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WEWORK Project Participants Show Progress in Coffee Training Sessions



A monitoring visit under the WEWORK – Green and Decent Jobs for Youth Project highlighted encouraging progress among coffee participants currently undergoing training. The visit, coordinated by USSIA, provided an opportunity to assess ongoing activities and review how participants are applying the knowledge and skills gained through the program.

Participants were observed actively engaged in both theoretical and practical sessions. Some were involved in field activities such as land preparation and digging planting holes for coffee establishment, while others were undertaking nursery bed management, learning appropriate techniques required to raise healthy coffee seedlings.

According to trainers and facilitators, there has been notable improvement among participants compared to the initial stages of the training. They reported increased participation and understanding, noting that most participants are now catching up and demonstrating greater confidence in applying the practices being taught.

Participants also shared positive feedback on the training, noting that although many had previous experience in coffee growing, they largely relied on traditional knowledge and lacked technical guidance on proper agronomic practices, particularly in seedling management and coffee establishment.

The continued progress demonstrated reflects the impact of practical skills development under the WE WORK Project's coffee pathway and its contribution toward strengthening sustainable coffee production practices within the participating communities.

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Strengthening Zonal Leadership Through Strategic Quarter Planning in Wakiso

Strategic planning and collaborative leadership took center stage as USSIA convened a Zonal Executive Committee (ZEC) quarter planning meeting for Wakiso District aimed at strengthening support systems for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Hosted by Regional Coordinator Bagambana Esau, Alija Oliver (Head of Service Delivery), and led by USSIA Executive Secretary Ms. Veronica Namwanje, the engagement brought together ZEC leaders and members to review priorities and develop strategies that will guide activities and interventions for the upcoming quarter.

ZEC Chairperson Mrs. Florence Mugerwa highlighted the need to improve market access and visibility for local enterprises, including expanded participation in exhibitions and street markets. She also underscored the importance of digital profiling and media platforms to boost awareness of local products and innovations.

Discussions focused on strengthening zonal leadership structures, improving local governance systems, and identifying opportunities to enhance business growth and competitiveness. Andrew Walusimbi (Head of Membership) highlighted the importance of membership mobilization and emphasized the critical role of ZEC structures. Emphasis was placed on onboarding informal entrepreneur groups, particularly those in value addition, into USSIA structures to access business support, networking, and technical guidance. Contributions from Sseguya Chalse and Flakem (Flavia) enriched the planning process with practical insights and recommendations.

The engagement reaffirmed USSIA's commitment to strengthening regional leadership structures and creating an enabling environment for sustainable enterprise development and stronger market linkages for entrepreneurs.



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Promoting Work-Life Balance for Sustainable Entrepreneurship

Recognizing the importance of personal wellbeing in business growth and sustainability, USSIA conducted a Work-Life Balance training in Hoima aimed at equipping entrepreneurs with knowledge and practical approaches to managing both their business and personal lives effectively



The training brought together 20 members who actively participated in discussions and shared their experiences on balancing the demands of running businesses alongside personal and family responsibilities. Participants highlighted some of the common challenges faced by entrepreneurs, including long working hours, pressure from business operations, and the struggle to maintain a healthy balance between work commitments and personal wellbeing.

Discussions further emphasized the need for entrepreneurs to develop healthy coping mechanisms to manage constant business-related stress and other challenges that come with operating and growing enterprises. Participants noted that maintaining balance is not only important for individual wellbeing but also contributes to improved productivity, decision-making, and long-term business growth.

The engagement reaffirmed USSIA's commitment to supporting entrepreneurs beyond business development by promoting practices that strengthen both enterprise growth and personal wellbeing.



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Strengthening Business Compliance Through Local Government Collaboration in Fort Portal



Promoting collaboration and strengthening support systems for entrepreneurs remained at the center of USSIA's engagement efforts in Fort Portal as the Association, in partnership with the local government, conducted a business licensing session aimed at improving understanding of regulatory and local revenue systems among Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The engagement was conducted in collaboration with District Commercial Officer Karwani Micheal and facilitated by Byomugabi Jackson, reinforcing the importance of joint efforts in supporting business growth and promoting a more informed entrepreneurial community.

The session brought together business members and entrepreneurs for practical discussions focused on demystifying various business-related charges and compliance requirements that affect daily enterprise operations. Key areas covered included charging policies, property rates, local service tax, market fees, building fees, occupation permits, park-user fees, ground rent, street grading and licensing models, as well as applicable fines. Participants were guided through how these charges are applied within local government systems and how they influence business operations, helping bridge the gap between policy requirements and practical business realities.

Participants appreciated the knowledge shared during the engagement, noting that several of the areas discussed had previously been misunderstood or not fully known. The session further emphasized the importance of compliance in reducing unnecessary penalties, improving business credibility, and strengthening working relationships between entrepreneurs and local authorities. The collaboration highlighted USSIA's continued commitment to working closely with government structures and stakeholders to empower entrepreneurs through sensitization initiatives that promote informed decision-making and sustainable business growth.

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Strengthening Delivery Through Reflection and Continuous Learning in Youth Skills Development



The meeting brought together trainers from Hoima, Fort Portal, and Kyegegwa, creating an environment for shared learning, experience exchange, and collective problem-solving. Participants examined key aspects of the training process, including delivery methods, beneficiary engagement, and field-level challenges encountered during implementation. These reflections helped generate actionable insights that will inform improved coordination, better training approaches, and more responsive delivery models in the next phase of the project.

Continuous learning and adaptive implementation remained central as USSIA engaged in a two-day Review and Reflection meeting for the Cohort 1 assessment under the WeWork – Green and Decent Jobs for Youth Project in Kyegegwa. The engagement provided a critical platform for trainers and project stakeholders to assess progress made during implementation, reflect on key experiences from Cohort 1, and jointly identify gaps that emerged during delivery. Through open discussion and structured review, participants developed practical corrective measures aimed at strengthening implementation as the project advances into Cohort 2.

Further emphasis was placed on strengthening post-training support systems, with trainers guided on expectations under the project framework. Focus was directed toward sustained mentorship, structured follow-up with beneficiaries, and ensuring that skills acquired during training are effectively applied within communities to generate practical outcomes. The engagement reaffirmed USSIA's commitment to delivering impactful, high-quality training programs that not only build technical capacity but also contribute to sustainable livelihood creation for youth engaged in green and decent employment pathways.



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SHOP AND SAVE: Get HANTS Sauces on the USSIA Online Shop

USSIA Online Shop features a range of quality Hants tomato products designed to meet everyday household and business food preparation needs. The spotlight product includes Hants Tomato Ketchup, alongside Hants Tomato Chilli Sauce and Hants Tomato Sauce, available in 5kg packaging suitable for both bulk users and small-scale food businesses.

Beyond delivering an exceptional and wholesome product, local apiculture brands stand as a major pillar of community empowerment by supporting local beekeeping ecosystems and strengthening the domestic agricultural value chain. Packed under strict, hygienic local production standards, this bulk 5-liter option is designed to meet the growing demand for pure, unadulterated honey in both domestic homes and large-scale commercial kitchens.



These products are crafted to support consistent taste, convenience, and reliability in cooking, making them ideal for restaurants, vendors, and home use. Customers can explore this featured range as part of USSIA's wider selection of quality food products available on the platform.

Visit the USSIA Online Shop to view this product and discover other available items that support both household and enterprise needs: USSIA Online Shop



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- ✓ Entrepreneurs
- ✓ Youth & startups
- ✓ Anyone interested in agribusiness



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