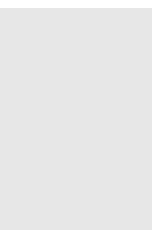


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## Membership Survey

From the 17th August 2020, set of to meet our members who are spread across all regions of Uganda. The UNYFA secretariat team traversed the entire nation, from the Far East through the to East, Central, Western, Northern and West Nile regions. The purpose of these visits was to get to know our members better and also interact more and visit some of the farmer groups they work with. During these visits, we were also to do a membership mapping and through this, we shall be able to clearly understand our coverage even to the sub-county levels across Uganda.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

1. *International Young Farmers' Exchange Program*
2. *Internship at the Young Farmers' Federation of Uganda Coordination Office*
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UNYFA communications officer interacts with farmer group leaders in Bududa during the membership survey



Members of Arua DYFA engage with secretariate team and DYFA leaders during the membership survey



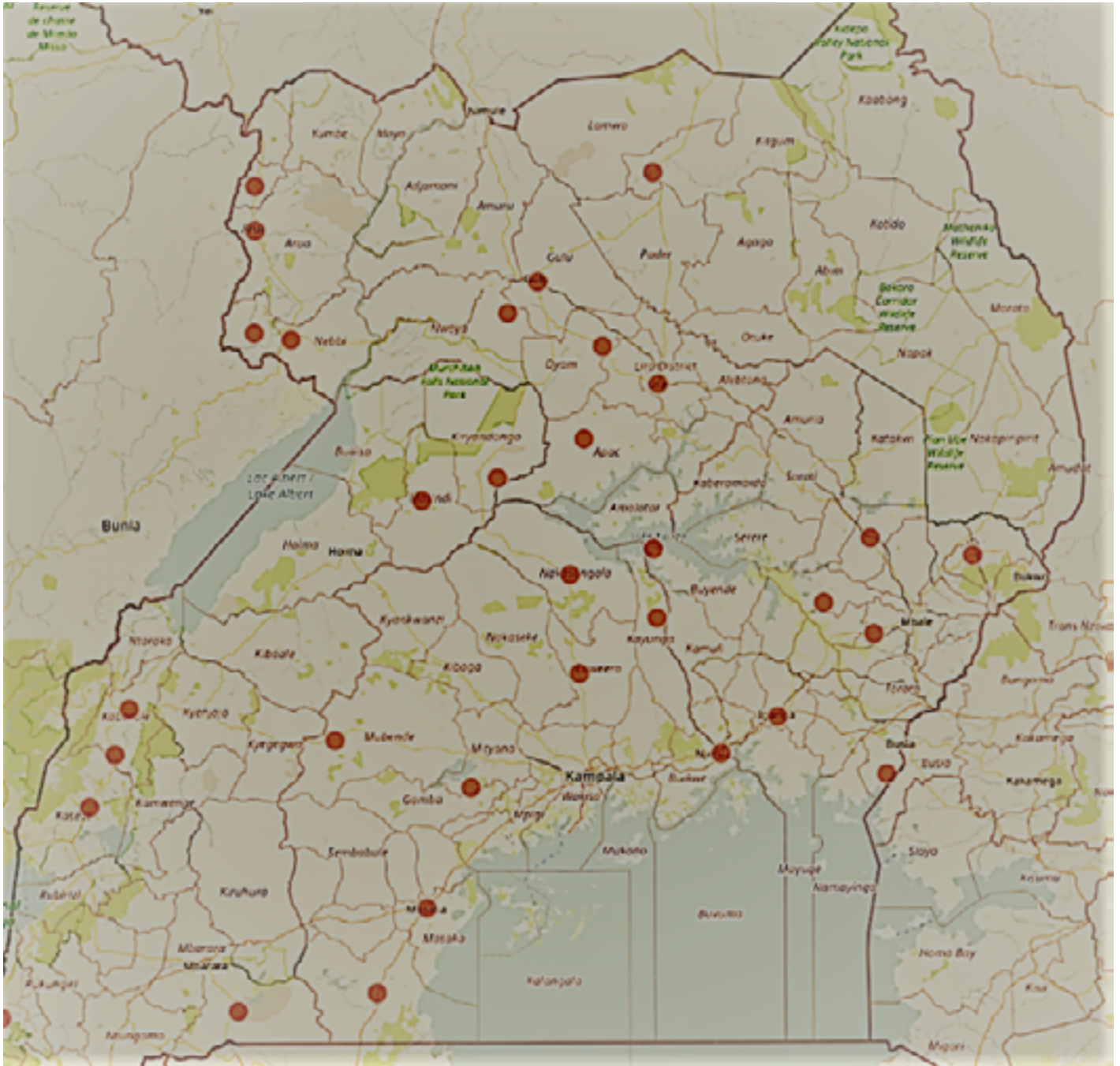
Going the extra mile to know our members better



Mr. Ojangle Tom - Pallisa DFA Extension worker

Young farmers; the energy lies with you. You are the one who are supposed to produce for this country. I was a young Farmer during colonial times and we used to grow cabbage and tomatoes. Young farmers are the back bone of agriculture now.

