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| Name of organisation | Mission of Hope International (MIHOSO) |
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| Email address | hopeforsociety@yahoo.com |
| Person interviewed | Mr. Gabriel Gbiel Benarkuu |
| Position/function in organisation | Chief Executive Officer |
| Male/female | Male |
| CCAFS Site (ID No.) | GH0001 |
| Town name | Jirapa |
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| Name of interviewer | Jesse Naab |
| Date of interview | 02/03/12 |
| Duration of the interview | 1hr 25mins |
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| Other people present | Richard Kuunaah, John M. Zolko-Ere, Gaetan Gbang (Yeji Area Manager) |
| (please record names and | Richard Kuunaah, John Zolko-Ere |
| functions) |  |

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|  | Type of organisation | |  |
|  | Private sector (profit making) | ⃝ | 1 |
|  | NGO (local) | ⃝ | 2 |
|  | NGO (national) | x | 3 |
|  | NGO (international) | ⃝ | 4 |
|  | Government (local) | ⃝ | 5 |
|  | Government (regional – within country) | ⃝ | 6 |
|  | Government (national) | ⃝ | 7 |
|  | Other International Organisation | ⃝ | 8 |

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|  | Does the organisation work at any of the following levels? (tick as many as relevant) | |  |
|  | Local | x | 1 |
|  | Regional (within country) | x | 2 |
|  | National | x | 3 |
|  | International | ⃝ | 4 |

Organisation Information

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| 1. | What does your organisation do? (main areas of work) |  |  |  |  |
|  | * ***Public Health (HIV, TB)*** * ***Agriculture and Food security*** * ***Support to private sector (Small & Medium Enterprises) development*** * ***Promoting ecotourism in communities*** * ***Research and training*** | | | |  |
| 2 | Describe the locality where your organisation works |  |  |  |  |
|  | ***Operate in four districts in the Upper West Region; Wa municipal, Lawra, Jirapa and Lambussie-Karni districts.*** | | | |  |
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|  | How long has your organisation been working in this area? | | | |  |
|  | ***Since 2004*** | | | |  |
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| 3 | What types of services and information do you provide to farmers (and their communities) on: | | |  |  |
| 3.1 | Agriculture related decision making |  |  |  |  |
|  | * ***Provision of information on agricultural extension e.g. best farming practices, organic farming;*** * ***Education on general environmental protection;*** * ***Promoting women access to land through advocacy*** | | | |  |
| 3.2 | Natural resource management |  |  |  |  |
|  | * ***Eco-tourism promotion;*** * ***Support to farmers with seedlings for re-generation of degraded land & dam protection;*** * ***Anti-bush fire campaigns;*** * ***Wild life protection in the Sissala East District*** | | | |  |

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| 3.3 | Food security |  |  |  |  |
|  | * ***Provision of seeds and seedlings to Farmer Based Organizations (FBOs);*** * ***Support to FBOs for production of food crops and cereals;*** * ***Training of farmers on reducing post-harvest losses;*** * ***Livelihood support programmes e.g. piggery, guinea fowl and small ruminant rearing;*** * ***Linkage to markets*** | | | |  |
| 3.4 | Weather and climate related decision making |  |  |  |  |
|  | * ***Talk to farmers about effects of bush fires;*** * ***Support for planting trees*** | | | |  |
| 3.5 | Markets related decision making |  |  |  |  |
|  | * ***Link Farmer Based Organization (FBOs) to local and international markets e.g. soya bean, shea butter and Moringa farmers are linked with local and international markets for their produce.*** | | | |  |
| 3.6 | Does your organisation have activities related to climate change mitigation? | | | |  |
|  | * ***Not direct, but we provide general environmental governance and advocacy;*** * ***Provide training to volunteers who talk to people on the need for good environmental management;*** * ***Train traditional authorities on sustainable land management;*** * ***Supply fruit trees seedlings to schools and seedlings for dams catchment areas protection*** | | | |  |
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|  | **Mitigation** In the context of climate change, a human intervention to reduce the sources or enhance the sinks of greenhouse gases.  Examples include using fossil fuels more efficiently for industrial processes or electricity generation, switching to solar energy or wind power, improving the insulation of buildings, and expanding forests and other "sinks" to remove greater amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.  Source: Glossary of climate change acronyms, UNFCCC (<http://unfccc.int/essential_background/glossary/items/3666.php>) - reached through Wikipedia | | | |  |
| 3.7 | Other types |  |  |  |  |
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| 4 | What objectives does your organisation aim to fulfil in the area of supporting farmer decision making by providing information and services? List them  *Probe for any objectives that may be forgotten and have to do with climate or weather issues specifically* | | | |  |
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|  | a  Promotion of sustainable agriculture; | | |  |  |
|  | B  To help eliminate or reduce bush burning; | | |  |  |
|  | C  Help communities manage their available land through land use planning; | | |  |  |
|  | d  Contribute to environmental management | | |  |  |
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| 5 | In operational terms, what are your organisation’s current priorities?  Please tell me how important each objective is on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 represents unimportant and 10 is the highest importance for your organisation. | | | | | | |  |  |
|  | Objective (use letter from Question 4 to identify the objective) | | |  | | Importance | |  |  |
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| 6 | What is your view of the way priorities of your organisation could be changing over the next 5 years? | | | | | | |  |  | |
|  | ***Emphasis would still be on sustainable agriculture in future*** | | | | | | |  |  | |
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| 7 | In your geographical area of operation do you work directly with, or specifically target any of the following? | | | | | | |  |  | |
|  | individual farmers | | | | | | | ⃝ | 1 | |
|  | community groups | | | | | | | x | 2 | |
|  | other organisations working in the locality | | | | | | | x | 3 | |
|  | local authorities | | | | | | | x | 4 | |
|  | women individually or in groups | | | | | | | x | 5 | |
|  | Other, specify \_department of social welfare, GHS ASSOD- Action for Society Development \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | | ⃝ | 6 | |
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|  | Use the answer from this question to probe the answers you get in the next question | | | | | | |  |  | |
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| 8. | What activities are the main activities that **YOU** are implementing **NOW** in relation to the provision of information and services that help in decision making? | | | | | | | |  | |
|  | 1. Sustainable Land Management and Livelihoods Enterprises Development | | | | | | |  |  | |
|  | 1. HIV/AIDS Stigma Reduction, Care and Support; | | | | | | |  |  | |
|  | 1. Support to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs); | | | | | | |  |  | |
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For each activity described above, use the Activity Information pages as a guide for the interview and to record the information provided by the respondent.

