



**A PROGRESS REPORT ON BUSINESS LINKAGE FORUM BETWEEN FRESH PRODUCE EXPORT COMPANY VEGPRO (K) LTD, CROPLIFE KENYA SSPs AND FRIENDS OF KILIMANJARO FARMING COMMUNITY IN KIMANA, KAJIADO COUNTY, KENYA**



***Vegpro (K) Ltd, Loitokitok Production Manager, James Kamore addressing and Introducing Croplife Kenya SSPs to Vegpro Exporter Farmers in Kajiado South.***



***Croplife Kenya SSPs being addressed by Betty of (SNV Kenya), Kajiado South MoA and Vegpro (K) Ltd Officials.***

# **BUSINESS FORUM BETWEEN VEGPRO (K) LTD AND CROPLIFE KENYA SSPs IN KIMANA, KAJIADO COUNTY**

**DATE: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**AREA: Kimana - Kajiado South Sub-county in Kajiado County, Kenya**

**VENUE: Friends of Kilimanjaro Farmers Community Hall**

**STAKEHOLDERS: Vegpro (K) Ltd., FOKI Officials, MoA, SNV, AAK (Croplife Kenya)**

Kenya's horticultural industry has continued to grow since its infancy years in 1975 under FPEAK which is involved in regulation and coordination of members involved in growing and/or exporting fresh cutflowers, fruits, and vegetables. Vegpro (K) Ltd. (VP) is the largest producer and exporter of fresh produce from Kenya and through its VP Food Division it is currently producing fresh produce in its six farms in Kenya and managing a portfolio of over 1700 smallholder farmers in Kenya's four major production zones.

Vegpro's crop production practices are grounded on the Global Good Agricultural Practices (GlobalGAP), which are recognised by fresh produce markets and growers worldwide as a measure for achieving a sustainable production and in this regard in collaboration with FOKI farmers of Kajiado South, it aims at adopting and engaging the existing pool of trained and certified Croplife Kenya Spray Service Providers (SSPs) in Kimana, Rombo and Kuku areas that have a combined farmer database of over 600 farmers. The key focus of the business linkage forum to VP and FOKI was to meet the Croplife Kenya SSPs in the region and establish their skill sets prior to engaging them in service provision in their outgrower zones in the area. Adoption and utilization of the SSPs by Vegpro not only means it complies with the Certification Standards but also that its, over 600 farmers in the region are producing their crops in a safe and sustainable manner while utilizing crop protection products. For the SSPs, this was a forum that enabled them to showcase their services, competencies and contact details to the VP Company and FOKI community farmers.



***Fresh Produce Exporter Business Linkage Forum between Croplife Kenya SSPs, Vegpro (K) Ltd and Friends of Kilimanjaro (FOKI) Community Farmers in Kimana, Kajiado South in June 2018***

## **KEY OUTPUTS AND DELIVERABLES EXPECTED**

1. Vegpro (K) Ltd will utilize and adopt the SSPs in their over 600 out-grower farms.
2. Vegpro (K) Ltd will move to mobilize, train and sensitize their out-grower farmer in collaboration with the SSPs in their adoption in abid to boost GlobalGAP certification compliance, Responsible use of Pesticides, Management of Pesticide Resistance and fight Counterfeits in the region through community meetings and barazas.

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