

# THE MARKETING STRATEGY FOR ABAVUBI FISHER MOBILE APPLICATION



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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYMS

**ABAVUBI APP**: Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application

**Agri-LED** : Agro-Industrialization Local Economic Development.

**FFOU** : Federation of Fisheries Organization Uganda

GIZ : Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit.

**IEC** : Information Education Communication.

**IT** : Information Technology.

**MAAIF** : Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries

OTT : Over The Top (Social Media Tax alias OTT tax)

**OWC**: Operation Wealth Creation.

**SWOT** : Strength Weakness Opportunities Threats.

#### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The processing of developing Abavubi Marketing Strategy was supported by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) during a Multi-stakeholders Workshop organized by the Federation of Fisheries Organization Uganda (FFOU) to collect views from the fish folks. The workshop took place on the 10th November 2020 and the participants shared their views on the suitable Marketing Strategies and sustainability plan for the newly developed application named as Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application (Abavubi App). The Fisheries Sector in Uganda is faced with a number of challenges including high investment required for one to remain relevant coupled with limited or no Information Technology skills that expose to the fisher folks to the exploitation of the middlemen.

In multi stakeholder's workshops, the FFOU-IT team presented Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application to the representatives of the fish folks and appreciated the development of the Abavubi App. They were also tasked to give their opinions on the best marketing and sustainability strategies of the application. The following were adopted as the marketing strategies for the application;

- Adoption of sensitization and awareness campaign about Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application.
- Creation of the of the all the application materials in the local languages to make it easy for the fisher folk to use it
- Creation of the IT team working on the application should create an application version that can be used on non-smart phones.
- Formation of cooperatives by the fisher folks as strategy to strengthen their bargaining power for the prospective markets.
- Training of leaders in the respective fishing communities to allow conceptualization and adaptability of the Abavubi App.
- Ensuring that Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application is online all the time at affordable and manageable costs.
- Adaption of a vibrant, competitive and Sustainable Marketing Strategy for the Abavubi Fisher
   Mobile Application.
- Ensuring that the managerial capabilities are in place as detailed in the recommendation section.

A budget has been proposed with corresponding costs if the above marketing strategies are to be achieved. The conclusion highlights the fact, the marketing strategies mentioned above are both short and long term and therefore cannot be achieved within the initial period but can be realised one after the other given depending on the capacities of the implementing organisations and the stakeholders in the fisheries industry.

#### 2.0 INTRODUCTION

The fisheries sector of Uganda is blessed with rich water resources which have high potential for increased fisheries and aquaculture production. The potential to increase production from the current estimates of 460,000 tons of fish per annum to over 1.7 million tons per annum is realistic and can be achieved with proper management. The sector has a significant contribution to national GDP, employment, food security, household incomes and foreign income earnings. However, those working in the fisheries sectors still face a number of challenges coupled with limited application of Information Communication Technology –in their day to day business management.

The use of destructive fishing methods and drastic environmental changes has led to a decline in the productivity of Uganda water bodies and as fish production has continuously declined over the last decade. Uganda's fish exports dropped, leading to a considerable loss of revenue and source of livelihoods. Several measures have been put in place to curb on the rate of illegalities in the fisheries sector such as the deployment of the paramilitary unit for surveillance on the lake, registration and licensing and adoption of bigger boats to fish in deeper water are among the strategies that have been adopted.

The approaches adopted by government have left the fisher folks in a more complicated situation since the production costs have almost doubled and for one to keep in business, he or she must be creative and adaptive to innovations. –The fisher folks rarely keep business records, they are not aware whether they are making profit or not and are unable to improve or upscale their business. Such conditions have not only limited local investment in the fisheries sector but also the foreign. The local financiers are very skeptical to adverse business loans to such business. There is need to train fisher-folk on business development, management and adoption of innovation such integration of Mobile Application in their business operations.

