

The Riimenze Community

Newsletter - November 2023

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 Elderly Project) to report on ongoing activities

Internship Completed for SARDI Students

On 11 September 2023, 11 students—7 males and 4 females—from the Yambio Institute of Sustainable Agriculture for Rural Development (SARDI) arrived at the Solidarity Agricultural Project in Riimenze to complete a two-month internship as part of the sustainable agriculture project promoted by Solidarity.

These students committed themselves to hard work during this internship and thus gained practical knowledge and skills in the field of sustainable agriculture, livestock management, horticulture production and other topics.

On 5 November 2023, they successfully completed their two-month internship programme. The management of Solidarity Riimenze organised a big colorful farewell party for them and presented them with a certificate for completion of the programme.



SARDI students with their certificates

Helping Women to Become Self-Sustainable

Solidarity Riimenze offers a “Savings Scheme program”, whereby individuals are given micro-loans to provide them with the capital they need for starting a small business. On 6 November 2023, six different groups composed of ten women each came to Solidarity to receive their investment capital, which will be paid back in installments over the period of one year, with very low interest. Once repaid, another loan can be given for those who need it.



Group photo of women involved in the “Saving Scheme” programme

“SaferWorld” in Riimenze

On 27 November 2023, a 6-member team from SaferWorld, in collaboration with the “Swiss Peace” hosted by the Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility (CSRF), arrived at the Solidarity Agricultural Project to conduct a “Peace Dividend” survey for the people of Western Equatoria state. While in Riimenze, they had the opportunity to interact with project staff and learn about the view of the people on the concept of “peace dividends”.



Group photo with SaferWorld members



Survey training

A Survey for the Solidarity Agricultural Project

From 13 to 18 November 2023, a consultant from the Baraka Agricultural College in Kenya joined the Quality Assurance Manager of Solidarity with South Sudan to conduct a baseline survey for the Sustainable Agriculture Project staff in preparation for planned activities within the new three-year Strategic Plan of Solidarity (January 2024 to December 2026).

The baseline survey was successfully conducted in all planned areas of implementation. After the training, the members of eighty different households were interviewed in the six areas involved in the project.

Discovering new learning toys

At St. Paul's kindergarten, efforts are always made to stimulate the children to deal with new things and different learning materials. One day they received some building bricks and the teacher took the opportunity to use them in the classroom. At first, the pupils were curious but did not know how to use them. With the teacher's guidance and help, the pupils managed to create different models and shapes; they constructed a tall building with blocks of different shapes and some turned it into a big palace.



Saint Paul's pupils building their palace