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**Welcome to our monthly news update with
'Access Agriculture Panorama'**

This monthly e-newsletter gives a bird's eye view of all the exciting updates from Access Agriculture, a world-leading organisation for quality agricultural training videos in international and local languages, working across the Global South.

The links to different language versions are given below each section.

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EcoAgtube Spotlight on Nawaya: an NGO in Egypt that promotes heritage food systems

[Nawaya-Egypt](#) works with small-scale farming families on programmes that focus on ecological farming practices and heritage food systems through a community-based network. It helps rural communities set up enterprises that generate new sources of income for rural communities from making compost to raising poultry and agro-tourism.

Nawaya has also been a video production partner with Access Agriculture, and several farmer-to-farmer training videos have been produced through this partnership on agroecological practices and traditional food processing techniques.

As part of its mission, Nawaya empowers women and youth in rural areas with access to knowledge, markets and appropriate technologies. One of its initiatives is the Nawaya Kitchen Training Centre, which helps women from different villages promote their unique traditional recipes.

During its recent staff meeting in Sakkara, Egypt, the Access Agriculture team was invited by Laura Tabet, Access Agriculture Regional Representative and co-founder of Nawaya-Egypt, to visit the Kitchen Training Centre and sample the magic of the heritage dishes.

If you want to try some of the recipes of the Nawaya Kitchen Training Centre on healthy food, check out their videos on [EcoAgtube](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating 10 years of Access Agriculture

2022 is a momentous year for Access Agriculture as the organisation celebrates its 10th anniversary. **Our heartfelt thanks to all our donors and partners across the Global South** for their strong support for the past 10 years.

FAO elearning Academy



Herbal pest repellent



Converting chicken waste into fertiliz...



Staking tomato plants

Access Agriculture partners with FAO elearning Academy

The [FAO elearning Academy](#), which offers over 500 multilingual certified e-learning courses as a global public good, now features Access Agriculture as a partner and a

valued resource for information and knowledge on agroecological principles and rural entrepreneurship.

The Academy is the result of a collaborative effort involving partners throughout the world, who share similar goals as FAO, such as the promotion of innovation; multilingualism; capacity development; and free access to new ideas, practices and technologies, among others.

It seeks to strengthen the capacity of human resources and institutions to face global challenges by sharing knowledge and skills relating to food and nutrition security, social and economic development, and sustainable management of natural resources.

As part of the partnership, Access Agriculture and FAO elearning Academy will cross link their respective platforms. Based on the thematic area, the Academy will add the links to pertinent Access Agriculture videos in the Resources section of the FAO courses. They will support each other in the promotion of activities of common interest and participate in and organise joint initiatives or events.



Your support needed to empower the changemakers

Our campaign seeks to empower six dynamic young women entrepreneurs, who will introduce new ideas and bring about a positive change in the lives of 3000 women farmers in southern India, who have been badly hit by climate change and COVID-19.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of our donors, as two of the six young women entrepreneurs whom our campaign targets, have successfully embarked on their journey to bring knowledge to other women of their farming communities.

Please be one of the wonderful people to [make a donation](#) at GlobalGiving and share this opportunity with your friends.

[Help us raise funds for our current campaign!](#)

New videos added in November

91 new videos - 27 [Arabic](#), 10 [Bariba](#), 10 [Chichewa](#) / [Nyanja](#), 10 [Peulh](#) / [Fulfuldé](#) / [Pulaar](#), 20 [Tumbuka](#), 04 [Luganda](#), and 10 [Wolof](#) - have been posted on our platform www.accessagriculture.org. They are freely downloadable as video (mp4), audio (mp3), mobile (video format 3gp) along with a one-page fact sheet with contact details for more information.