#### 3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The challenges affecting the fisheries sectors propelled Federation of Fisheries Organizations Uganda (FFOU) to conduct wide consultations with its members spread in the districts of; Rakai, Kyotera, Masaka, Kalungu, Kalangala, Mpigi, Wakiso, Mukono, Buikwe, Kayunga, Buvuma, Mayuge, Namayingo, Busia, Hoima, Ntoroko, Bulisa and Kampala on what needs to be done to improve Fisheries Business management in Uganda. As a result of such engagements, FFOU found out that, there was a communication gap amongst the fisher folks which not only affected their knowledge about the markets but also locked them out of the innovations in their industry.

Therefore, inspired by the Abalobi App which was developed in South Africa, FFOU came up with a similar application for the fisher folks in Uganda dubbed as the **Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application** (Abavubi App). The application allows the fisher folk to easily and securely collect, store and analyze business and fisheries data using their mobile phones. The Abavubi App gives the user access to weather forecasts, market information and navigation data. All these aspects are aimed at building stronger fish businesses, improve market access and strengthen the role of the fishing community in co-management of the available resources.

As step towards the realization and popularization of the Abavubi App, FFOU has been working closely with GIZ to streamline and perfect the implementation of the concept to cover as many users as possible in the fisheries sector. This document therefore presents the marketing strategy for the Abavubi Application. The strategies proposed to market the application are based to the ideas discussed by the representatives of the fisher folks who attended a one day's Multi-stakeholders workshop organized by FFOU with support from GIZ to discuss to approaches that can be adopted to bring make the fisheries sector appreciate the need to adopt and use the Abavubi Application in their day —to — day business operations.

#### **4.0 METHODOLOGY ADOPTED**

During the development a marketing strategy, a workshop was organized by FFOU funded by GIZ. The event was attended by key stakeholders in the fisheries sector and the both group discussion and questionnaires were applied to collect ideas on the best marketing strategy to popularize the Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application, a SWOT Analysis of the application was conducted as presented below;

#### 4.1 The Marketing strategy for Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application

Based on the available information regarding the fisheries industry in Uganda, there is a need to fully integrate Information Technology in the day to day business of the sector.

#### 4.2 Situation Analysis

The Fisheries Industry is operated by both the youthful population which is the country's majority and the adult men and women. Most of the people in the fisheries are not highly educated with basic education of reading and writing. This population has also experienced the socio-economic revolutions which among others include the application of information Communication Technology in the day to day business operations. With brief analysis the Federation of Fisheries Organization Uganda developed an application dubbed as; Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application as key strategy enable the fish folk access market information at both local and international level.

#### 4.3 Objectives

The combination of unique, cost-effective approaches will enable FFOU to reach out to a good number of people in the fisheries sector. This will enable them to rum how to use the application for their day today business operations.

#### 44 Strength of the Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application

Majority of the fisher folks agreed that, the Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application would offer them with an opportunity information about the market conditions, access to good market for their products which would increase their returns. They further noted that, the application enables them to control illegal fishing practices as a way of attaining sustainable fishing methods in Uganda.

The participants further noted that, the innovation of the application would keep them relevant in the market by knowing the prevailing market conditions they could stay ahead of the competition was through the use of the Abavubi application, sensitizing and creating awareness among the target audience, working hand in hand with fisheries association. They also pointed out that, the application would expose them to the world of technology and adopt it for their day to day operations.

The stakeholders also appreciated the intervention, that it would reduce the role of middlemen who exploit the fishermen by buying their fish cheaply due to limited information regarding the prevailing market. The creation of the Abavubi Mobile Application will further facilitate formation of cooperatives and association which would enable them tap into others socioeconomic programs in the country like the Emyooga, Agri-LED, Operation Wealth Creation, etc.

The application would also eliminate the current statuesque of weighing by eyes or estimates of fish. Before the information is uploaded on the application, all the description regarding the fish is captured and weight of the fish is key component. This will be key step in improving the economic conditions since many of them continue to work in the lake but no visible retunes since they sell out their fish at very low prices which does not correlate with the energies and other resources they invest in the activity.

