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Foreword

I am pleased to present this report highlighting our recent activities and achievements. At Agape Innovations, we remain dedicated to empowering farmers and promoting sustainable agricultural practices through a range of solutions, including Tech Systems & Apps, Agro-Inputs, Agape Digital Media, Organic Fertilizers, and Black Soldier Fly (BSF) farming.

This report for the month of September provides an overview of our ongoing efforts to drive innovation and support farmers with tools that make their farming more efficient, sustainable, and profitable. As we continue to grow, we are committed to ensuring that every farmer has access to the resources and knowledge needed to thrive in today's agricultural landscape.

I welcome you as you read through this report and thank you for choosing to connect with Agape Innovations.

If you would like to get in touch, feel free to contact using the contact information shared on the previous page, we would be so glad to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Mr. Kamugisha Davis

General Manager, Agape Innovations.



AFRICA FOOD SYSTEMS FORUM

In the early weeks of September, 2024, Agape Innovations, supported by funding from the Roddenberry Foundation, took part in the Africa Food Systems Forum (AFS Forum) held in Kigali, Rwanda.

The forum, themed "Innovate, Accelerate, and Scale: Delivering Food Systems Transformation in a Digital and Climate Era," is recognized as the largest gathering on food security and agriculture in Africa.

We used the opportunity to connect with other +1 Food Security awardees and learn from a wide range of discussions on topics such as climate-smart agriculture, soil health, and the role of technology in enhancing agricultural productivity.

Agape Innovations plans to leverage the insights gained from the forum to advance its work in promoting regenerative agriculture and improving food security.

Our participation in this forum helped us to strengthen collaborations with like-minded organizations and expand our knowledge in areas such as soil health and climate resilience. This experience is set to inspire our future actions towards enhancing food security and contributing to sustainable agriculture in Uganda and beyond



NEYCHAR KENDA PEER EXCHANGE VISIT

Under the Neychar Accelerator and Fund initiative, led by Biovision and Shona, Agape Innovations had the privilege of participating in a peer exchange visit to Nairobi, Kenya.

This visit provided valuable insights into the operations of Goshen Farm Exporters, located in Machakos and led by founder Alex Mutua. Goshen Farm Exporters specializes in connecting smallholder farmers, especially women, to sustainable market opportunities while adding value to tropical fruits, and reducing food waste, using black soldier fly technology.

During our visit, we explored how Goshen Farm Exporters promotes farmer empowerment by providing market access and fostering women's involvement in agriculture. Their focus on reducing food loss aligns with sustainable agricultural practices that we at Agape Innovations hope to replicate in our own projects.

The peer exchange offered us practical insights into scaling our activities and ensuring sustainable practices that support both food security and women's emancipation.

Looking ahead, Agape Innovations plans to apply the knowledge gained from this exchange to improve our own value addition efforts, bolster farmer engagement, and enhance our market connections. We believe this experience will contribute significantly to our future growth and impact



Resilient Livestock Value chain (RELIV) workshop with IFAD

On 17 September 2024, Agape Innovations participated in the Resilient Livestock Value Chain (ReLIV) Workshop held at Protea Hotel, Kololo, Kampala. The event was organized by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in collaboration with the Government of Uganda. It focused on formulating project activities aimed at mitigating greenhouse gas emissions (GHGe) and enhancing waste recycling in Uganda's dairy and beef sectors.

Agape Innovations, invited as a key stakeholder, actively contributed to discussions surrounding sustainable practices in livestock management, sharing insights from our ongoing work in waste management through black soldier fly-based organic fertilizer production. Our participation emphasized the importance of integrating innovative waste recycling solutions into the livestock value chain, aligning with the goals of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)-funded Global Food Systems Integrated Program, which spans 32 countries.

Agape Innovations looks forward to future engagements as the project progresses and further contributes to the development of a sustainable livestock value chain in Uganda.



