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The Project is keen in having all the targeted 18 Counties Adopt and Adapt the SHEP Approach in their agriculture extension. Kisumu County is among those that have been working to adapt/adopt the SHEP Approach to improve their extension. Kisumu is a big city famous for a variety of activities. Among them, there're agricultural activities which are absorbing the youth as new comers in the field. Here's a story about an officer who has implemented the Approach in Kisumu East Sub County, and still continues spreading the Approach beyond the Project support.



She used to be a Sub County Desk Officer at Kisumu East Sub County where SHEP UP (2nd phase of the Project) was implemented. At that time, she supported model farmer groups to implement the SHEP Approach, and witnessed the transformation of the farmers. The groups became so successful and are now attracting new young members whom they are mentoring. She believes in empowerment and has been amazed at the strength of the farmers when empowered. After she transferred to Nyakach Sub County, her passion towards empowering farmers did not die out. She continued to adapt the SHEP Approach in her agricultural activities.



Ms. Eunice, SCAO, Nyakach Sub County

In her Sub County, she preaches the importance of Market Survey to her staff, and to other farmers whenever possible. Whatever other projects or any extension activities she implements, she recommends to incorporate Market Survey in them so that farmers can realize one of their objectives of the farming, which is profit making. It is impossible for her to think any extension activities without focus on the market.

She looks very proud and as shiny as the farmers she has supported.

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