The participant also described the intervention as a mile stone in empowering the fisheries sector since it has provisions for information such as market prices, weather changes, market information as well as controlling the illegal fishing practices. Additionally, the participants described the application as their gateway to both local and international markets.

The participants also noted that, the application would ease mobilization of mobilize fisher folks for social economic activities. Given the nature of the water bodies, the fish folks have been described as hard to reach groups of people but with the innovation of the application, the communication among the fisher folks and their fellow stakeholders will naturally improve.

#### 4.5 The weakness of the Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application

The Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application is an internet-based application implying that, without internet, the application may not work. The participants noted that, there is poor network coverage around the lake and this implies that, the application may not be useful at the time, they may need it.

Secondly, the participants noted given the nature of their work, smart phone which was described as the best platform for the functionality of the application is not well favored in many ways; smart phones are very sensitive to water, yet their work in basically water, smart phones have high power loss, implying that even those who may have it may not have the electricity to charge them.

Another concern which was categories as a weakness for the application disclosure of information on the application. In the presentation of the application, the participants realized that, they are supposed to disclose information about their business including their catch. They said that, this would put their business at risks such heavy taxes levied by the Uganda Revenue Authority. On the same point, they fish folks noted that, the nature of their business does not warrant them to share information about the market conditions.

Majority of the participants expressed the concern of high level of ignorance/ illiteracy of the fish folks which would affect scaling up the application coupled with poor network coverage around the lake bodies that would disengage them in the promotion of the application.

It was revealed that their competitors were better than them because they had a large capital base, could offer discounts or after-sale services. Furthermore, they advertised their products and were also not willing to disclose their potential market. The Fisher folks also noted that, they are used to instant cash and on a daily basis once they offer their products but with the Abavubi Application they would be make them wait for a long time to get paid. This remained a concern for the application and categorized as a weakness. Additionally, the fish folks noted that, transportation facilities to where the fish may be need would still be a challenge to them and thus

hampering the scaling up of the application. The fish folks also highlighted the costs such as the internet, and OTT would make it hard to promote the application.

#### 4.6 Opportunities of the Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application

The participants appreciated the intervention adding that, it would provide an opportunity for them learn how to use information communication Technologies in their business. This is likely to increase their market coverage both at the local and international level.

#### 4.7 Threats of the Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application

The major threat that is likely to face the promotion of the application is the mindset and misconception of the fish folks about the evolving approaches to business management. Many of them still believe in the traditional approaches to selling without measuring, immediate cash as soon as they come out of water. Therefore, the implementation team of the application has to come up with a strategy change the mindset of the fish folks towards the evolving fishing industry.

#### 4.8 Summary of group discussions

Discussion	Conceptual Recommendations	Technical
		Recommendations
Mindset change for	Need for more training.	Need to create video
fishers to adapt the	Marketing teams need to do good sensitization for	tutorial & short clips or
technology.	fishers to understand the value proportions in using the	advertising videos
	BAVUBI APP.	making a walkthrough of
	IEC Materials i.e. banners, posters etc. about the App	the App.
	need to be positioned at the various interest landing	
	sites.	
Network at fishing	Liaise or create partnerships with Telecom companies.	Build a single collection
grounds	While fishing at distant points on Lake Victoria,	system & fish collection
	Networks from the neighbouring Kenya or Tanzania	center where all fish data
	seems to be better than that of Uganda. Thus, a joint	for various fishers can be
	East African forum needs to be thought of.	collected and exposed
		to Market.
		Build an offline version
		of the App that allows
		fisher to enter data, then
		information can later be
		synchronized with the
		Servers in Network
		areas.
		• That technical
		collaborations may be

