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Activity news!

Grateful to the farm animals! Integrated livestock keeping gives opportunities and skills to small scale producers on agricultural production diversification. The demonstration farm serves as a schooling farm for farmer communities, CBOs, NGOs and students under-going agricultural courses at various levels; (agricultural colleges / university institutions). The pigs in picture are landrace variety. The chicken are exotic kroiler breed from imported from Uganda for demonstration and distribution to individual small-scale producers in Riimenze and the surrounding villages.

Cattle and goats are demonstrated to local producers and the use of cow-dung to improve the fertility of the soil to improve agricultural production. However, milking is yet an issue to be considered in the nearest future.





Some local dryers demonstrating improved dryer system and good post-harvest handling. The sorghum on the local dryers is an improved variety of sorghum with yielding and short maturity characteristics; the maize equally is also an improved long 5 variety with high yielding potentials.



### Awareness creation (radio talk shows)

SAP-R has adapted radio talk show as the fastest means to disseminate information to farmers on sustainable agriculture, horticultural production, integrated livestock keeping, marketing and early warning systems to improve agricultural production of the smallholder farmers. The talk show was conducted once a month during the last three months (October, November and December) respectively. Thanks to active participation of some listeners who managed to raise calls and asked questions.

Thanks to Elias our Project Manager for the talk shows creating awareness about sustainable farming and information on marketing and early warning systems.



**Jackfruit**, a product from the demonstration farm. This jack fruit weighs 10kg which could be sold expensively in the local market. It has high yielding potentials especially where the fertility of the soil is higher, one plant can bear over 50 fruits per season.



The Project Manager, Farm Manager and the Assistant Farm Manager slashing to create **fire burrier** to prevent the farm from wild fire during the dry season. This came as a result of stopping the casual laborers after the robbery of the project money which occurred last October.



### **Graduation of 2 SAP-R Community Extension Workers**

We congratulate Jackson Andrew (in yellow and Emmanuel Elisa in gaunt left to Jackson) for their graduation after completion of a three month Advance Agriculture Training at Community Organization for Development in Nzara, we are grateful to the noble achievement . More is expected from you in service delivery to their respective community.



### **Agricultural technologies**

Small mechanization simplifying agricultural practices at the demonstration farm. Small power cultivator and water pump irrigation system. The small walking tractor is effective in time management and labor, it is also cost effective. The fuel consumption per feddan (70 x 60) meters ranges between 5 to 6 liters, which costs 2900 – 3480 SSP as opposed to manpower which costs 16000 SSP / feddan. The water system is sprayed by machine.



Meeting was conducted by the Project Director Br. Joseph with farmers leaving around Solidarity farm to form a security committee for the farm. This meeting voted Mr. Benty Poulino as Chairperson, Mary Award Deputy Chairperson, Luka Unga Secretary, Makelina Tresurer, Ruzeta Women Organizer and Abui Zacharia as Farm Representative. See photo of the executive below:





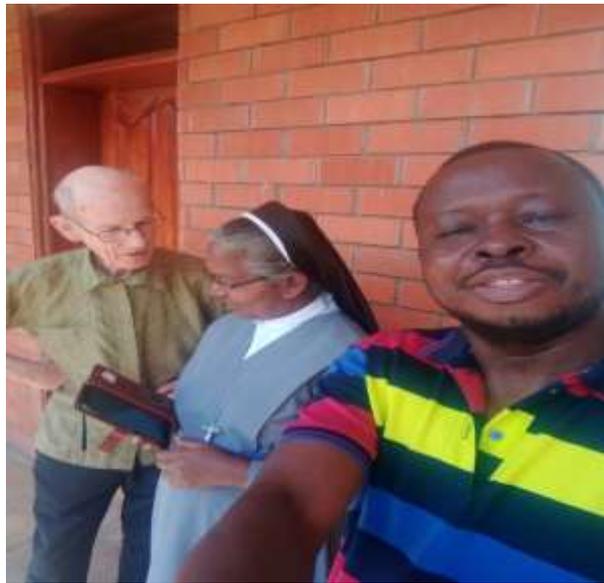
### **Marketing**

SAP-R Project Director with the Unmiss personnel who came to buy chicken from our poultry farm.

The Solidarity Sustainable Farm has raised over four hundred of improved chicken variety known as Kroilers, this variety was imported six month ago from Uganda assessing the productivity and marketability of the birds in the local market. The birds mature at the age of 6 months and the sale of these birds has attracted the attention of many consumers among the project staff, local community and NGOs respectively.

We hope to ensuring consistent supply of the birds.





The above photo shows Br. Joseph visit to **BARAKA and ADRAA Agricultural Colleges**. The visit was effected from 1<sup>st</sup> November and lasted for seven consecutive weeks. The second photo shows Br. Joseph, with Br. Tony the head of the two colleges and one of the reverend Sisters at BARAKA College. His visit was meant to acquaint himself with the establishment of the institutions and also strengthen our network and relationship with the regional bodies.