Information about service activities

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| 1 | Activity name | | |  |  |
|  | Sustainable Land Management and Livelihoods Enterprises Development | | |  |  |
| 2 | What are you doing? | | |  |  |
|  | * We help communities to develop Land Use Plans (LUP); * Establish community nurseries and woodlots; * Undertake general environmental education; * Identify and form FBOs and train them in agroforestry; * Provide facilities/inputs to undertake organic farming; * Support FBOs to undertake livelihoods activities such as piggery, guinea fowl and small ruminant rearing | | |  |  |
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| 3 | Where is it happening (include area coverage, if possible identify it on a map of the area)? | | |  |  |
|  | ***The project is being implemented in 3 communities - Duori, Tizza and Kunzokala communities – in the Jirapa district*** | | |  |  |
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| 4 | Describe the way it is implemented (find out: who implements, mechanism for delivery, frequency, what capacity is built, what is the role of individuals/groups/community, etc.) | | |  |  |
|  | ***Implemented by community-based groups with technical support from MIHOSO and the Ministry of Food and Agriculture. We start by carrying out community mobilization, working with community volunteers to agree on project activities to be undertaken. Roles and responsibilities are assigned and the groups do the implementation. MIHOSO ploughs land for the women groups which have been identified by MOFA. The groups are supplied with improved seeds of soya bean, maize and groundnut as well as tree seedlings to plant on their farms. At the end of the season, MIHOSO assists the groups find good market for their produce.*** | | |  |  |

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| 5 | Describe the target population and the population being reached (characteristics, size, etc.) | | | | | |  | |  |  |
|  | Farmers in Duori, Tizza and Kunzokala communities.   * Seventy farmers were supported to undertake soil & water shed management practices * 120 farmers trained in the cultivation of soybean, groundnut and maize; * 100 farmers trained in simple book-keeping * Agro-forestry established on farms of farmers undertaking food crop production; * 30 hectares of degraded land under natural regeneration. | | | | | | |  | |  |
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| 6 | Are you targeting a particular group? | |  | | | Yes | | ⃝ | | 1 |
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|  | Describe the targeted group | |  | | |  | |  | |  |
| 7 | Are you targeting mainly | | men | | | young | | x | | 1 |
|  | Tick as many as relevant | |  | | | adults | | x | | 2 |
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|  |  | | women | | | young | | x | | 4 |
|  |  | |  | | | adults | | x | | 5 |
|  |  | |  | | | elderly | | x | | 6 |
| 8. | Are there any specific ethnicities, type of households (e.g. female headed) or specific socio-economic/vulnerable/ marginalized groups that you are currently targeting in your operations? (list them below) | | | | |  | |  | |  |
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|  | ***The vulnerable in society such as the blind, and women are given priority*** | | | | |  | |  | |  |
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| 9 | Are you working together with other organisations? | |  | | |  | |  | |  |
|  | If yes, list them | |  | | |  | |  | |  |
|  | Name | Contact person | | Type of organisation | Contact number | | |  | |  |
|  | Ministry of Food and Agriculture | Stephen Degbor | | 3 |  | | |  | |  |
|  | National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) | - | | 3 |  | | |  | |  |
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| 10 | How long have you been implementing this activity? | Since 2008 | | |  |  |
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| 11 | When will this activity finish? | Ended in March 2010 | | |  |  |
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| 12 | What is the source of funding for this activity? |  |  |  | |  |
|  | ***United Nations Development Programme-Global Environment Facility (UNDP-GEF)*** | | | |  |  |
|  | Please specify government (national/ local), private (profit making), NGO local/ national/ international), community funded | | |  | |  |
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| 13 | If the activity is information based, try find out about the sources and process to get the information to the users. Here are some questions that may be useful to build the story:   * What is the source of information used? -Research * How do you get it? * Do you process the information in any way for your target audience (e.g. reformatting, reframing, re-analysis)? * If yes, what do you do, how and why? * How do you pass it on to your target audience? * What products do you generate? * How do you communicate them? * What are the main challenges/difficulties you encounter? | | | |  |  |
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| 14 | Are you aware of any other organisations working locally on this theme, but that you are currently not working with? (list) |  |  | |  |
|  | ***Assemblies of God Church does livelihood training e.g soap making.*** | | |  |  |

