



COMMEMORATION OF WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY ON 7 JUNE 2022 IN MERU COUNTY – KAGURU ATC

Safety through Proper Empty Pesticide Container (EPC) Management

Collection and flagging off of **640 Kgs** Empty Pesticides Containers (EPCs) and obsolete products which were mopped up from within Meru County in a month-long awareness campaign.



Safety through Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



Distribution of over **800 sets** of full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits to vulnerable farmer groups to encourage the uptake and use of PPEs among farmers.

Safety through Use of Spray Service Providers (SSPs)

Flagging off and release of **14** trained, certified, and fully equipped Spray Service Providers (SSPs), who shall offer support to high-risk value chains.

- Spray Service Providers (SSPs) are AAK and Pest Control Products Board (PCPB) trained farmers who offer pesticide application services to fellow farmers at a small fee.



- They therefore play a crucial role in pest management by reducing the exposure of farmers to Crop Protection Products as well as ensuring that the label recommendations are followed as required.

- To date over **1,460 SSPs** have been trained in 16 Counties of Kenya



Safety through Training and Demonstration

Exhibition was meant to show the farmers and other stakeholder innovation in pest control and how they can address the challenge of counterfeit products and produce safe food for Kenyans.

Through this approach, we reached over **2700 farmers** face to face.



Safety through research and surveys

Public release of 3 study reports with regards to the following facets of pesticide use.

1. Adoption and usage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the country

- The study looked at the current PPE use situation, the bottlenecks hindering adoption and use, the interventions necessary to enable widespread use of PPE and the requisite PPE standards to reduce exposure to handlers and users of pesticides.

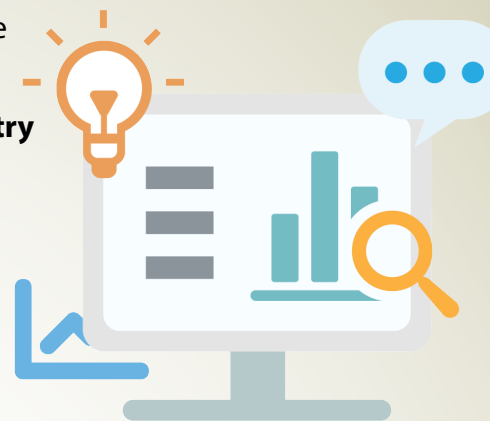
- The study was supported by CropLife Africa Middle East (CLAME) and is being undertaken in select countries in Africa and Asia.

2. Pesticide residue surveillance reports in 3 main vegetables commonly consumed by Kenyans (Tomato, Brassica and Onions)

- The study was investigating the levels of Pesticides Maximum Residues Limits (MRLs) in selected counties

3. Report on pesticide use trends in the country

- The survey seeks to provide an overview of adherence to label recommendations by farmers in Nyandarua, Kajiado and Nakuru Counties.



Safety through mass and social media

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The association was able to share its Responsible Use (RU) messages pertaining to food safety and security through its social media platforms to educate the public on our stewardship commitments.

For media coverage, click the links below:

<https://agrochem.co.ke/world-food-safety-week-farmers-urged-to-observe-guidelines-on-chemical-packages/>

<https://agrochem.co.ke/lawrence-omuhaka-serikali-inahakikisha-upatikanaji-chakula-salama/>

<https://agrochem.co.ke/safety-week-media-coverage-2022/>

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