

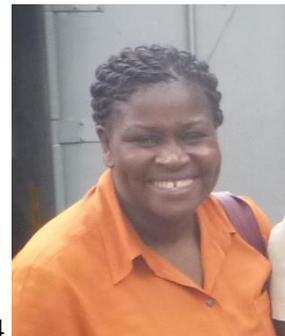
## Announcement: The PEF Kader Award in Postharvest Training for 2014

December 10, 2014

Awarded by the Board of Directors of The Postharvest Education Foundation to an outstanding graduate postharvest e-learner or a team of e-learners after the successful completion of a year of training on commodity systems assessment, small-scale postharvest handling practices, postharvest demonstration design, postharvest training program design and cost/benefit analysis.

### **Esther Mwaisango of Tanzania is our 2014 Kader Award winner**

In 2013 a new packinghouse was established in Lushoto, northern Tanzania. Funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, it was the result of a project designed and implemented by Esther Mwaisango and her supporting team of postharvest trainers including her colleagues Pendo Bigambo and Sadoti Makwaruzi. The packinghouse serves 3500 members of 2 local vegetable producer cooperatives. It is of a simple design based upon the manual “Small-scale Postharvest Handling Practices” and includes several movable packing lines and training programs for leader farmers and packinghouse workers. Cold storage for the vegetables is provided via a large repurposed “reefer” container with diesel powered refrigeration system.



Esther in Lushoto, 2014

**The Kader Award in Postharvest Training** includes:

- An award certificate in honor of Dr. Adel A. Kader and signed by the chair of the PEF Board of Directors
- a trip to participate in our February 2015 PEF Global e-learning closing workshop in Arusha, Tanzania
- a cash prize of US \$500

The winner will provide a one hour presentation while attending a February workshop in Tanzania on her activities in the field of postharvest training since the completion of her e-learning program.

Honorable mentions this year go to **Mekbib Seife Hilegebrile** of Ethiopia for his work on constructing and demonstrating postharvest storage technologies to students, local farmers and young extension professions in the Afar region, and to **Olubukola Odeyemi** of Nigeria, for her innovative postharvest training work with her students at the Federal University of Agriculture at Abeokuta.

**Dr. Adel A. Kader (1941-2012)** spent the majority of his career at the University of California at Davis, where he was a world renowned researcher, author, extension specialist and teacher. In 2011 AAK was one of the founding members of the Board of Directors of The Postharvest Education Foundation. [www.postharvest.org](http://www.postharvest.org)



AAK working with LK in India (2008)



AAK working with HYA and his team in Ghana (2009)