

Access Agriculture Panorama No. 34 - May 2023



New videos from Access Agriculture :

1. [Community seed banks](#)

Available languages : [Bangla](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Hindi](#) | [Kannada](#) | [Marathi](#) | [Oriya](#)

2. [Controlling wilt disease in pigeon pea](#)

Available language : [English](#) | [French](#)

3. [Setting up an integrated farm](#)

Available languages : [Bangla](#) | [English](#) | [French](#)

4. [Collecting traditional varieties](#)

Available languages : [Bangla](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Hindi](#) | [Kannada](#) | [Marathi](#) | [Oriya](#)

5. [A participatory guarantee system](#)

Available languages : [Aymara](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Quechua](#) | [Spanish](#)

6. [Managing the potato tuber moth](#)

Available languages : [Aymara](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Quechua](#) | [Spanish](#)

7. [Making enriched biofertilizer](#)

Available languages : [Aymara](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Quechua](#) | [Spanish](#)

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Welcome to our monthly news update with 'Access Agriculture Panorama'

This monthly e-newsletter gives a bird's eye view of all the exciting updates from Access Agriculture, a world-leading organisation for quality agricultural training videos in international and local languages, working across the Global South.

The links to different language versions are given below each section.

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EcoAgtube



Agroecology Coalition kicks off its project site on EcoAgtube

The [Agroecology Coalition](#) (or AE Coalition for short) has launched its project site on [EcoAgtube](#) with its video "Agroecology Coalition- Who we are."

The AE Coalition was created in 2021 at the margins of the UN Food Systems Summit to accelerate the transformation of food systems through agroecology. It has over 100 members, including countries and organisations, that are committed to making agroecological transitions a widespread reality.

Find out more about the mission of the AE Coalition by watching this video! More videos from the AE Coalition members are on the way.

If you are involved in ecological agriculture and sustainable rural and urban development, please do register on EcoAgtube and upload and share your own video clips in any language to inspire and empower interested people across the world. No other platform than EcoAgtube is better positioned to connect you with the agroecology community.

You can always get in touch with us at: support@ecoagtube.org



Your support needed to empower the changemakers

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of our donors, as two of the six young women entrepreneurs whom our campaign targets, have successfully embarked on their journey to bring knowledge to other women of their farming communities.

Please be one of the wonderful people to [make a donation](#) at GlobalGiving and share this opportunity with your friends.

[Help us raise funds for our current campaign!](#)

New videos added in April

38 new videos - [01 Bangla](#), [10 Chitonga/Tonga](#), [02 English](#), [02 French](#), [01 Hindi](#), [10 Kiswahili](#), [01 Quechua](#), [01 Spanish](#), and [10 Wolof](#) - have been posted on our platform www.accessagriculture.org. They are freely downloadable as video (mp4), audio (mp3), mobile (video format 3gp) along with a one-page fact sheet with contact details for more information.

Most viewed video in April



Producing healthy plantain and banana suckers

Instead of planting suckers directly, you can grow many new healthy plants from each bulb. Learn how to disinfect the bulbs using a natural solution and place them in moist sawdust in a germination box. From one bulb you can get at least 50 healthy suckers that are ready for planting in less than 2 months.

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FROM OUR CHANGEMAKERS



[ERAs@work!](#)

[ERAs@Work](#) across Africa

Benin

- In response to a request from the manager of Capital Farm located in Sirarou, N'dali (470 km from Cotonou), **Clémence Assongba** (ERA associated with Access Agriculture-GIZ **KCOA** project), who is working with the A4D Consulting company facilitated the screening of two videos - [Human urine as fertilizer](#) and [Neem seed kernel extract](#) – for participants from the farm. The video screenings were followed by enriching discussions, where the participants appreciated the videos, and decided to implement the practices they learnt from the videos. A4D promotes organic farming and agroecology in Benin. ([See photos in A4D Consulting Facebook](#))

