

The Riimenze Community

Newsletter - October 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

Meeting with “Saving Scheme” beneficiaries

The Sustainable Agricultural Project offers a “saving scheme programme” to promote women's business start-ups. All of the women participating in this programme were invited to the SAP-R demonstration farm for a meeting with the administration to hear feedback on the progress of their business, which was realised thanks to a small gift of capital which the project provided them as “start-up money” in order to launch their business. The participants all expressed their gratitude to SAP-R for the start-up assistance, and satisfaction with their small businesses which have helped them to generate some income. This income, in turn, enables them to send their children to school, cover medical expenses, and buy basic necessities for the family, as well as to save some money for the expansion of their businesses.



SAP-R principal conducting the meeting

Field Visit

The Livelihood Officer posed for a group photo with members of the Gangara Sinai group during a field visit. This group is located in the Makpandu Refugee settlement and they are specialized in field crop production. They cultivated 6 feddan (feddans and kirats are Arabic units of measurement) of maize and 9 feddan of groundnuts for the second season 2023 (1 feddan = 24 kirat = 60 meters × 70 meters = 4200 square meters).



Photo group in Makpandu

Demonstration Farm

Joseph Koye, the community Animal Health Worker, introduces day old chicks into the brooding room. On 26th October 2023, SAP-R brought 700 day-old “Kuroiler” chicks from Uganda. These are dual purpose birds that result from crossing broiling chickens with the local chickens. The hybrid chicks are more adapted to the local environment and eat any available local feeds.



Kuroiler chicks



Women and their children during the training

Training Women on Better Nutrition

A training on better nutrition was held this month for the women of Bodo. The training was designed to provide the women with various skills as to how to improve the nutrition of their families by preparing nutrition-rich meals and thus combatting the risk of malnutrition so common in the region.

SARD Institute Internship

Students from the SARD Institute in Yambio practice demarcation and nursery bed preparation as part of their internship programme at the Solidarity demonstration farm.



SARDI students at work



Showing a rabbit to children



School tour

On the 31st of October, pupils of St. Paul nursery and primary school visited the SAP Demonstration Farm. During the tour pupils were taken through various sections of the farm. Pupils were happy and excited to see all the different animals kept at the farm, the various vegetables grown, the field crops and the fish farming.



Saint Paul's school pupils visiting the farm