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Anne: Tell me about your experience using the LLL?

Nelson: My experience now is that it is making me get in contact with other farmers within and outside the province, within the district and outside the district. For example I am now getting in contact with farmers in Uganda and also Tanzania. Right now we are on the programme of local poultry farming and we are sharing experiences with somebody from Uganda.

Anne: Have you got any suggestions for us for how we can improve the service?

Nelson: Improving the service depends on the availability of the computer services, because it forces me to go to the nearest post office to get access to the internet. I go to the post office which is really a problem. Also we are trying to encourage our local farmers to open up e mail addresses so that they can also be linked with the local learners' programme. We need a network so that we can get computer services accessible that will enable many of our learners' groups to come and learn more on how to use the internet programme. The availability of computers is really very important.

Anne: What is your vision for the future?

Nelson: We are trying to organise a way of buying our own computer if possible by next year, to have a computer at our office so we can run this programme on our own.

Anne: Is there any thing else that you would like to add?

Nelson: Many of our FFS groups are getting interested in this programme and now what is very important is training them.

Anne: Do you feel that you are able yourself to train people?

Nelson: Yes I can do, but I need assistance – someone to come and assist me. Because I cannot feel quite competent in training people because I wasn't specially trained and I am still learning to use the internet.

¹ Interviewed by Anne Dennig on October 21 2004 at LLL Assessment Workshop in Kakamega, Kenya after three months of using the LLL service.