Egypt

- **Knowledge Exchange Write Workshop:** As part of the GIZ-funded project on 'Innovation for smallholder resilience' (**iNashr**) that Access Agriculture is implementing in Egypt, in partnership with the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and the Agricultural Research Center (ARC) of the Ministry of Agriculture, a Knowledge Exchange Write Workshop was conducted in March. The ERAs associated with this project participated in the workshop to share and document their knowledge and experiences in strengthening farmers' capacity by screening farmer-to-farmer training videos. These will eventually form a portfolio of the project's success stories. ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))
- **Donor visit:** A delegation from GIZ accompanied by members of the implementing organisations of the iNashr project, visited project sites to see the activities of ERAs associated with this project and meet with the beneficiaries. The aim of the 'Innovative Small-holder Agriculture Resilience' (iNASHR) project is to help address Egypt's water scarcity and soil quality and to improve food security for smallholder family farmers. The efforts made by ERAs to introduce improved practices through videos, using the smart projectors, were appreciated by the delegation. ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))

Malawi

- **Osman Majid**, one of Access Agriculture's first group of ERAs, who is a young video dealer, locally known as a DeeJay (DJ), facilitated three video sessions in March and April in Thyoka and Chiponde (Nalikule) and Chitedze, Malawi, for 235 participants, including 123 young women. The videos shown were [Organic biofertilizer in liquid and solid form](#), [Killing fall armyworms naturally](#), [Drip irrigation for tomato](#), [Cassava harvest made easier](#), [Harvesting and storing soya bean seed](#), [Using sawdust to store potatoes](#), [Making cassava snacks](#), [Preparing cashew apple juice](#) and [Making yoghurt at home](#). (See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook) ([5](#)) Facebook; ([5](#)) Facebook
- **Precious Hassan**, a team member of **Chrissy Awali** (ERA associated with Access Agriculture-GIZ **KCOA** project), helped victims of Cyclone Freddy in Mangochi, in the southern part of Malawi, by screening videos on simple food processing, such as [Making groundnut oil and snacks](#) and [Making fresh cheese](#) for 211 refugees, including 142 young women, in St Augustine 2 Cyclone Camp, Mangochi. More than 1,000 people were killed in the onslaught of Cyclone Freddy in Malawi, particularly in the southern region, where incessant rains caused severe flash floods, destroying buildings, displacing households and washing away crops.

Mali

- **Mamadou Diarra**, ERA associated with Access Agriculture-GIZ **KCOA** project, who is passionate about farming and livestock, and is the co-founder of Expert Élevage Consulting in Mali, conducted a training course for 12 farmers on cattle feeding. As part of this course, he showed the videos on [Hydroponic fodder](#) and [Silage from maize](#) at the Centre Guy Bert School, in Bamako, Mali. ([See photos in Access Agriculture Flickr](#))

Uganda

- Members of four Access Agriculture ERA teams, associated with Access Agriculture-GIZ **KCOA** project (**Canary Ahabwe** and **Azaria Kasiime**; **Rebecca Akullu**; **Martha Kyokuhair**; and **Teddy Nabwire**, **Abdallah Sseryazi** and **Moses Birungi**) gathered together on 20 April for the Uganda National ERA Meeting to build links for market opportunities and share experiences. Representatives from Self Help Africa, Kulika Uganda, Mercy Corps and Farm Radio International, among others, also attended. ERAs associated with FAO in Uganda participated virtually in the meeting. The meeting recommended that ERAs should map potential clients and assess their needs, create markets for their services by supporting farmers in income-generating activities and engage with Farm Radio International for greater reach. ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))
- **Canary Ahabwe**, ERA associated with Access Agriculture-GIZ **KCOA** project, Founder & Managing Director of Agromush-Uganda, which focuses on mushroom production and packaging, facilitated a training session with videos -- [Managing vegetable nematodes](#) and [Growing oyster mushrooms](#) – for 15 participants, including six women, at Buziga Islamic Theological Institute, Kampala, Uganda. ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))
- **Rebecca Akullu**, ERA associated with Access Agriculture-GIZ **KCOA** project, Co-Director of the Adyaka Rural Youth Development Initiative (ARYODI), which runs the Aryodi Bee Farm in Lira City, Uganda, conducted a training session on simple agroecological practices for 32 beneficiaries, including 12 women, in Alito Camp, Lira district, Uganda. The videos included [The onion nursery](#), [Insect nets in seedbeds](#), [Managing tomato leaf curl virus](#), [Managing tomato late blight](#), and [Using sack mounds to grow vegetables](#). ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))
- **Martha Kyokuhair**, ERA associated with Access Agriculture-GIZ **KCOA** project, Founder and CEO of VFL Gardens in Mukono, Uganda, conducted a video show on [Management of Newcastle disease](#) for 17 farmers, including 14 women, in Mparangasi village, Hoima district, Uganda ([See photos in Access Agriculture Flickr](#))

