

## REPORT ON THE FIELD VISITS IN HOIMA DISTRICT, UGANDA-

The demo plots are situated in two sub-counties (randomly selected) in each of the four districts. These districts include Hoima, Masindi in Western region and Iganga and Tororo in Eastern region. The four districts have ideal conditions for both maize and bean production. However, these districts have been experiencing dry spells and/or late onset of rains, especially in Eastern region. Two demonstration plots were set up in each of the treatment areas as indicated in table below.

District	Sub-counties
Hoima	Kyaigambire
	Kiziranfumbi
Masindi	Pakanyi
	Karujubu
Iganga	Nambale
	Igombe
Tororo	Kilewa
	Nagongera

The demo plots are located within the villages by the roadside and are approximately 0.5 to 1 acres in size. The demo host farmer receives information on the improved cultural practices, improved seed variety and fertilizer. The sign posts are also from PSL.

**30<sup>th</sup> April:** After the breakfast meeting which was held in Kampala, the M&E team from AGRA (led by Dr. David Ameyaw, included Jane Njuguna and Josephine Njau), the Managing Director and Operations Manager from Pearl Seed Limited and the study team (Dr. Mercy Kamau & Ms Claris Riungu (PhD Student) from Tegemeo Institute, and Dr. Fredrick Bagamba from Makerere University, left for Hoima District which is one of the districts included in the evaluation study.

**1<sup>st</sup> May, 2015:** Early next morning the group paid visits to two demonstration sites, one in Kyaigambire sub-county and they other in Kiziranfumbi sub-county. Both are in Hoima district. The team had a chance and were happy to meet the hosts of the two demo sites (one was male and the other was female).

The team noted that the bean and maize plants in the demo plots were thriving. The major problem noted was that in some of the demo plots the recommended spacing was not followed as instructed by PSL team. The demo hosts shared their experiences of being a demo hosts. . The visiting team indicated that demo hosts need to be informed (so as to inform farmers who enquire) about where to get the new seed variety.

PSL informed the team that this information is normally passed on during field days so as to ensure farmers get the correct information. It was highlighted that PSL would inform both AGRA and the study team (Tegemeo & Makerere) about the schedule for field days so that they can plan to attend/participate.



The team in **Hoima** district on a farmers' demo plots