

Profile: Weather and climate information user

Name: Kabaale
Gender: Female
Occupation: Arable and livestock farmer
Location: Central Kenya



What I want to know

I would like scientific weather forecasts to complement the indigenous methods I use.



When rains will commence and cease



Rainfall distribution



Extreme weather events



Expected rainfall amount



Temperatures

Why I want to know it

- So that I know the best time to:
 - prepare my land and plant my crops;
 - harvest and prepare the crop for storage;
 - and take the produce to market
- To be able to determine which crops to plant
- To anticipate the prevalence of crop pests and diseases
- So that I know when to take extra precautions against extreme weather

When I want to know it

- Daily early in the morning
- Daily in the evening
- 3 month seasonal forecasts a few weeks before rains commence

How I want to receive it

- On the radio
- In my local language

Other considerations related to farmers

- Male and female farmers have equal access to weather and climate information
- Men mostly own the land and make most decisions about managing farm resources



A new radio programme has helped Kabaale to prepare her farm at the best time to benefit most from the season. Watch her story [here](#).

This user profile is intended to provide insights into a weather and climate information user. It could be used as a starting point prior to user engagement and the co-production of new and improved weather and climate services.