		made with Technology partners to come up with a phone with the APP Pre-installed this would also help in offline transactions or low internet data transactions
Delivery of the fish	Single Fish collection centers in form of cooperatives,	
products to the	and fishers can be paid on a weekly, monthly or in a	
Markets	feasible period.	
	• Liaise with <b>MAAIF</b> to provide this initiative at various	
	landing site a non-taxed BOAT that enables low	
	earning fishers to deliver the product in time to avoid	
	post-harvest defects caused by delays.	
	• Feed the landing sites with better preservation	
	equipment such as stable ICE equipment, smoking and	
	drying technology	
Middlemen Vs	The fishers and workshop attendees still needed to be	Need to setup a SINGLE
Market	informed how the App would reduce the Middleman	Fish Collection Center
	effect given the current Market structure.	at the various landing
		sites or otherwise and
		these can take their fish
		directly. These
		collection centers are
		helpful in proper data
		collection & analysis, but
		also reduces the burden
		of the fishermen to look
		for markets
App in Languages	Most fishers say they did not go to school and the App	Adverts and Toll-free
	is in English. They recommend App to be translated in	services should facilitate
	other languages like Luganda and Swahili.	multilingual issues.
Internet Costs	Fishers still think using the App may always need them	APP is OTT Tax free
	buy data bundles, the money that would always be their	• Partnerships with
	profits.	Telecoms still on going.
App sustainability	Better working protocol with Associations and Fishers.	• IT Team needs to
	Fishers advised to know that they cannot work without	constantly open-up to
	paying taxes and some other transaction dues. No	associations
	GAIN without PAIN.	management for
	Associations encouraged to make collective marketing	periodic trainings.
	and popularization of the App within their members.	

	•	Door to door marketing called upon.	
	•	Need to include more stakeholders in the federation	
		operations such as the Marine Police Forces, Telecoms,	
		MAAIF, and other development partners	
TV & Radio adverts	•	Hold massive campaigns and training of the APP on	
		Radio and television.	

#### 4.9 Market size

Based on the discussion above, the Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application targets the fisheries sector at both local and international levels. The application will bring the fish folks into contact with their fellow counterparts at the local levels in the short run and in the long run the application shall enable the fish folks to get exposure of what is happening in the international market; therefore, the market size is diversified.

#### 4.10 Target audience

According to the participants, the target audience of the application is both for those that are working with the fisheries industry and the consumer of the products who may use the application to know what is available on the market. Additionally, the recent development in information Communication Technology have evolved during the current generation thereof when developing a marketing strategy, consideration for their involvement must be taken as a key component.

#### **5.0 MARKETING STRATEGIES**

The stakeholders discussed a number of issues and possibilities about the Abavubi Mobile Application and it is upon that discussion that, the following marketing strategies have been proposed to market the application as presented below;

- 1. Localize the features of the application in the local languages based on the information gathers during the workshop, the participant revealed that, there were more comfortable to use their respective languages. Therefore, it is against that background that, localizing the features of the application has been adopted as one of the key marketing strategies to reach out to many fisher folks.
- 2. Adoption of a social media marketing campaign- This will mainly involve the creation of a viral content which may be inform of a video, voice clip that will be shared and posted on the media platforms such as; Facebook, WhatsApp, LinkedIn, Twitter. This will create awareness about the application and this will attract more users.

- 3. **Sensitization of fisher folks about the application.** According to the information discussed, the participants noted that, they had represented their fellow counterparts and asked FFOU to adopt a strategy of reaching out to the entire fisheries sector. Thus, it is upon that background that, sensitization of fisher folks' campaign is adopted around the fishing communities.
- 4. Creation and dissemination of information Communication Material. During the workshop, it was realised that, many people had challenges of adopting the features of the application. Thus, a decision was reached to create video tutorial and short clips in local languages to sensitize the local communities.
- 5. **Build an offline version of the Application** that allows fisher to enter data, and then information can later. Because of the costs involved especially in the purchase of data, we realised that, there is a need to have an offline version which is user friendly to help the fisher folks acquit themselves with the application.
- 6. **Boost the application discoverability on Google Play**. Making the application easily accessed on Google Play will enable the common people use the application.
- 7. **Understand application user's preferences.** The application is at a stage of being rolled out to the users, but there is still a need to further study the needs of the users, this will allow quick adaptability. This will further facilitate support the application updates.
- 8. **Regular update of the application to cover common user needs**. Through the sensitization meetings, the IT team from shall correct ideas that will facilitate the regular update. This marketing strategy shall correct possible anomalies that would make users hate the application.