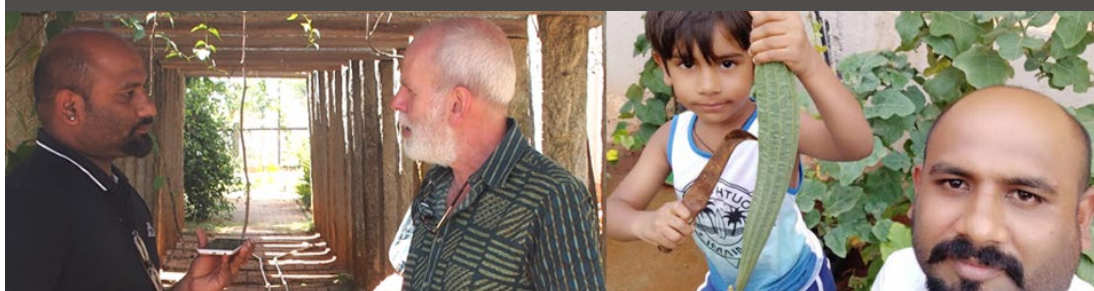
Zambia

- **Luckson Banda**, ERA associated with Access Agriculture-GIZ **KCOA** project, who runs a poultry and goat farming business, organised two video shows for 71 participants, mostly young women and schoolchildren, in Lilanda, Lusaka. In addition to videos on [poultry farming](#), he showed the video on [Making yoghurt](#) at home, which was well appreciated. ([See photos in Access Agriculture Flickr](#))
- **Sussana Phiri**, ERA associated with Access Agriculture-GIZ **KCOA** project, who is interested in food and nutrition security of young mothers, facilitated two training sessions for 122 young women, at Mt. Makulu Clinic in Lusaka, Zambia. The

videos shown in Chewa language included [Making banana flour](#), [Making cassava snacks](#). ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#)).

- **Nakalonga Zaali**, ERA associated with Access Agriculture-GIZ KCOA project, Co-founder of Poju Farm whose mission and vision are to improve lives through agribusiness, facilitated two video screening sessions in Tonga language for 118 participants, including 70 women, in Namutanga village, Shibuyunji district, Zambia. The videos shown included [SLM12 Conservation agriculture](#), [Feeding improved chickens](#), [Increasing production of local chickens](#), [Management of Newcastle disease](#), [Making balanced feed for dairy cows](#), [Natural ways to manage bloat in livestock](#) and [Calcium deficiency in dairy cows](#). ([See photos in Access Agriculture Flickr](#))

BLOG POSTS



A love for nature

When you ask 5-year-old kids what they want to be when they grow up, many respond veterinarian, pilot, football player, ballerina, or firefighter, depending on where in the world you ask the question. Fortunately, some also say they want to become a farmer, as a young father in Bangalore told me his inspiring story on my recent trip to India.

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MEET OUR AMBASSADOR



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