

The Riimenze Community

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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.

Capacity Building to Local Farmers at the Demonstration Sites

Livelihoods manager Onyango Samuel conducted a training for local farmers. The photos show some illustrative moments of the training: farmers learn how to cultivate and organise their farmland before planting field crops, in the Makapndu demonstration camp; farmers at the demonstration camp in Riimenze learn how to prepare their beds, put vegetable seeds in the beds and prepare the final beds for the seedlings.



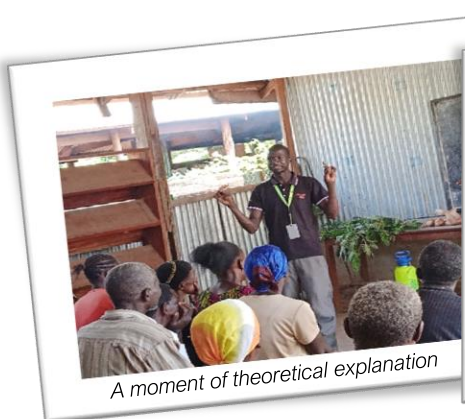
Training moments in Makapndu



Farmers in the Riimenze demonstration camp

Preparation of organic pesticide at SAP-R Demonstration Farm

About 54 farmers from Riimenze Center came to learn new ways on how to protect their vegetable and other crops from pests through preparation and use of organic pesticide. Training conducted by Onyango Samuel the livelihood officer



A moment of theoretical explanation



Practical demonstration



Farmers in action

Nutrition Support

A total of 48 mothers/care givers have started to receive basic trainings on how to prepare nutritive food from the locally available food stuff in the 6 project locations of Riimenze, Bazumburu, Bodo, Bazungua, Kasia and Makpandu.



A mother with a jar of the food produced



Moringa leaf paste

Horticulture Activities at the Demonstration Farm

Brother Joseph Kwame the project Director and Mr. Onyango Samuel the livelihood officer supervise the okra garden.

Emma and Cecilia are among the casual workers at the horticulture section. They receive instruction from the livelihood officer on how to irrigate and take care of the vegetable.



Horticulture Activities at the Demonstration Farm



Casual workers weed maize at the demonstration farm



The foreman Mr. Dominic checks the readiness of the sorghum



3 Feddans of maize



3 Feddans of sweet potatoes



2 Feddans of mug beans plant in current season

Fruits of Labour

This year St. Paul nursery school opened a farm next to the school compound. We planted sorghum, beans, maize, pumpkin, groundnuts and sweet potatoes. Pupils were very excited to go to the farm to harvest pumpkins and they loved their photos taken while holding the fruits of our labour. These pumpkins were eaten for three days and still there are more in the farm that are not ready for harvesting. Every child brings a gallon of maize for porridge and we felt that there was need to be more sustainable by producing other food crops of our own.