Information about service activities

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| 1 | Activity name | | |  |  |
|  | HIV/AIDS Stigma Reduction, Care and Support | | |  |  |
| 2 | What are you doing? | | |  |  |
|  | * MIHOSO educates the general population on the causes, prevention and management of HIV; * Training of peer educators who do counselling; * Established a centre where people can go to know their HIV status; * Distribute condoms and family planning items; * Show television of people living with HIV/AIDS cases to reduce stigma | | |  |  |
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| 3 | Where is it happening (include area coverage, if possible identify it on a map of the area)? | | |  |  |
|  | The project is being implemented in Jirapa, (Kunzokala & Tizza communities), Lawra, and Wa districts. | | |  |  |
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| 4 | Describe the way it is implemented (find out: who implements, mechanism for delivery, frequency, what capacity is built, what is the role of individuals/groups/community, etc.) | | |  |  |
|  | * Carry out community education using Ghana Health Service staff; * There is public Health Nurse on the team who does the testing and counselling; * Carryout stakeholder consultations; * Train peer volunteers * Through the media – radio and information centres and print media | | |  |  |

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| 5 | Describe the target population and the population being reached (characteristics, size, etc.) | | | | | |  | |  |  |
|  | ***Target population is people living in the Jirapa, Lawra, Lambussie-Karni, Sissala East, Sissala West, and Wa districts of the Upper West Region. MIHOSO is currently reaching out to people in the Jirapa, Lawra and Wa districts*** | | | | | | |  | |  |
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| 6 | Are you targeting a particular group? | |  | | | Yes | | ⃝ | | 1 |
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|  | Describe the targeted group | |  | | |  | |  | |  |
| 7 | Are you targeting mainly | | men | | | young | | X | | 1 |
|  | Tick as many as relevant | |  | | | adults | | X | | 2 |
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|  |  | | women | | | young | | X | | 4 |
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| 8. | Are there any specific ethnicities, type of households (e.g. female headed) or specific socio-economic/vulnerable/ marginalized groups that you are currently targeting in your operations? (list them below) | | | | |  | |  | |  |
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|  | ***All sections of the society is targeted*** | | | | |  | |  | |  |
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| 9 | Are you working together with other organisations? | |  | | |  | |  | |  |
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|  | Ghana Health Service | District Directors of Health | | 3 | - | | |  | |  |
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| 10 | How long have you been implementing this activity? | Since 2010 | | |  |  |
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| 11 | When will this activity finish? | Ended in 2011 | | |  |  |
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| 12 | What is the source of funding for this activity? |  |  |  | |  |
|  | * ***The Global Environment Fund provides the funds to the Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA), an NGO, which in turn contracts MIHOSO*** * ***Family Heath International 360 (FHI360), a non-governmental organization*** | | | |  |  |
|  | Please specify government (national/ local), private (profit making), NGO local/ national/ international), community funded | | |  | |  |
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| 13 | If the activity is information based, try find out about the sources and process to get the information to the users. Here are some questions that may be useful to build the story:   * What is the source of information used? * How do you get it? * Do you process the information in any way for your target audience (e.g. reformatting, reframing, re-analysis)? * If yes, what do you do, how and why? * How do you pass it on to your target audience? * What products do you generate? * How do you communicate them? * What are the main challenges/difficulties you encounter? | | | |  |  |
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| 14 | Are you aware of any other organisations working locally on this theme, but that you are currently not working with? (list) |  |  | |  |
|  | ***No, not aware of other organizations*** | | |  |  |

