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**REPORT OF DRR BUSINESS SUPPORT GROUP FOR SMALL SCALE FARMERS AND BUSINESSES
REVIEW MEETING AT NNEWI IN NNEWI SOUTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT 25TH OF OCTOBER 2019.**

DRR Business Support Group for Small Scale Farmers and Businesses is a program approved and published by UNDRR on 6th September 2019.

Nigerian Women Agro Allied Farmers Association, Working with UNDRR have established clusters of women farmers and undertaken trainings and sensitizations as a support to work with them in putting them through with managing their small-scale businesses even in the face of disaster.

During the rains in 2019, some communities in the South East of Nigeria witnessed heavy down pour and as a result, there were floods to the extent that major part of their farms were washed out resulting to huge losses and loss of their livelihood.

These reports came to us and we scheduled a meeting with some women leaders in the Local government and the date given was Friday 25th of October 2019. I was in Anambra State with some of our members to meet with the women and review their position. It was a huge loss as the heavy rains have dug up gullies that made it difficult for women to access their farms. Women who managed to go in to the gullies discover that their farm produce have been washed away and it was impracticable to harvest from the gullies. The women and their community leaders were even on face book decrying their loss.

We at UNDRR BSG met with about 72 Women farmers and decided that We should highlight the incident on media and also speak with policy makers and leaders. We also scheduled to do a training for Seasonal Farming time table by March 2020 by the expected onset of farming season in the South East to train farmers on seasonal farming and harvesting.

Unfortunately, the emergence of covid-19 did not allow us to get back to the women with our scheduled training as during the month of march, Nigeria had Covid-19 lock down.

What we have done for the women farmers, in this 2020. We are in touch with the Anambra State Ministry of Agriculture and Local Government chairmen. We have submitted our women farmers list to the authorities to support them with palliatives and farm inputs for this year's farming season, which we know was delayed by Covid-19 low turn out businesses and lock downs.

We are preparing a schedule of trainings and interventions and we hope to get partners to support us run them as soon as covid-19 set backs are over.

Presently we are in farming season and hopefully the Government will support the rural communities as expected.

Attached Picture taken with the women farmers.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lizzy Igbiné', is written on a white background. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'L' and 'I'.

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