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Uganda: Extending Project's Work

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Presentation outline:

- Introduction
- Extending Project's work on developing cotton by-products in Uganda.
- Conclusion

1. Introduction:

- The Multi-stakeholder National Capacity Building Workshop held in Kampala, Uganda in March, 2018 agreed on the following:
 - The National Action Plan.
 - Policy Recommendations.
- The above documents were validated by Cotton Development Organisation (CDO) – 4th October, 2018

2. Extending project's work:

a) Implementing de-gossypolisation technology -

- Carry out laboratory tests to establish the levels of Free Gossypol(FG) in Uganda's cottonseed cake (CSC) and cotton seed oil.
- Technical/financial support to source De-gossypolisation Technology.
- Explore the mechanical extraction method and its suitability to reduce Gossypol to required levels.
- Capacity building(Theoretical & Hands-on training)

2. Extending project's work cont'd:

- b) Development of a new value chain for cotton stalks to produce briquettes and mushrooms -
- Carryout a feasibility study to establish demand and supply of cotton stalks
 - Identification of affordable technology in this area.
 - Setting up pellet and briquette demonstration plants.
 - Sensitizing farmers about the commercial benefits of cotton stalks.
 - Sensitizing the general public and industrialists about benefits of using pellets and briquettes as a source of energy.
 - Introduce the use of cotton stalks as a substrate for both commercial and domestic mushroom growing.
 - Capacity building in the relevant areas/fields.

2. Extending project's work cont'd:

c) Revival of Research and Production of Serere Alba Type Uganda (SATU) cotton

- Technical and financial assistance is needed for research and further improvement of SATU cotton.

d) Multi-stakeholder oversight committee to be put in place to oversee the implementation of the Action Plan

CONCLUSION

The above interventions/follow up activities, will help in fulfilling the desires and aspirations of the Sector stakeholders in promotion of Cotton by-products in Uganda.