Information about service activities

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| 1 | Activity name | | |  |  |
|  | Support to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Development | | |  |  |
| 2 | What are you doing? | | |  |  |
|  | * We support community-based farmer groups to access the Business Sector Advocacy Challenge (BUSAC) fund to improve their livelihood activities and capacity; * Advocate for improvement of the sector; * Link SMEs to other funding opportunities e.g. ASSOD; | | |  |  |
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| 3 | Where is it happening (include area coverage, if possible identify it on a map of the area)? | | |  |  |
|  | In Jirapa, Tizza, and Karni communities | | |  |  |
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| 4 | Describe the way it is implemented (find out: who implements, mechanism for delivery, frequency, what capacity is built, what is the role of individuals/groups/community, etc.) | | |  |  |
|  | * MIHOSO identifies groups, assesses them, and builds their capacity to meet the funding requirement, * MIHOSO then helps the groups to apply for the fund; * The various groups implement the activities for which funds are provided * MIHOSO provides training and consultancy services which is paid for by the BUSAC fund | | |  |  |

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| 5 | Describe the target population and the population being reached (characteristics, size, etc.) | | | | | |  | |  |  |
|  | The target is to reach 10 groups; MIHOSO has supported 3 groups so far to sign grant awards and receive funds for their operations/activities | | | | | | |  | |  |
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| 6 | Are you targeting a particular group? | |  | | | Yes | | x | | 1 |
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|  | Describe the targeted group | |  | | |  | |  | |  |
| 7 | Are you targeting mainly | | men | | | young | | X | | 1 |
|  | Tick as many as relevant | |  | | | adults | | X | | 2 |
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| 8. | Are there any specific ethnicities, type of households (e.g. female headed) or specific socio-economic/vulnerable/ marginalized groups that you are currently targeting in your operations? (list them below) | | | | |  | |  | |  |
|  | ***Women and disabled (blind) groups e.g. in Karni a blind group was supported to do organic farming.*** | | | | |  | |  | |  |
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|  | Ministry of Food and Agriculture | Dr. Stephen Degbor | | 3 | - | | |  | |  |
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| 10 | How long have you been implementing this activity? | Since 2008 | | |  |  |
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| 11 | When will this activity finish? | 2014 | | |  |  |
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| 12 | What is the source of funding for this activity? |  |  |  | |  |
|  | Business Sector Advocacy Challenge (BUSAC)Fund | | | |  |  |
|  | Please specify government (national/ local), private (profit making), NGO local/ national/ international), community funded | | |  | |  |
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|  | (use additional pages if needed. If so, please write the organisation, activity name and page number at the top). | | | |  |  |
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| 14 | Are you aware of any other organisations working locally on this theme, but that you are currently not working with? (list) |  |  | |  |
|  | ***No*** | | |  |  |

Perception

1. From your point of view, at your workplace, what is the relative importance in the portfolio of your organisation that is placed on climate or weather related activities:

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|  | None | Low | Medium | High | Very high |
| Allocation of time | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | x | ⃝ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Allocation of staff | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | x | ⃝ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Allocation of budget | ⃝ | x | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
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| Other, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
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| 2. | From your point of view, what is driving the agenda for climate related services and information (tick as many as relevant) |  |  |
|  | funders | x | 1 |
|  | my organisation headquarters | x | 2 |
|  | my local office | ⃝ | 3 |
|  | community based organisations | x | 4 |
|  | farmers individually | ⃝ | 5 |
|  | other | ⃝ | 6 |

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| 3. | When did your organisation start implementing on the ground “climate change” related activities? |  |  |
|  | Since 2004 –agro-forestry |  |  |
|  | don’t know | ⃝ | 1 |
|  | not started yet | ⃝ | 2 |

4. Are there any gaps in the areas of climate related activity that you perceive in your organisation today?

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|  | Area |
| 1 | Human resource; project staff are not agriculturalist and therefore need for technical expertise |
| 2 | Lack of resources to scale up |
| 3 | District Assemblies not implementing their environmental programs |
| 4 |  |
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5. What is your organisation doing well, or is innovative in areas of climate related activities today – where can others learn from you?

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|  | Area |
| 1 | Capacity building for Farmer Based Organizations and Community Based Organizations |
| 2 | Community mobilization |
| 3 | Consultancy research |
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| 6. | If you were the person making decisions on the agenda for next year, which climate related activity do you think would have potential here that is not yet included in your work? |  |  |
|  | * Establishment of community nursery centre * Livelihood programs – cultivation of soya beans * Watershed management along existing dams |  |  |

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| 7. | Do you have any comments or additional ideas you would like me to record? |  |  |
|  | * Expect feedback on assessment of their organization. * Like to be exposed to research findings, ready to partner research. * Working on the creation of a University that facilitates community development. |  |  |