## UNYFA Membership Survey Coverage Map



As per the survey, the total membership of UNYFA from the two categories that participated in the survey stands at 31,901 from the 34 DYFA's visited. Females: 5,530 & Males: 26,368

Membership Cartegory	Numbers	Females	Males
(a) Group membership DYFA	25,500	4,250	21,250
(b) Individual Membership	6,350	1,270	5,080
2.Youth Initiative	51	13	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,901</b>	<b>5,533</b>	<b>26,368</b>



# ELECTIONS

## Right About Time: Thank you for your service.

It's now close to 5 years since the Young Farmers Federation was established. UNYFA has District Youth Councils (District Young Farmers' Associations –DYFAs) at the respective District Farmers' Associations who are the main constituents of the mother organization UNFFE. The building blocks for UNYFA are AGM (Annual General Meeting) – NEC (National Executive Committee) – REC (Regional Executive Committee) – DYFAs (District Young Farmers' Associations) - S/cYFAs (Sub-county Young Farmers Associations).

UNYFA members who are willing, qualified and are ready to serve on Second UNYFA National Executive Committee and Regional Committee will be elected at the 3rd UNYFA AGM which will take place from the 14th – 15th October 2020 at

Mariaflo Hotel in Masaka. The National Board and Regional committees are volunteer leadership positions and all the persons who are elected serve for 3 years before the next elections. It should be noted that females are fully represented at both the regional committees and the national board.

In order to have a full representation and effective flow of information countrywide; the country was further divided into 6 regions that form the regional committees from which the National Executive Committee is elected.

These include:-

1. West Nile Region- with our hub to be in Arua
2. Northern Region –with our hub to be in Gulu
3. Central Region with - our hub to be in Masaka
4. Western Region - with our hub to be in Mbarara
5. Eastern Region - with our hub to be in Mbale
6. Far East (Teso +Karamoja) - with our hub to be in Soroti

### GULU DYFA



### PALLISA DYFA



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**LIRA DYFA**



**MARACHA DYFA**



**Omerein Gain Strength Youth Group and Akokoron Farmers' group in Kumi**



**Yesu Amala Bee Keeping Group in Buyende**



**Team building with Moruita Youth Farmers' Group in Kumi**



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» Micheal Nageri  
CEO, Mashariki Organic Farms Ltd, Budima – Busia  
Former UNDP Resident coordinator -Senegal

# Soya porridge, a product of Buyende DYFA







**FISH FARMING IN IGANGA;  
FINGERLINGS HATCHERY**

# INNOVATIONS

**Construction of an incubator and hatchery for local breeds for youth in Iganga district.**



**Anywalonino Earthworm Farmers' Cooperative**



**Soya porridge, a product of Buyende DYFA**



**Constructing beehives in Rakai**



**Produce bulking in Lira**



**Reaching the farthest places.**

Cherukut Juliana, the chairperson of St. Aloysius Community and Saving Group during the membership survey in Kween district



