

The Riimenze Community

Newsletter - November 2022

Sustainable Agriculture Project and Community Development



Monthly newsletter is one of the tools used by the Solidarity Community in Riimenze (Agricultural Project, Kindergarten Project and the Elderly Project) to communicate about the be-monthly activities being under taken.

Food for work support at the SAP-R demonstration farm

72 vulnerable families in Riimenze, benefiting from the Food for Work project under SAP-R, received a 3-hour training on the concept of sustainable agriculture from the livelihoods officer. In addition, some 25 persons, 15 women and 10 men, received a food items after completing 3-4 hours of manual labour at the SAP-R demonstration farm, Monday to Friday. The package included laundry soap, sugar, beans, biscuits, tea leaves and rice.



Food for work' training



The trainer explains sustainable agriculture



Women receive packages



... with food items

Okra is ready for the market!

The okra has been harvested in abundance and is now ready to be sold. In the meantime, casual workers continue to weed sections of sukumawiki and cabbage at the SAP-R farm, where between 15 and 20 tonnes of crops are produced each year.



Okra harvest



Casual workers in the cabbage patch



Sukumawiki plantation



Capacity building to Progressive Lead Farmers at SAP-R demonstration Farm

10 Progressive Lead farms, 4 women and 6 men attend 3 days intensive training on horticulture production including kitchen gardens. Brother Joseph also offered advice to the progressive farmer leaders on organizing their family plan.



Training on horticulture production



Trained farmers pose for a group photo

Visitors at SAP-R office Riimenze

James Bradshaw, a journalist conducting research on food security for the Catholic Church in the east Africa region, visited SAP-R to collect some data for his study.



Bradshaw visits the SAP-R farm



Caritas Austria team....



...at the SAP-R plots

A team from the office of Caritas Austria led by the new head of office Mr. Werner Fritz visited SAP-R office in Riimenze, they also visited farmer groups at the demonstration plots in Riimenze. The other team members included Madam, Hellene the head of Africa program unit, Laura the program officer for South Sudan, Mr. Benjamin Ibako Caritas program officer Yambio and Christopher Batu the Operation Manager.

Support to Women through Saving Scheme Activities

As part of SAP-R, training courses are regularly organised for women on how to invest resources and start and manage small enterprises. Recently, a new training session was held with women in the village of Bodo. The women in small groups discussed new plans for their business.



Women discuss in small groups



Robert Taban, nutritionist, stands with women after training



St. Paul's kindergarten pupils singing a new song

Singing in the Riimenze Kindergarten

The pupils at St. Paul's Nursery School are always enthusiastic to learn different things at school and often take the initiative to sing new songs and all the other things they have been taught, such as poems and nursery rhymes. They really enjoy having their picture taken while doing their activities both in the classroom and outdoors.

Care for the Elderly

The couple in the photo lives in Riimenze and is among the beneficiaries of the feeding programme for the elderly. They grow food such as sweet potatoes and cassava around their house and, because they are vulnerable, they cannot go far to cultivate. Neighbours help them with food when needed and fetch water for them every day. They also provide them with goods such as pots, mattresses, beds and food in case of robbery. If one of the neighbours leaves for the village, there is always one who stays at home for any needs. Lately they needed mosquito nets and the photo shows them on the day they received them. These elderly people heartily appreciate any help given to them.



The elderly couple holding the mosquito nets received