



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Agricultural Extension, Economics & Sociology
Manuscript Number:	2014_AJAEES_12053
Title of the Manuscript:	<u>Government Incentives Put in Place to Increase Maize Production: The Case of Western Province of Kenya</u>
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 2:

Editor's comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to editorial comments
– I used the original paper with numbered lined for ease of reference – I suggest using “Reform measures” or “interventions” instead of incentives which gives the impression that the government has provided special treatment to small farmers Abstract – The study didn't not actually include any statistical analysis that requires utilization of SPSS. Any Excel spread sheet could have produce the percentages Change.. Data was to Data were line.74 Methodology: – Include clear objectives of the study. – Few lines on the data collection tool line.81-82 – Provide the meaning for abbreviations: Busia and Teso – LM1 – LM2; ..etc. line.88 – Delete... annually The Map – Use larger map for the study area and district, smaller one to indicate the study area within Kenya Sample size formula $n = NC^2 \div C^2 + (N-1)e^2$ or $n = NC^2 \div C^2 + (N-1)e^2$ (use superscript) Table 1 – Household ...not house hold – There is no Justification for including the 4 key informants among the sample of farmers and add them up in the total size of the sample (204??) – What is the reason to label them as key informants – Why the sample was drawn with consideration of gender while this dimension is completely ignored in analysis and discussion Result and Discussion – Few lines to guide the reader throughout reading the discussion (outline	The objective of the study is at the end of the introduction. The represented the agroecological zones i.e LM1 Um1 e.t.c these have been deleted to only leave the districts (see original) They are key informants because these are senior people in the government ministries. I agree with editor. Therefore I have merged the figures. The gender aspect was impotant for other objectives which were not tackled in this paper

your discussion) – Result and discussion should be based on clearly stated objectives to prove that your result and discussion are already fulfilled. line.148,148 – Identify source of figures mentioned. All figures should appear in tables in the paper. – I suggest to provide a table in the beginning showing the distribution of the sample between those who reported that incentives have changed and those who reported that incentives have not changed by districts line.209 and table2 – 27.6%, 14.8%, 13.8% are not high percentages???? line.242 – What is interesting about those figures line.270 – Provide source of figures line.282 – The reference is relatively outdated line. 331 – How many extension staff were interviewed? – Are they the 4 key informants? – Which data collection tool was used to obtain data? line.335 – Figures are not supported by table Table 6 – Add to title....as reported by Extension staff	The sources of the figures and the tables is the study 48 extension staff were interviewed with the help of questionnaires
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