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inabling poor rural people o overcome poverty















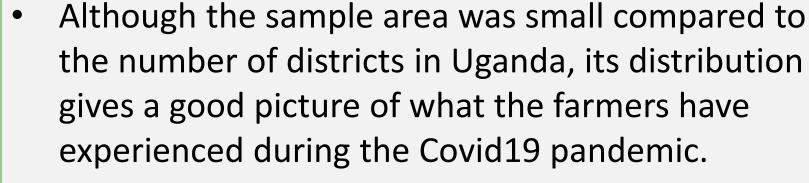




Introduction.

- UNFFE's mission is to organize and advocate for favorable policies and transform the farmers into prosperous communities.
 - In June 2020 UNFFE conducted a survey in 8 districts of Uganda, sampled from the different regions.
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The disruptions and shock.

- The impact of Covid19 is observed both at production and marketing levels.
- Generally small holder farmers were affected more than the general public would imagine.
 - Horticulture, Poultry and Livestock most severely affected at both levels.

Access to critical farm inputs like chemicals &

planting materials and credit financing.























Production related challenges.

Ban on gatherings could not allows farmers'

dealers were challenged with travels.

not access their farms; travel restrictions.

Farmers located some distance from the input

Those who do not directly live at the farm could

meetings to continue, trainings also made difficult.

- Input dealers who depended on public transport to restock their supplies.
- Fedco





Notable increase in some input costs.
Limited access to financial services like VSLA.





















Market related challenges.

- Consumption of milk and eggs in hotels reduced greatly and marketability dropped.
- EDCO









- Urban dwellers purchasing power has reduced and now only buy food to sustain life which has affected marketability for many fresh food products.
- Input costs increased due to travel challenges but output costs reduced due to lack of buyers.
- Absence of roadside chicken roasters greatly affected the market for broiler chicken, these provide a huge market.















Coping and Thriving Strategies.

- Many small holder farmers have resorted to hawking their products especially eggs, milk and chicken.
- Readily expose off their products on credit to credit worthy consumers.

Those with small family vehicles have resorted to

The FOs have resorted to e-meetings for service

using them as market stalls on road sides.

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delivery.















Any new opportunities manifesting.

Many people who left towns for the villages during

the lock down have resorted to farming realizing

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- EDCO



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they had nothing else to do.







- Covid19 has awakened farmers to start saving for the future and for emergency situations.
- Farming stakeholders have become more oriented to technology advancements as a way of ensuring service delivery.







Recommendations for strategies and priority changes.

• Prioritize investments in technology and research with regard to extension service delivery.

Government should ensure proper management of the

e-voucher system under ACDP in order to fully benefit

Build the capacity of extension staff both public and

private to be able to respond to farmers needs as a

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Support innovations in extension service delivery to ensure farmers are helped and establish farm service centers at zonal levels to ensure supply of essential inputs to farmers.





result of emergency.



the intended target at local level.





