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MAREP, Agricultural Training for Ministry of Agriculture Extension Officers

The Market Access and Rural Enterprise Development Programme (MAREP) has embarked on an initiative to train the various district Extension Officers attached to the Ministry of Agriculture.

The purpose of the training is to refresh the knowledge and skills of the staff to ensure that they are equipped to improve sustainable agriculture through technical support offerings to MAREP beneficiaries – site visits and assessments for successful development of projects. The beneficiaries include individual farmers and producer groups engaged in the following activities: Crop Farming, Fishing, Livestock – pig and small ruminants, Poultry, Bee Keeping and Irrigation.

The first series of training sessions occurred during the month of August. Soil Fertility Management was covered on the 18th and 19th of August; approximately 15 to 20 officers were trained on each day. Soil Fertility Management included topics such as (i) Soil and its components, (ii) Plant-Water-Soil Relationship, and (iii) Principles of Nutrient and Soil Fertility.

Record Keeping training occurred on the 25th and 26th of August with approximately 23 persons attending the first day and 12 persons participating on the second day. The topics reviewed were: (i) Importance of Record Keeping (ii) Types of Records, (iii) Crop and Animal Records, (iv) Inventory, and (v) Financial Records Analysis (Cash Flow, Income Statement and Balance Sheet).

Irrigation-Water Quality Management training will be held on the 9th and 16th of September; it is expected that 20-25 persons will be trained on each of the days.

For more information about the Agricultural Trainings and planned 2015 community initiatives by MAREP, please contact:

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