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| **Activity 1** | **Partnership for scaling postharvest technologies** |
| **Lead Researcher** | Christopher Mutungi / |
| **Host farmer** | Mr. Bakari Khamis (hosting post-harvest demonstrations)/ |
| **Stakeholder attendance (category and anticipated number)** | Farmers (30), local extension staff (4); development partner staff (3); local administration (2); project researchers (2; IITA, WorldVeg) |
| **Activity Summary with references to documents** | Africa RISING partnership with Iles de Paix (IDP) seeks to deliver to farmers postharvest technology packages that improve the productivity social, human, and economic conditions of smallholder farmers in Karatu District (See partnership model). The overall goal is to contribute to sustainable family farming and responsible food systems. The partnership involves a research in development model for innovation delivery and scaling. This comprises two components: (i) introduction of the technologies in IDP’s action villages using a mother-baby demonstration approach whereby learners (farmers) train their peers in a cascading model backstopped by Africa RISING; and (ii) joint research activities by Africa RISING and IDP to (a) address specific technology challenges and (b) build the capacity of partner staff. At postharvest level, the objective is to contribute to food and nutrition security through improved practices for the handling, processing, and storage of the harvested produce. The aim is to transfer to farmers, processors, and other stakeholders validated technologies for improved postharvest management to reduce food losses, increase food safety, enhance nutrition, and raise produce quality by demonstrating improved harvesting, handling, processing, and storage techniques for maize and legumes.  This activity is informed by research findings from Africa RISING action sites (see references), but continues to generate more data to refine the technologies further, within the scaling space. Use of Grainpro™ collapsible dryer envelopes by farmers cut down the drying period for grain by 28%; reduced losses by about 32 kg/ton and reduced quantity of impurities and moldy grain by 30% and 42%, respectively. Hermetic storage using PICs bags reduced grain loss by more than 85%. 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