#### 5.1 Cost of the application

The initial cost of developing and maintenance costs of the Abavubi Mobile Application shall be meant by FFOU with support from its partners. However, the user application costs shall be meant by the user in terms of the amount data purchased from the telecom provider.

#### 5.2 Distribution of the application

The application shall be made available on Google Play and any user can download and have it installed on his or her mobile phone or gadget.

#### 5.3 Promotion of the application

The Abavubi Mobile Application shall be promoted using the marketing strategies as discussed above. The promotion of the strategy shall attract a cost as indicated below;

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attract a cost.	
6. Discoverability on FFOU will have to secure	Done
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allow access of the	
application	
7. Understand application	
user's preferences	
8. Regular update of the The IT Team shall always 12 1,50	00,000 18,000,000
application update the application months	
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Marketing team composed of IT experts	
& FFOU project staff shall	

		undertake the marketing		
		drive		
10.	Contingencies			

#### 6.0 Recommendations

From the discussion above, the following recommendation are made;

- 1. Adoption of sensitization and awareness campaign about Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application.
- 2. Translation of all the application materials in the local languages to make it easy for the fisher folk to use the application in their day today business operations.
- 3. Creation of an application version that can be used on non-smart phones (Button phones) since the discussion strongly brought it out that, Fisher folks had a good number challenges in using them especially those that go in the waters.
- 4. Formation of cooperatives by the fisher folks as strategy to strengthen their bargaining power for the prospective big market that is likely to be created by the adoption of the application.
- 5. Training of leaders in the respective fishing communities to allow conceptualization and adaptability of the application.
- 6. It is further recommended that, FFOU ensures that Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application is online all the time at affordable and manageable costs.
- 7. Adaptation of a vibrant, competitive and Sustainable Marketing Strategy for the Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application.
- 8. For the successful implementation of the Application, FFOU has to ensure that the following managerial capabilities are in place;
  - i. Quality/standards of the application content.
  - ii. Efficiency: FFOU should focus on efficiency of the application.
  - iii. Scale: FFOU must have the capacity to scale up the application to cover the fisheries sector.
  - iv. Market infrastructure: i.e. IT gadgets, mobile phones and internet connections.
  - v. Market Information: i.e. information among all stakeholders to improve strategy ownership, data infrastructure.
  - vi. Capacity to deal with any kind of sabotage be it national or international.

#### 7.0 CONCLUSIONS

The strategies and recommendation mentioned above are both short term and long-term approaches to gaining user retention, driving daily usage and getting users addicted to Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application and because of number of factors which among others include; limited resources, level of perception of the application users, to mention but a few, therefore, the preliminary approaches should be aimed at creating awareness among the application users. The success of the application is not just based on number of downloads, active users and screen views. It is much more. The real indicators of progress shall be shown in the app user engagement as it clearly suggests how Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application solves the users problems and also how much they enjoy interacting with the app, utility and value. Thus, user interface is extremely important while developing the app as retaining the users is much more important than downloads and high rankings.