Agape Innovations joins the Insect Farming Network of Uganda

Agape Innovations Limited is proud to announce its membership in the Insect Farming Network, a coalition of insect farmers across Uganda. The network is dedicated to advancing insect farming as a sustainable solution to some of the country's pressing challenges, including urban waste management, food security, and climate change.

As part of this initiative, Agape Innovations is excited to contribute its expertise in organic waste recycling, specifically through black soldier fly (BSF) farming. By transforming urban waste into valuable organic fertilizer and alternative protein sources for animal feed, insect farming offers a sustainable approach to addressing food waste, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting eco-friendly agricultural practices.

In the coming months, Agape Innovations hopes to play a leading role in promoting insect farming, driving innovation, and fostering meaningful collaborations that will contribute to Uganda's waste management strategies and sustainable development goals. The company is committed to using insect farming as a transformative tool for addressing key environmental and economic challenges.

Agape Innovations is optimistic that its involvement in the Insect Farming Network will create lasting positive change for both urban communities and the agriculture sector in Uganda, contributing to a more sustainable and climate-resilient future.



AGAPE INNOVATIONS AND EVERGROW ORGANICS

In collaboration with Shona, Agape Innovations Limited has been engaged to provide business mentorship to EverGrow Organics, a promising social enterprise based in Mpigi district, Uganda. Led by Solomon Ssekamanya, EverGrow Organics focuses on producing mineral-based organic fertilizers, specifically EM Super, to enhance soil fertility by promoting beneficial microorganisms and reducing the dependency on synthetic chemicals in agriculture.

In September, Agape Innovations visited EverGrow Organics' offices in Mpigi, where the team began the process of identifying key gaps in the business model. One major area of focus was enhancing market connectivity, which led to the introduction of EverGrow Organics to Agro and More, a company specializing in farmer training and agro-input distribution. This partnership has the potential to expand EverGrow's customer base and create further opportunities for growth and development in the organic agriculture sector.

Agape Innovations is committed to ensuring that Solomon and his team at EverGrow Organics receive the necessary guidance and support to meet their business objectives. Through ongoing mentorship, Agape will continue to provide valuable input to foster the enterprise's growth and impact in the region.

This mentorship aligns with EverGrow's mission to promote sustainable agricultural practices and increase soil fertility for better crop yields, which ultimately contributes to improving food security and environmental protection in Uganda.



NEW INNOVATIONS

Agape Innovations Limited is proud to announce the launch of its latest innovation: pheromone traps designed to help farmers combat melon flies and fruit flies. These pests are notorious for causing significant damage to fruits, leading to economic losses for farmers. Our pheromone traps offer a sustainable, environmentally friendly solution to this problem, fulfilling our mission of providing farmers with innovative, easy-to-use, and affordable products.

Pheromone traps work by attracting male flies using synthetic pheromones, disrupting their mating cycle and thus reducing the fly population over time. This method is chemical-free, which makes it safer for both farmers and the environment, while also maintaining the health of crops. The traps are highly effective in managing fly infestations, making them a vital tool for farmers growing melons, mangoes, and other susceptible crops.

These traps are available at all Agape Innovations outlets and through our network of partners across Uganda. By providing this solution, we are helping farmers to reduce their dependence on harmful pesticides and to adopt more sustainable farming practices.

As we continue to innovate in response to farmers' needs, Agape Innovations remains dedicated to improving agricultural productivity while promoting environmental sustainability in Uganda.



WHAT IS COMING?

Agape Innovations Limited is looking forward to a fruitful October full of new activities, innovations and international partnership. We are in the final phase of designing a BSF garden suitable for urban dwellers and we believe it will revolutionize the waste management landscape in Uganda.

We are also looking forward to continue our on going programs like the online talk about food security, Ever grow-Agape partnerships among others.

Special thanks go to Shona group for the support rendered to us in this month of September, Roddenberry foundation and the +1 food security community for connecting us to the world and equipping us with collaboration skills.

Lastly, we are proud of our partners, loyal customers and the amazing team at Agape Innovations Limited. We promise to keep innovating.

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CEO- AGAPE INNOVATIONS LIMITED