

BDPSN Quarterly (Jul, Aug, Sept) Newsletter!

In this newsletter, we provide an update on the BDSPN Secretariat's activities for the quarter ended September 30, 2024. As highlighted in the report, the cooperative development under the ILO PROSPECTS Program has reached 75% completion and the GET Ahead reinforcement program for candidate trainers in West Nile in the pipeline.

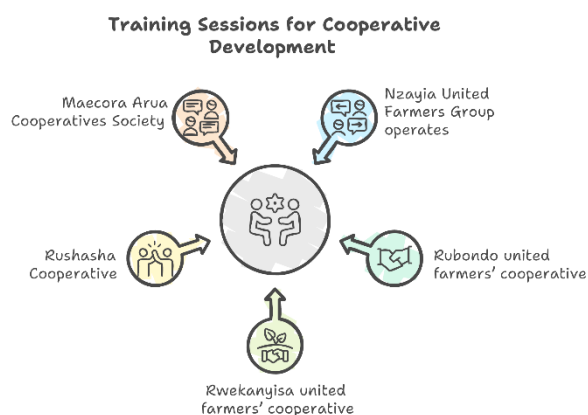
Key achievements of the quarter include:

- **Certification Trainings for cooperative Development:** 19 candidate trainers completed 2 phases of the certification process on Thick Coop, Start Coop, and My Coop work with 5 cooperatives.
- **Awarding of the new Contract to implement the Reinforcement support for GET Ahead Candidate trainers:** A 3-month project focusing on refresher training for 161 GET Ahead Candidate trainers.

Upcoming project: Support to competence re-enforcement and certification of Gender and Entrepreneurship Together (GET Ahead) "Candidate Trainers" in West Nile, Uganda

This report will provide further details on these achievements and upcoming activities.

Projects and programs



Coop Development project. The BDSPN Secretariat hosted the ILO Master Trainer on Cooperative Development Mr. Albert Mruma to supervise and oversee the certification process for 19 candidate trainers. The implementation phase covered 7 training sessions for each of the 5

participating entities from 25th of August to 9th of September 2024. The candidate trainers have been assessed in 2 of the 3-coop development modules of Think Coop, Start Coop, My Coop depending on the level of growth of the entity under support. The project team will be planning to engage the entities and the candidate trainers for the last phase of trainings in Mid-October before engaging in the mentorship and follow activities. Below is the pictorial album of implementation progress



Participants from Rushasha Cooperative during the recap session led by Mr. Partrick



Group photo of members of Nzayi farmer group, candidate trainers, MT Albert Mruma and CEO – Mr. Simon Agume



Vision: A world with innovative sustainable businesses.

Mission: Provision of tailored professional business development services to the private and public sectors.

Values:

1. **Credibility:** From partners, trainers and other stakeholders
2. **Quality:** Ensure quality of Business Development Services
3. **Accessibility:** To all those who need Business Development Services
4. **Centrality:** ILO packages to take central place in delivery of Business Development Services
5. **Flexibility:** Business Development Services to be responsive to all target groups

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Reinforcement support for GET Ahead Candidate trainers. The secretariat has recently signed an implementation agreement with the ILO to implement a project to support competence re-enforcement and certification of GET Ahead Candidate Trainers in West Nile. The project overall objective is to implement competence re-enforcement and certification workshops for 161 GET Ahead ‘candidate’ trainers in West Nile. The competence re-enforcement and certification workshops will be an opportunity to introduce to the trainers to the newly launched ILO GET Ahead e-Platform.

The implementation will engage 8 Lead trainers and 161 candidate trainers over a period of 3 month starting 15th October to the 15th of December 2024. The successful implementation will go a long way in the increase of the subscription to the membership of the network and the West Nile region in particular.

Partnerships

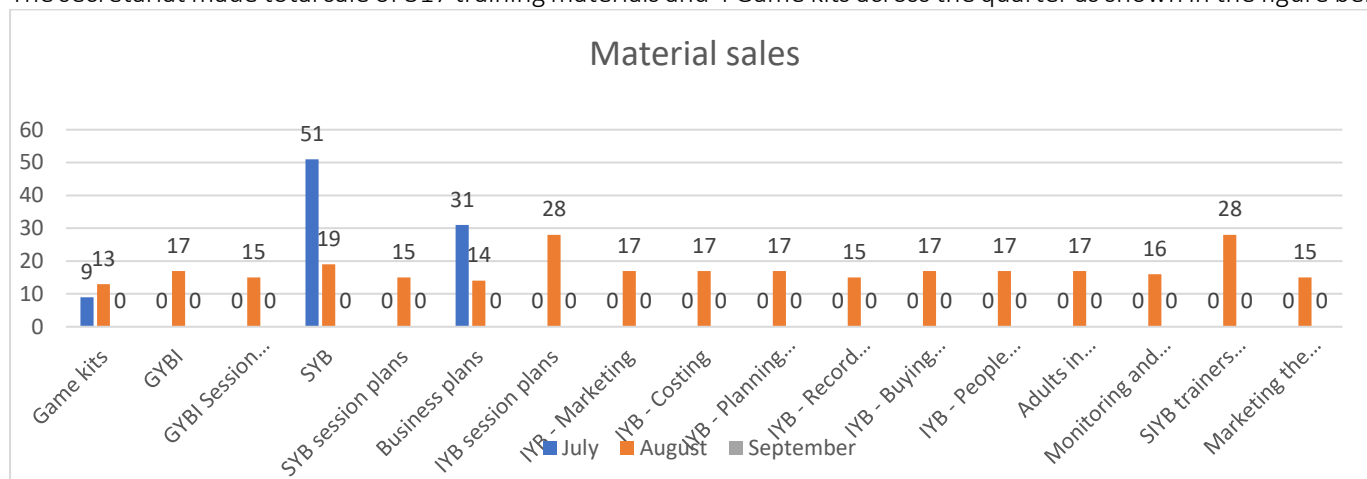
BDSPN has jointly collaborated with other institutions in the successfully implemented first phases of the certification cycle under cooperative development, these include Rhino Camp Maecora ACE (West Nile), Nzayia United Farmers Groups (West Nile), Rubondo Coop. Society (Isingiro District), Rushasha Farmers Group (Isingiro District), Rwenkanyisa Coop. (Isingiro District). The 5 are under taking a process to formalize the partnership with an MOU as beneficiaries of the project to strengthen their capacity to support their primary function.

Membership

The cumulative subscription currently stands at 7 individual. The secretariat hopes to leverage on implementation of the cooperative development project with 19 candidate trainers committed to subscribe to the membership. As well as the upcoming GET Ahead reinforcement training targeting 161 candidate trainers.

Material sales

The secretariat made total sale of 317 training materials and 4 Game kits across the quarter as shown in the figure below



Upcoming events

1	Members Annual General Meeting	December 2024 (tentative)
2	BDSPN 10 th Anniversary	October 2024