### 8.0 LIST OF ANNEXES

#### 9.1 WORKSHOP AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	IN-CHARGE
8:00am-9:00am	Arrival & Registration of participants	All participants	Organizing Committee
9:00am-9:20am	Welcome Remarks	ED-FFOU	MODERATOR
9:20am-9:50am	Self-Introductions	Participants	MODERATOR
9:50am-10:15am	Opening ceremony	President-FFOU	MODERATOR
10:15am-10:30am	Remarks from GIZ	GIZ Official	MODERATOR
10:30am-11:00am	BREAK TIME	All participants	Organizing Committee
11:00am-12:00	Presentation on the Overview Abavubi	ED-FFOU	MODERATOR
	Fisher Mobile Application Project		
12:00pm-1:00pm	Presentation on the Abavubi Fisher	FFOU IT TEAM	MODERATOR
	Mobile Application Project		
1:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch break	All participants	HOTEL & FFOU Team
2:00pm-3:00pm	Presentation & discussion of the	Consultant	MODERATOR
	Marketing Strategy of Abavubi Mobile		
	Application.		
3:00pm-3:30pm	AOBS (Issues within the fisheries sector)	All participants	MODERATOR
3:30-4:00pm	CLOSING REMARKS & DEPARTURE	FFOU/GIZ	Moderator

#### **8.2 LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**



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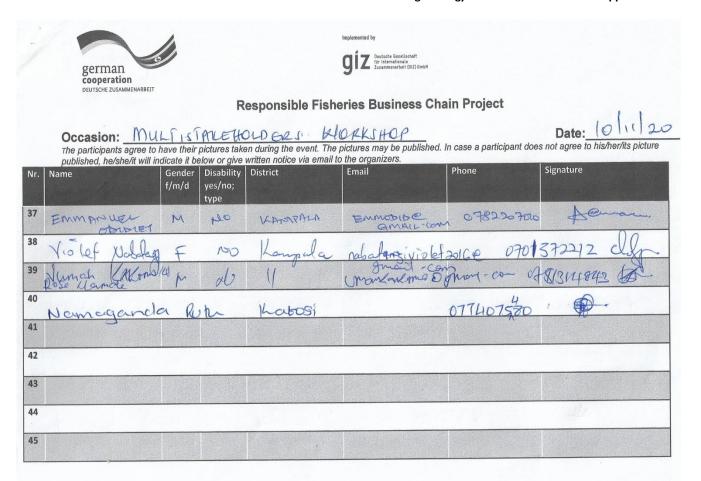
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8.3 TERMS OF	REFERENCE
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Background of GIZ - Responsible	GIZ is implementing the Global Program on Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture in Mauritania, Malawi, Madagascar, Zambia, Cambodia and Uganda. The overall objective of the program is to ensure food security and to reduce poverty by increasing fish supply and income. The Global
Fisheries	Program is part of the special initiative "One World-No Hunger" (SEWOH) of the German
Business Chain Project	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The GIZ Responsible Fisheries Business Chain Project is concentrating on sustainable fisheries management of Nile perch around Lake Victoria in Uganda. The project focuses on 3 objectives areas; I) More fish More income, 2) Sustainable fisheries management and 3) Reduction of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. The Project targets groups of vulnerable households and communities, artisanal fishers and small- and medium sized enterprises within the fisheries sector.  The implementing partners of RFBCP are the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO), the Department of Fisheries Resources (DiFR), the Uganda Fish Processors and Exporters Association (UFPEA), the Association of Fishers and Lake Users in Uganda (AFALU), the Federation of Fisheries Organizations Uganda (FFOU) and the KATOSI Women Development Trust (KWDT)
Background of the assignment	The GIZ-RFBCP supporting Federation of Fisheries Organizations Uganda (FFOU) under contract No. 81246624 to develop mobile application for fisheries business management with a focus area on Lake Victoria. The application allows for easy and secure collection, storage and analysis of fisheries related data, online marketing of fish and fisheries related products, weather forecasts and navigation on water. The app is aimed at building stronger fisheries businesses and strengthening the role of fishing communities in co-management.
	The Application is fully developed and functional on google play store downloaded as Abavubi fishers". FFOU had formally planned to conduct consumer acceptance test in 3 fishing communities and train 35 Information technology administrators on the use of the mobile app which is not enough to popularize the app. that is why it was agreed that a multi stakeholder workshop should take place with GIZ partner institutions and other stakeholders within the fisheries value chain.
	GIZ-RFBCP together with FFOU has organized a I-day multi-stakeholder workshop to solicit for ideals on how the Abavubi Fisher Mobile App can be popularized to ensure a wider adoption among fisher communities. the meeting will enable FFOU develop a clear marketing strategy and sustainability plan for the mobile app.  The marketing strategy should focus on brand recognition; know your customer strategy, attraction of new users and nature of future activities that FFOU should focus on for periodic software updates. The popularization workshop will focus on generating ideas from the end users on how best to improve the adoption and utilization of the Abavubi Fisher Mobile App among fisheries businesses with the continuously changing market trends. It's upon this background that RFBCP is hiring a marketing consultant to help in the creation and implementation of marketing strategies that are focused on the Abavubi businesses management App.
Tasks of the consultant	<ul> <li>The consultant shall perform the following tasks</li> <li>Analyze the current state of the app and identify external limitations that may affect the adoption of the App by the end users (using the current version of the app)</li> <li>Steer discussions with the association members and RFBCP partners on the bests marketing strategies that can be adopted for a wider popularization of the app</li> <li>Develop comprehensive marketing strategy and sales plan detailing activities and their impact on the projected sales</li> </ul>

