

# The Riimenze Community

## Newsletter - March 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

### Field crops and Horticulture at the Demonstration Farm

Part of the farm is used to grow crops common in the Western Equatoria State region: these are maize, hazelnuts, sorghum and others. As can be seen in the pictures, the maize and nuts have been planted and then weeded, because the first agricultural season has already begun. The horticulture section of the SAP-R has been reserved exclusively for the cultivation of vegetables. Part of this is also done in the greenhouse, as with the water melon.

Young plants of ground nuts...



...waiting for weeding



Weeding of maize crop at SAP-R Farm



Planting and irrigation of vegetable seeds



Water melon is being weeded in the green house



A pig being fed in a piggery unit



Feeding of animals at SAP-R Farm

### Livestock breeding

A large section of the demonstration farm is dedicated to animals. All animals are kept and fed by livestock keepers. They prepare the food and then feed the animals including pigs, cows, donkeys, goats and rabbits.



## Nutrition Program

The nutrition program within the SAP-R continues to work in the various areas of the region to prevent malnutrition and educate on proper nutrition by using local resources. The program consists of two main activities:

- Nutritional assessment

Children aged between 6 and 59 months undergo an initial assessment to check whether they are in line with growth standards or not. In the latter case, they are taken over by the program. For those who are already being followed, periodic screening is conducted to determine their nutritional status and check for improvement after the intervention.

- Distribution of food additives

The distribution of supplementary foods with high energy and nutrient density, such as soy-nut butter, is intended for children aged between 6 and 59 months and those at risk of malnutrition to prevent it.



Screening a child in Makpandu



A child is weighed on hanging scales in Bodo



Distribution of soy-nut butter in Bodo



Distribution of Soy-nut butter in Makpandu

## Always together

The elderly project is aimed at elderly people areas around Riimenze in extreme poverty. Among them, an elderly couple lives in a poor old open hut in shocking conditions. They live far from necessary resources, like water, and it is a challenge for them to walk long distances to fetch it. The couple came from Nzara last year to live with their married daughter in Riimenze. Sr Josephine visited them at their home as in the picture. She then commissioned two men to make bricks and, when they will be ready, to build a descent hut for them, as a way of improving their living conditions. If you see the couple on the street, you cannot know what they are going through unless you visit them and talk to them. They are attached to each other and the value of love and unity is truly reflected in their lives. They always go and stay together.



Sr Josephine with the sweet couple in front of their hut