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## MWABUSALU UKMO8 SEED MULTIPLICATION PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 04 APRIL 2017

### 1. Weather.

The weather situation has improved for the period under review which has also resulted in improvement in crop salutation. An adequate amount of rainfall has been received throughout the seed multiplication catchment area. The crop has managed to recover from the effects of the early season drought that was experienced during the start of the season.

### 2.0 Planting seed distribution and Contracting

#### 2.1 Planting Seed disbursed

Class	Quantity Received(kg)	Quantity used(kg)	Balance on hand(kg)
Pre-basic	15822	15822	0
Basic	1536	1536	0
Certified 1	19740	19740	0
Certified 2	18114	18114	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>55212</b>	<b>55212</b>	<b>0</b>

All the planting seed that was allocated to Mwabusalu was picked by famers as most of it was used for replanting and gap filling. It is only in Nzanza where the some famers did not use the whole amount of seed as the season had gone but they have vowed to pay for the seed for next year use. Their concern is there might be a change of program and another type of seed will be brought which might not be as good as the one they received.

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## 2.2 Final established acres

Village	Class	Contracted growers	Contracted Acres	Germinated Acres
Mwabusalu	Basic	411	2637	1892
Mwabusalu	Pre-basic	39	229	221
Ikigijo/Mwakupugila	Certified 1	717	3324	1315
Nzanza	Certified 2	542	2667	680
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1709</b>	<b>8857</b>	<b>4108</b>

The final established acres ended up at 4108 acres which is 50% targeted acres due to challenges in crop establishment caused by poor weather condition. More quantity of the planting seed was used as the farmers were replanting and gap filling. The farmers were aiming at establishing the correct plant population from the training they had received from the extension officers. Grower appreciated that the correct plant population is a factor of yield per acre.

## 2.3 Crop situation

Crop Stage	Vegetative to squaring	Squaring, flowering & Boll formation	Boll development to boll maturity
% Growth	5%	65%	30%

Crop situation has significantly improved and the bulk of the crop is at peak flowering period. The early established crop is now at advanced boll development with an average of 8 to 10 mature bolls per plant. Early boll splitting may be reported if the area experiences dry weather with high temperatures. Number of bolls will improve by the

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month of April as the crop is at peak flowering stage. Huge effort is on monitoring pest control so that there should be no yield loss due to pest damage.

#### **2.4 TOSCI field certification**

The team of TOSCI officials from Mwanza visited the area from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2017. A total of 3943 acres were visited for the first field certification and were cleared. Another second visit will be done during the end of April and early May to check on crop harvest preparedness and storage facilities. They have also recommended to continue educating farmers on weeding and pest control for the farmers to get good yields and protecting the seed.

#### **3.0 Challenges**

The only major challenge encountered is by the farmers diverting pesticide meant for cotton to spray maize stalk borer which is an outbreak countrywide. This led to farmers asking for more chemicals or complain that the chemical is not effective. Inspection of maize field to rogue ratoon crop is ongoing.

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