

FARMERS ACCESS IMPROVED BEAN SEED IN BULK, FOR THE FIRST TIME
Myanzi and Kitumbi Area Cooperative Enterprises in Central Uganda
On 7th March 2014.

Under the Development of Inclusive Markets in Agriculture and Trade (DIMAT) Project, funded by UNDP Uganda and for which Kilimo Trust is a Responsible Party, the project is focusing on three commodities (cassava, rice and beans). KT is facilitating development of linkages with input providers to ensure about 12 farmer cooperatives can grow and supply over 8,000 MT of dry beans every season.



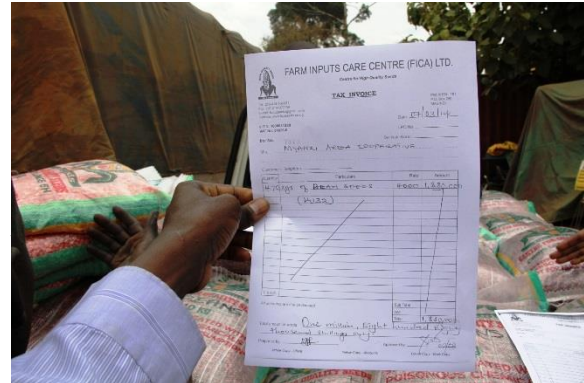
Myanzi ACE extension officers and FICA seeds officer negotiate. Present is Rachel Ajambo of KT

On Friday 7th March, farmers from Kitumbi and Myanzi ACEs purchased improved bean seed in bulk as cooperatives. The improved seed is for production of 32 MT grade 1 bean grain



FICA Seed marketing manager receiving the navments from MYANZI ACE representative

of K132 variety, to be planted on 17 Ha. Until now, the ACEs have only been purchasing maize Longe 10H in bulk, with only a few farmers occasionally buying improved bean



FICA seeds Tax invoice showing the quantity and amount paid by MYANZI ACE for the 1st batch of bean seed

800,000 on credit based on potential future business with the farmers.

FICA Seeds has also committed to set up a demonstration site in Kitumbi of NABE 15, to ensure that the farmers have full evidence of the yield and economic value of using improved bean seed. Because of this gesture by FICA Seeds, farmers who were waiting to see if FICA Seed is a trustworthy company are already placing orders for their own improved seed.



Verified bean seed packed and ready to be delivered to MYANZI ACE