Most viewed video in November

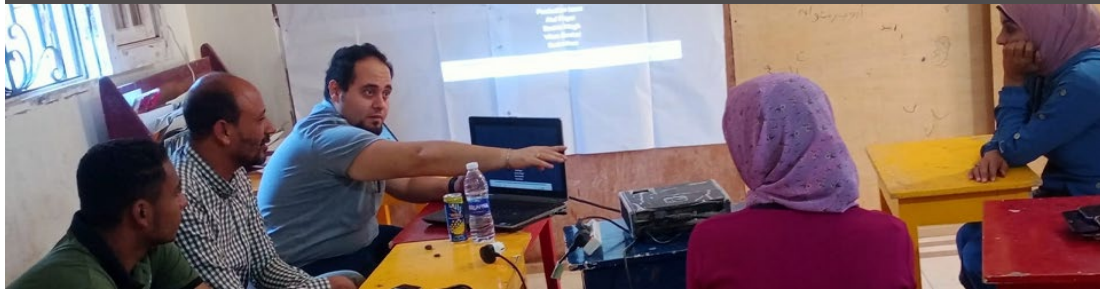


Organic biofertilizer in liquid and solid form

For healthy crops you need a healthy soil, because a healthy soil contains many good microbes and earthworms. To prepare biofertilizer for half a hectare, you need 10 kg fresh cow dung, cow urine, flour from chickpeas or another pulse, jaggery or unrefined sugar, and a handful of healthy soil.

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FROM OUR CHANGEMAKERS



ERAs@work!

The following ERAs are part of the project 'Innovation for smallholder resilience' (iNashr) that Access Agriculture is implementing in Egypt, in partnership with the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and the Agricultural Research Center (ARC) of the Ministry of Agriculture with support from GIZ:

- ERA from **Egypt, Mohamed Hesham**, Projects Manager with Eid Ala Eid Foundation, which works in most governorates in Upper Egypt in agricultural development, has been using innovative facilitation methods to make his video shows interactive and interesting for his target beneficiaries. In one such show in Sakkara, Egypt, where Access Agriculture team was present, Hesham Mohamed shared with the participating men and women farmers relevant photos related to the video topic with explanations and showed them various samples of soils with good micro-organisms. The videos he showed to the participants included [soil fertility management practices](#)
- ERA from **Egypt, Samy Daoud**, a field coordinator for the Integral Development Action of Minia (IDAM)'s project, 'Supporting small-scale farmers,' is steadily changing the mindset of the farmers he is working with, to embrace organic farming. For instance, one of his target beneficiaries, Mr. Mohaseb, has adopted the use of vermicompost for his nurseries of carrots. He said he was inspired by

Access Agriculture video on [Making a vermicompost bed](#). ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))

- ERA from **Egypt, Michael Atef**, one of the founders of Women & Community for Development, has been projecting helpful videos regarding [good agricultural practices, livestock management](#). As the price of animal feeds has been rapidly increasing in Egypt, small-scale farmers are searching for better alternatives. That is the reason they were very happy to learn from videos, such as [Silage from maize](#). ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))
- ERA from **Egypt, Rashwan Gad El Rab**, who is a co-founder of the NGO Afdal (Better) for Community Development that provide services to vulnerable rural communities, is sharing knowledge of agroecological practices with these communities, using the smart projector. ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))

The following Entrepreneurs for Rural Access (ERAs) are part of the Access Agriculture project under the Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture in Africa (KCOA), funded by BMZ and implemented by GIZ:

- ERAs from **Kenya, Elphas Elkanah Masanga, Christopher Mwazighe, Maureen Njeri Maina** and **Sylvia Wangui Njonjo**, participated in the Kenya ERAs National Meeting with partners (Biovision Africa Trust, PELUM Kenya Association and Sylvia's Basket). The meeting offered them a great opportunity to share experiences and learning on agroecological practices. ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))
- ERA from **Zambia, Sussana Phiri**, who is interested in food and nutrition security, especially of young mothers, facilitated a video show session at Mt. Makulu Clinic in Lusaka, Zambia. The videos shown included [Making mango crisps](#) and [Using sack mounds to grow vegetables](#). ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#)).

In another video screening session, Sussana showed the videos on [Conserving bean leaf vegetables](#), [Using sack mounds to grow vegetables](#) and [Enriching porridge with baobab juice](#). In both the sessions, the videos were shown in Chewa language. ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))

- ERA from **Uganda, Martha Kyokuhair**, Founder and CEO of VFL Gardens. Mukono, Uganda, facilitated a video show session in Mungula II Refugee Settlement, Adjumani District, Itirikwa subcounty in Northern Uganda. The videos included [Using sack mounds to grow vegetables](#) and [Managing aflatoxins in maize during drying and storage](#). ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#)).

