

# FARMER'S DELIGHT



WLSA with the support of We Effect and the Ministry of Women's Affairs Community Small and Medium Enterprises hosted farmers field day for ward 3 and ward 4 study circle groups comprising of 54 female and 29 male farmers.

Mr and Mrs Katemauswa, who are both WLSA members were the gracious hosts on 7 April. Some of the esteemed guests included Chief Mangwende, Agritex officers from , and members the District Office.

Mr Katemuswa began the tour by stating , "Makuriro atakaita ndaingonzwa kuti nyemba kachirimwa kanongoiswa mune zvimwe zvirimwa kozongonhongwa."He further explained that he did not think men could grow the product.

He was skeptical when they received one kg seed but during planting season they realized that the seed was more than enough and it flourished. Their major challenge was pests, mainly The stem maggot but they received support form Agritex on how to deal with it.

"WLSA has strengthened the working relationship between women and men, and this has also increased domestic harmony". said Mr Katemauswa. Mrs Ndege and Mr Chimbwanda, both from Agritex applauded the host farmers.

However, most farmers were appealing to WLSA to engage Agriseeds to come collect the seeds timely to protect the seed from post harvest losses. Chief Mangwende delivering closing remarks appreciated WLSA for complementing government efforts in the district.



**Mrs Katemauswa in her field**



**Produce display**



**Chief Mangwende addressing the farmers**



**Field day in session**



**WLSA members showcasing their eggs project**

On the 24th of April, stakeholders conducted a field tour of sorghum and maize crops, hosted by Mrd and Mrs Trsuro. Agriseeds' Regional Agronomist, Mr Mafere and Mrs Ndege from Agritex were also present.

WLSA Board Member, Dr Langton Mundau present at the event said, "WLSA is not about politics but seeks to uplift people in communities. I am happy our partnership with Agriseeds will go a long way in ensuring livelihoods and offering the necessary assistance." Farmers from both wards echoed, that the incessant rains were a challenging obstacle but they remained vigilant and made sure to stick to the farming practices as advised by the officers.



**Mr and Mrs Tsuro showcasing their field**



**Field day guests**



**Sorghum and maize display**



**Agritex receiving gift from the farmers**

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