

Warehouse Managers Trained

Training Fact File

- Warehouse management training.
- 17 participants (1F & 16M)
- Mchinji 22nd to 23rd Feb 2012

5 Rural Warehouse managers were trained in warehouse management techniques.

ACE identified 5 Warehouse managers to manage certified storage warehouses in Kafulu in the district of Dowa Central Malawi, Nathonje in Lilongwe south, and Balaka Southern Malawi. Ace took the warehouse managers to a warehouse management training in Mchinji on the 22nd to 23rd February 2012.

This USAID and ACDI VOCA sponsored training attracted 19 diverse warehouse managers from large trading companies like farmers world, medium traders M.C. Agronomy, Bucow Investments, Ministry of Agriculture extension workers as well as ACE rural warehouse operators. The training aimed at providing participants with necessary skills to receive, condition, grade, and store various grain in warehouse structures.

Training in pictures

Warehouse operators trained in the right way of sawing Commodity bags. This will help them preserve the life span of the bags so it's reused for a longer period of time.

A complete sealed bag from one of the trained warehouse managers. The bag will attract quality oriented buyers like WFP who would normally pay a premium for quality produce. A properly sealed bag will also reduce handling losses of grain between storage centres and consumers or buyers.



Training facilitator shows participants outcome of the right grain after finishing crop conditioning using sieves and separating discoloured grain.



Stacking training



Participants learn how to build a stack of commodity stacks and filing stack cards. Proper stack building improves air circulation in warehouses ensuring grain is not kept at high heat. Proper stacks improve health and safety in warehouses.



Group Photo of Participants at the training



Outcome

The training provided participants with relevant warehouse operation skills, including crop conditioning, grading using modern equipment, warehouse operational paperwork, and general warehouse observations.

Looking Forward

ACE looks forward to train warehouse managers in Fumigation and pesticide control, to complete their warehouse storage techniques training in time for first receipts expected end May and June in some areas.

ACE will in March hold a warehouse receipting operations workshop for the warehouse managers, its objective is to modify standard warehouse storage training they received to suit requirements of warehouse receipting system operations in their various centers.

Warehouse managers have since been asked to bring back ideas on how to improve the system and potential risk areas for discussion in the next workshop.