict Management in Mt. Elgon Forest National Park, Mbale District.

- Training representatives of key institutions comprised of relevant government departments, universities, colleges and NGOS in the use of Participatory Rural Appraisal methodology and tools.

- Linkages between these programs include organizing networkshops, sharing of findings