

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Farmers Overseas Action Group FOAG
Name of the project TFN funded:	CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE in Children's Centres and with subsistence farmers to increase food security.
Date Funded by TFN:	01/12/2020
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	Yes
If no, please outline how the project has changed.	
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	At the start of 2021, the 4 Centres had just brought their plots into cultivation of maize and beans using Conservation Agriculture principles. The improvements in yields and the resilience of the crops impressed local subsistence farmers and they then formed into groups around each Centres. Numbers rose from 10 farming families per CA farmers group at each Centre to nearer 20. Under the instruction of Patrick Walusansa, the project agriculturalist and with some financial help from FOAG , they have begun to practise Conservation Agriculture on their plots with encouraging results. The TFN funds enabled us to fund all costs for Planting Season 1 in 2021 and also enabled us supply a loan in Planting season 2 2021 to the CA farmers groups and the Centres to take part in a trial growing soya beans for a Ugandan Cooperative. Despite droughty conditions and Covid there is growing enthusiasm and a shift to more cooperation between the farmers and the Children's centres which is an important culture shift. Crop yields have sadly not met predictions because of drought in the last 2 seasons. Covid placed increased value on food security which has further motivated them to value their farming and CA methods as producing more resilient crops.
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	85%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	220 approx.
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	350 approx.
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	No
If yes, how much were you able to raise?	

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Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	No
If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?	
Has the training you received from TFN better prepared you in pitching your organisation to potential funders?	Yes
Has TFN increased your capacity to raise further funds?	Yes
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	No, except FOAG has a stronger commitment has developed to engage with these issues of depleted soil fertility as increasingly uncertain and erratic weather patterns make it even more essential to roll out CA practices for as many subsistence farmers as possible as well as continuing to increase food security for the Sisters at the Children's Centres.
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	Excellent supportive help from the first contact through to the fund raising evening. Thank you TFN!
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	we request feedback from each Centre as well as from PW at the end of each Planting season. This is what Sister Catherine wrote when asked to list as many advantages of the project to your centre and to the community of Farmers you are supporting with CA: Many people have seen what we are doing in the community and so they are willing to join us next season. Many people are going to earn a living from soya and maize. Members have developed the interest of growing food in the second season which has not been happening before. There will be no stealing from each other because most people are growing food in both seasons. We at FOAG believe that this investment in farming brings not only some food security but more confidence and hope.