



COPSO

Community Oriented Project Support Organization

Building the Capacity of Communities in Natural Resource Management and Entrepreneurship

IMPROVED MAIZE PRODUCTION UNDER CONSERVATION TILLAGE (CT) - SITE SPECIFIC NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT (SSNM) TECHNOLOGY IN NORTH - RIFT AND WESTERN KENYA

There is need to increase maize yields at lower production costs in the North Rift and Western Kenya. Within its mandate, COPSO is introducing mechanized conservation tillage including strip tillage and soil fertility management to small and medium scale farmers. COPSO is entering into agreement with farmers who are interested to undertake improved maize production. You can join the project if you agree with the following memorandum of understanding (MoU) between COPSO and willing farmer (WF).

Memorandum of understanding

The willing farmer (WF) will carry out the following:

- i. Facilitate soil analysis at his/her cost of Kshs.1200 per sample.
- ii. Carry out remedial work, namely: heavy or light disk harrowing at his/her cost.
- iii. Fill application form for conservation tillage operations and deposit the required amount at Sirikwa Dairy Cooperative society, near Ziwa town, or as otherwise directed.

OPERATIONS FOR THE CT-SSNM TECHNOLOGY

After completion of the above

Activity	Remarks
Weed Control	Farmer
Sub Soiling	2,200 Kshs. -COPSO
Planting	Farmer
Fertilizer management	As recommended from the soil analysis report
Post emergent Weed control	Farmer
Pest control	Farmer

A. Pre-payment arrangement

Pay the amount for required services at Sirikwa Dairies Cooperative Society, or as otherwise directed. COPSO will provide support services for remedial work upon payment.

Farmer Signed: _____

COPSO Signed: _____