In another video session held in Lewa Parish, Pakelle Subcounty, Adjumani District, Martha conducted video shows on [SLM12 Conservation agriculture](#), [Using sack mounds to grow vegetables](#), [Enriching porridge with baobab juice](#), [Storing fresh and dried tomatoes](#), [Managing aflatoxins in maize during drying and storage](#). ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))

- ERA from **Kenya, Maureen Njeri Maina**, Field Trainer at Schools and Colleges Permaculture (SCOPE) in Kenya, which empowers young people to transform degraded school lands into food forests through agroecology and permaculture practices, helps children and youths from the Thika Child Rescue Centre in Kiambu County, Kenya by showing them videos on how to farm naturally to become food secure. ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))
- ERA from **Mali, Aliou Maiga**, who is passionate about organic agriculture held a training session in partnership with UTA / CFBD on agro-food processing, which

was sponsored by GIZ. They were able to train 12 women from Bandiagara, Mali, using the video [Tomato concentrate and juice](#) on how tomatoes can be easily processed into concentrate and juice. ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))

- ERA from **Malawi, Happy Mbewe**, Field Assistant at the Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Water Development, facilitated video screening shows on Human urine as fertilizer, Composting to beat striga, Organic biofertilizer in liquid and solid form and Converting chicken waste into fertilizer ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#)).
- ERA from **Rwanda, Benjamin Tuyitegereze**, working as a manager at Uruhimi Kageyo Cooperative (UKC), a youth-led entity committed to providing climate resilient innovation, conducted training sessions using videos on [Human urine as fertilizer](#) and [Turning honey into money](#) ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#)).
- ERA from **Mali, Mamadou Diarra**, who is passionate about livestock management, and is the co-founder of an enterprise called Expert Élevage Consulting (EEC SARL), organised a training session on fish farming using the smart projector with participants from Sikasso, Ségou, Baroueli at Guy Bert Centre in Titibougou, Bamako, Mali. ([See photos in Access Agriculture Facebook](#))



Ambassadors in Action

- Access Agriculture Ambassador from **India, Hitul Awasthi**, who runs a digital agriculture platform called "Krishi (Farming) Updates" promoted videos that include [Grass strips against soil erosion](#), [Organic biofertilizer in liquid and solid form](#) and [Making a vermicompost bed](#), which greatly benefitted the farmers.
- Access Agriculture Ambassador from **Benin, Yolou Mounirou**, who is President of the NGO Jeunes Ruraux (Rural Youth) of Benin, promoted two videos. The first one on [Quality cassava planting material](#) was shown to help farmers in the Department of Donga in the production of cassava planting material, who successfully adopted the technique. The second video [Using sack mounds to grow vegetables](#) was shown to schoolchildren in the municipality of Ouaké. After the screening of the video and the sharing of the factsheet, more than 60% students adopted the practice in their homes.

BLOG POSTS



A healthier way to eat groundnuts

Rosario Cadima is an enterprising farmer who spends two days a week buying and selling potatoes at the fair in Colomi, Cochabamba. Juan Almanza, who is an extensionist, had given her a DVD with a series of agricultural learning videos aimed at farmers like her.

The DVD included seven videos in Spanish, Quechua and Aymara on caring for the soil. One of the videos was about peanuts (groundnuts), which like other legumes, fixes nitrogen for the soil. Rosario recently watched the DVD with her parents, grandfather and other family members. They watched all of the videos over three nights, and she recalled them vividly.

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MEET OUR AMBASSADOR



Kirsty Busisile Ncube

Kirsty Busisile Ncube is from South Africa, where she worked in property before deciding to pursue a new career path with studies in Hungary as a Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship holder. She is a final year of student in Agriculture Engineering (Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences) and is currently working as a Project Intern for the AGROMIX project - analysing policies of Central and Eastern European legacy on agroforestry, as well as researching publications on agroforestry and mixed farming. She was appointed as a 2021 Mentor for Hook Stipendium Hungaricum Mentor Network and serves as a Committee Member of the South African Women in Hungary Support Group. Her aim as an Access Agriculture ambassador is to restore the attractiveness and cultivate an interest in agriculture to fellow young people, both nationally and internationally, through education, support and initiatives that will create programmes, partnerships and mentorships between current experienced agronomists and young people who want to venture into agribusiness.

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WINNER OF THE MONTHLY QUIZ



Carlsean Virador Margate

Winner of Access Agriculture November 2022 Quiz contest

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The January 2023 Quiz will be open from 1-15 January 2023.

Check out the contest here: www.accessagriculture.org