Expected outputs  The expected outputs of this assignment include: A Comprehensive marketing strategic plan for the Abavubi Fisher Mobile app. This should elaborate the following specifics; • Market Problem • Customers • Competitive Intelligence and analysis • Product Positioning & Value Proposition e.g. launch strategy, expand distribution channels • Key Goals and Metrics for the Product i.e. calculate Returns on investments (ROI) • Overarching Strategy to Market the Product • Marketing Initiatives to Deliver on Corporate Strategy i.e. brand strategy, and marketing campaign  Format of report  The Final report should follow the structure indicated below: • Title page, Table of Contents to three levels, List of annexes, list of abbreviation and acronyms, executive summary, Introduction • Main body divided into sections of background information, methodology adopted, discussions condusions and recommendations • Attach workshop agendas list of participants, ToRs and presentations. Pictures must be taken in accordance with GIZ rules and guidelines and copy- as well as userrights must be easigned to GIZ. Pictures must be buildined and subject of GIZ. Pictures must be dubmitted as electronic copies and should have a suitable resolution to be printed on A0 format.  RFBCP/FFOU  Strategic plan to be reviewed by  Duration  Activity  The overall requirement is as follows:  • Analyze the current state of the app and market trends and identify external limitations of the app that may affect its adoption by the end users (using the current version of the app)  • Steer discussions with the association members and RFBCP partners on the best marketing strategies that can widely popularise the app  • Develop comprehensive marketing strategies that can widely popularise the app  • Develop comprehensive marketing activities and their impact on the projected sales and sustainability plan for the app  Total input days  Maximum Input days for consultant  Total input days  Maximum Input days for consultant  Total input days  Plantific										
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8.4 PRESENTATIONS: OPENING REMARKS BY THE FFOU PRESIDENT ON THE LAUNCH OF ABAVUBI FISHER MOBILE APPLICATION 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

**DISTINGUISHED PARTICIPANTS,** I welcome you to the launch of **ABAVUBI FISHER MOBILE APPLICATION.** As stated in your programme, the objective of the workshop is to provide all the participants with information regarding the functionality of the Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application. The workshop will offer us the opportunity to discuss, share experience, provide guidance and devise a marketing strategy for the application as one of the strategies to improve the fishing industry in Uganda.

The fisheries sector of Uganda is a fast-growing industry and blessed with rich water resources which have high potential for increased fisheries and aquaculture production. The potential to increase production from the current estimates of 460,000 tons of fish per annum to over 1.7 million tons per annum is realistic and can be achieved with proper management.

