Farmers, leaders urged on climate

Greater Masaka region has been one of the areas struck by the lengthy dry season that has left households in danger of food insecurity.

In view of such challenges, Henry Baguma, the Sembabule RDC called for more attention to factors like wetland degradation and deforestation that lead to climate change.

Speaking at a workshop on agriculture extension held on Thursday, he said there was need for environmental friendly agricultural practices. "We no longer receive rain like it used to be. It's time we joined efforts to address climate change issues," he said.

The training, organised by Usaid's Feed the Future Commodity Production and Market Activity (CPM) in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture (Maaif), was on how to integrate the village agent (VA) model into the government extension system.

In her remarks, Gloria Asiingwire, enterprise development officer at Maaif, pointed out that the challenges can be overcome by well-trained village-to-village agronomists. "I encourage leaders to support the VA model for environmental friendly practices and also to boost output."

She said the ministry would continue to support the VA model even when the project ends in 2018.

-Joseph Kato



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