Homabay county government gives attention to DaCCA activities on climate change adaptation

After a series of meetings on sensitizing and mobilizing community farmers to advocate for devolved funds, a community dialogue committee was established for the engagement with county government officers. This committee visited the ward administrators and county departments after they realized that the activities they are implementing were not prominently featured in the CIDP since the public participation forums in Homa Bay County were not adequately conducted.

The committee took the initiative of taking the ward administrators and agricultural officers to their project sites in order for them to get to see the nature of the projects that the community was implementing in order to help them be resilient to the effects of climate change.

It is through this engagement with the county officials that the committee chairman was invited to participate in a public participation session for the County Annual Development Plan which was held at Homabay. The Chairman says, the committee hosting the duty bearers at their project sites to learn evidence based climate change adaptation practices from the field bore fruit.

Some of the practices the ward administrators got to see were 1000 langstroth beehives, improved poultry production, promotion of dairy goats, harvesting runoff in lined pans, issuing farmers with sorghum and early maturing maize as a drought tolerant crop, transfer of technologies through model farms, bulking of traditional high value crop seeds/planting materials, livestock health and disease management, and vector and pest control.
Left: Capacity building of community dialogue committee by CREPP staff  Right: Community dialogue committee developing an action plan to present to the ward administrators

Left: community dialogue committee taking duty bears for evidence based technologies /practices, Right: Community committee member going through practices /technologies that have received financial support from the county government

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