The sector has a significant contribution to National GDP, employment, food security, household incomes and foreign income earnings. Approximately 100,000 people are directly involved in activities at the different levels of the fisheries value chain, however, the fishery supports over 2 million people both directly and indirectly.

However, like any other sector, fisheries are faced with a number of challenges which among others include;

- 1. Fishing pressure coupled with the use of destructive fishing methods,
- 2. drastic environmental changes have led to a decline in the lake's productivity,
- 3. Insecurity of the water bodies,
- 4. Limited investments.
- 5. Limited knowledge about the market, among others,

With that background, the Federation of Fisheries Organizations Uganda (FFOU) has developed an application dubbed as; Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application to provide a solution to some of the challenges highlighted above.

Our mission as FFOU;

"To promote, through collective action with member affiliates and all value chain actors, the growth and ethical practices of Uganda's Fisheries sector for the benefits of all Ugandans".

FFOU has registered a number success despite hard and tuff economic situations that we are facing and all we celebrate, is attributed to partners that among other include;

GIZ that support Responsible Fisheries Business Chain Project (RFBCP),

The Marketing Strategy for Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application

Uganda, Food and Agricultural Organizations (FAO Uganda).

• Directorate of Fisheries.

• Uganda Co-operative Alliance,

Uganda Fisheries & Fish Conservation Associations.

And FFOU members.

I want to thank you for honoring our invitation, we do appreciate that, it is not easy to move during this period. While we are here, we want you to be safe, therefore kindly adhere to the COVID -19

guidelines as per the Ministry of Health.

Your coming here is a great manifestation for the love you have for Federation of Fisheries

Organizations Uganda.

Please fill free to make your contributions towards that marketing strategy of the Abavubi Fisher

Mobile Application because the application is not made for FFOU but for you.

Lastly but not least I want to thank, the FFOU team that has worked industriously to make sure that,

this workshop is organized and takes place today, I will also say to you to forgive us for whatever

that, has not moved on well, FFOU is open, share your opinions and we can always make

improvements.

Before I end my opening remarks, I want also to inform you that, today is the 8th Birth of the

Federation of Fisheries Organizations Uganda (FFOU), the organization was born on the 9th

November 2011.

HAPPY BIRTH DAY FFOU AND I CONGRATULATE YOU ALL TO BE PART OF THE

WONDERFUL DAY.

I thank you all.

For God and My Country.

The workshop is officially open.

**EZRA KANYANA** 

PRESIDENT- FFOU- TEL: 0774158174

9.5 QUESTIONNAIRE



## **QUESTIONNAIRE**



## To solicit member's input in the Marketing Strategy for Abavubi Fisher Mobile Application

#### Dear FFOU member,

FFOU management thought it prudent that before promotional strategies of Abavubi Mobile Application are developed and adopted, FFOU members have to make their contributions /opinions by filling the questionnaire. Kindly fill free to fill this questionnaire. Your opinions shall highly be valued.

□ Dr

□Prof.

LAST NAME:

**TELEPHONE:** 

**POSITION** 

☐ Other, specify:

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

□Mrs

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c.	Unique selling p	roposition						
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a.	What needs to	be improved?						
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d.	d. What is likely to hold us back							
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a. What market trends can lead to improved conversions (goals)?

	o. What can you use as an advantage to your business	
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a.	What could harm Abavubi Mobile Application?	
b.	Any unforeseen market factor/risks	
۱.	FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS FOR APP MARKETING	
	a. Figure out an initial budget	
	b. Adjust the budget	
	c. What could you consider as the objectives of the Abavubi Application?	
2.	UNDERSTAND YOUR TARGET MARKET	
	a. Understand the industry	
	b. What is the market size?	
3.	UNDERSTAND THE TARGET AUDIENCE	
	a. Understand the demographic profile (age, gender, etc.,)	
	b. Psychographic profile (their interests, behavior, etc)	
	c. Needs & Wants	
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