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CSR: 720 Farmers in Abia benefit from MOUUAU's Agricultural Support Prog.

By Ubadire Agua , Collins Ginger Eke, Sunday Anyim , Joy Nlebedum & Chinedu Ononiwu



No fewer than 720 farmers across 3 adopted agricultural zones in Abia State have benefitted from Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike's Agricultural Support Programme for the 2025 farming season.

MOUUAU News reports that the Programme which is part of the

University's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) kicked off in Umunneochi LGA of Abia State from May 20 - 22, 2025 at Amuda Hall, with 120 farmers receiving 60 bags of fertilizer, improved cassava stems for improved agricultural yields. confectionaries.

MOUUAU, through its Centre for Entrepreneurship Development(CED) organized the

3-day intensive training, skill acquisition and wealth creation seminars for the farmers, who were taught how to use cassava flour in baking products such as chin chin, bread, and buns. They also trained on best practices in cassava cultivation, organic manure application, and the production of organic fertilizers using local materials.

In a similar Event, the University through MOUUAU Extension Centre (MEC) distributed 300 bags of fertilizer to 600 farmers in Aba , Ohafia and Ikwuano/Umuahia Zones of Abia State on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Representing the Zones, Chief Charles David Nwabuko, Hon. Mike Orji, Chief David Okorie, and Mrs. Peace Nwosu thanked the VC, Prof. Iwe, for the donations, which has been on since 2022.



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Umunneochi Farmers Praise MOUAAU for Impactful Training

By Collins Ginger Eke

Farmers in Umunneochi Local Government Area have expressed deep appreciation to lecturers and trainers from Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAAU), for what they described as excellent and impactful knowledge delivery during a recent 3-day training programme.

The programme, held to equip local farmers with modern farming and entrepreneurial skills, took place over three days and was facilitated by the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development of MOUAAU.

During the grand finale of the event, the participants took turns to eulogise the lecturers for their patience, dedication, and practical approach to teaching. They noted that the lecturers ensured that every farmer, regardless of their educational background, fully understood the lessons.

One of the participants Chief George Okafor PG Nneato said, "The way the lecturers and trainers handled the training was different. They were patient and took their time to explain every detail. They made sure that we all understood, no matter our level of education."



The farmers singled out Prof. Kenneth Ekwe, the Director of the Centre, for special praise, describing him as a leader with a heart for rural development. They commended his team for using different teaching methods that made learning easy and practical.

According to the participants, the training was not only theory-based but also included hands-on practice, empowering them to apply the knowledge even in the absence of the facilitators.



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MOUAU Remains Committed to Empowering Farmers with Knowledge and Tools – Prof. Iwe

By Collins Ginger Eke

Vice-Chancellor of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAU), Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, has restated the commitment of the University impacting farmers in Abia State with knowledge and tools, for better harvest.

The VC stated this during a 3-day training programme in Umunneochi, Abia State organized by the University’s Centre for Entrepreneurship Development from May 20 - 22, 2025.

Speaking at the grand finale of the programme, the Vice Chancellor, represented by the DVC Admin. Prof. Ursula Ngozi Akanwa, noted that 120 farmers were trained and equipped with improved cassava stems and modern farming tools.

He emphasized the University’s dedication to advancing agriculture through knowledge sharing, capacity building, and continuous support for rural farmers.

“MOUAU remains deeply committed to empowering farmers with the knowledge, tools, and techniques they need to thrive in

an ever-changing agricultural landscape,” Prof. Iwe said.

Also speaking at the event, the wife of the Vice Chancellor and President of MOUAU Women Association (MOUAUWA), Dr. Mrs. Nkechinyere Iwe, encouraged farmers in the area to make the most of the knowledge gained.

She advised them to teach others and stay open to new innovations in farming.



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