**Kapchemiryot Women's Group a member of Sebei Farmers' SACCO in Kween**



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### Pallisa



### Goat rearing in Pallisa



### Fish Farming at Bukakata in Masaka

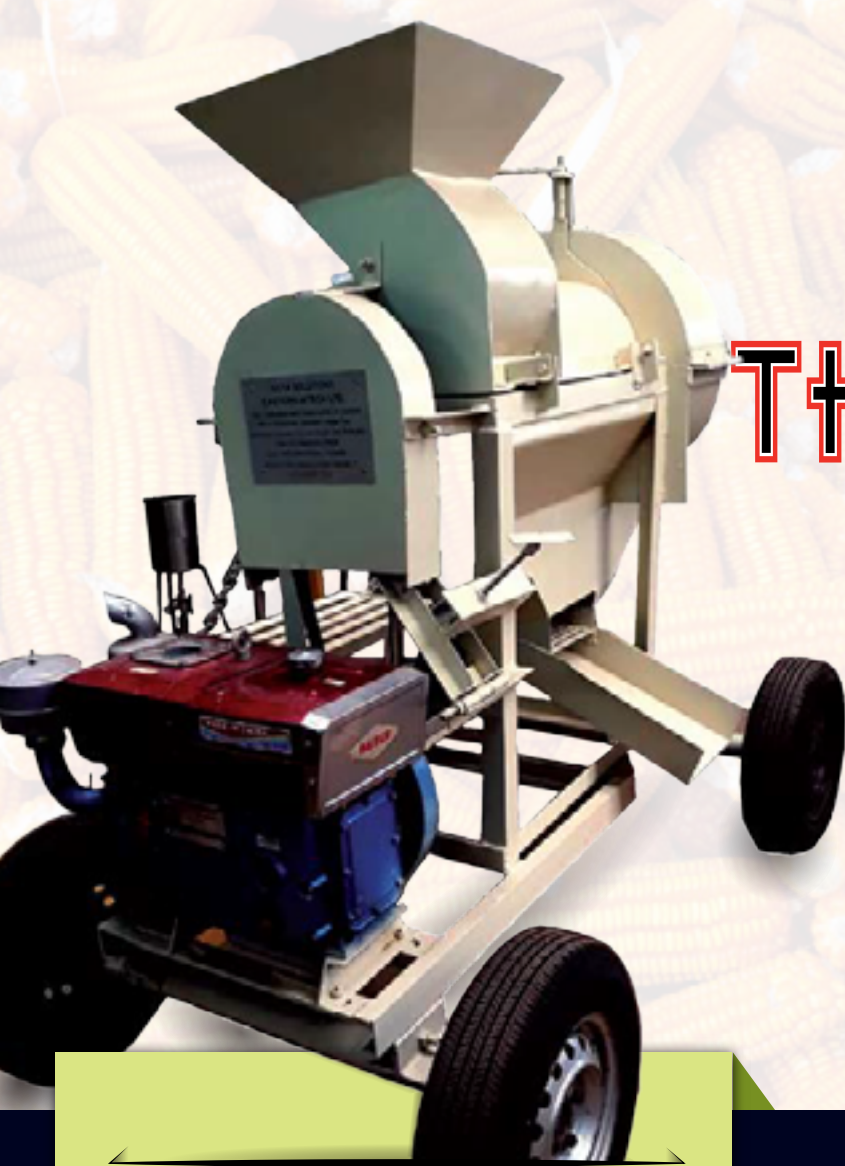


### Tomato growing in Sembabule



### Cabbage Growing





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## What next.....

May 5th, 2020, our CEO joined a panel of experts to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on young leaders in agriculture during the National Youth Working Group organized by Restless Development. The webinar themed; COVID-19: Challenges and opportunities in agriculture sector for youth leaders. Yikiru Justine of Dynamic Uganda and NAADS Executive Director, Samuel Mugasi were also part of the panel.

Kabiito Denis, the UNYFA CEO gave a general overview of challenges youth in agriculture face before expounding more on the amplification of the challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. He highlighted the fact that the underlying risk now and after COVID-19 is that production chains are disrupted, and SMEs that youth are engaged in threatened. Without food there is no exit from the pandemic, including farmers in all the strategies for realigning the economy of the country is needed. He also mentioned that farmers and farmer organizations need to find resilience and innovation (find business models to adapt) such as increasing direct farmer to consumer channels, diversification, value addition and storage, local sourcing of components and raw materials, integration of transportation logistics in production cycles/ on farms, digitization and automation and expanding market share and rethinking on how to gain new markets.

### Call to Action

The farmers need support from without.

1. The pandemic policy should integrate food system resilience into their response. It's not only a health risk but also a food security risk.
2. Need for financial support, insurance and assets in that line.
3. Establishment and facilitation of partnerships that help farmers (access to big buyers, government tenders etc.)
4. Policies that prioritize resilience, entrepreneurship and innovation.
5. Align agriculture training to business resilience, online markets and health risks.
6. Grants and loans to agri-food SMEs and some tax exemptions.

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## OPPORTUNITIES



### Internship at the Young Farmers' Federation of Uganda Coordination Office

Get an opportunity to get practical hands on experience working in a farmer organization. Through this internship, you will be exposed to working in farmer communities and also with international interns.

### Young Farmers' Champion

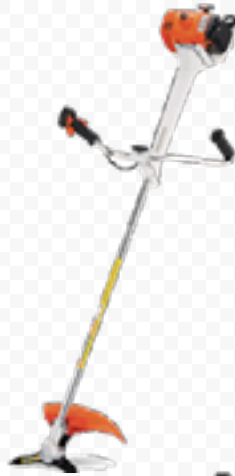
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