

## **DISTRIBUTION OF MOBILE GRATERS IN RIVERS STATE**

On November 17, 2009, Mobile Graters were distributed to 40 out of 75 participants that benefited from the training on cassava production, processing and enterprise development conducted between March and April 2009. These were from the GMOU Clusters in Etche 1 (12 persons), Etche 2 (15 persons) and Ikwerre (13 persons).

The distribution started from Egwi for Cluster 2 at about 10.15am. At about 12.15pm we moved over to Chokota for Cluster 1 where we were joined by SPDC representative (Mrs Utomi) and at about 4pm we were in Igwuruta for Ikwerre Cluster.

In all the Clusters I explained to them that the names were randomly picked from the list of participants at the trainings. The list did not emanate from the GMOU offices lest some people insinuate favouritism. Another point strongly passed across to beneficiaries is the need for them to see the processing outfit as their personal property and treat them like one. In the event of any breakdown they should not expect SPDC, IITA or USAID to repair it for them. "It is your property. No one will ever take it from you. It is purely your responsibility to take care of the equipment to enable it take care of you as well".

The machines were demonstrated to the beneficiaries and officials of the Clusters by our Technicians. All beneficiaries insisted that their machines be started. This was obliged and they were all euphoric. None beneficiaries requested that they be considered too.

For Monitoring and Reporting, I instructed them to send data on income generated and expenditure on running the machines to the Cluster Office possibly through SMS at the end of every month with effect from this month.

Below are clips from the programme

In Egwi, Etche Cluster 2



Okarter addressing the beneficiaries in Egwi, Etche Cluster 2



Beneficiaries being taught how to operate the machine  
Cluser 2

A lady beneficiary starting her Mobile Grater in Etche



Beneficiaries getting their Machines and Kits



Group photograph with beneficiaries and some Officials Etche Cluster 2 GMOU

## In Etche Cluster 1, Chokota



Mobile Graters arrive GMOU Office in Chokota



Group photograph with beneficiaries & GMOU Officials



Beneficiaries standing beside their Mobile Graters



Demonstration time and minor repairs

In Ikwerre Cluster, Igwuruta



Group photograph with beneficiaries



Okarter addressing beneficiaries



Demonstration time