The Riimenze Community

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Sustainable Agriculture Project and Community Development

Better Nutrition Training Continues

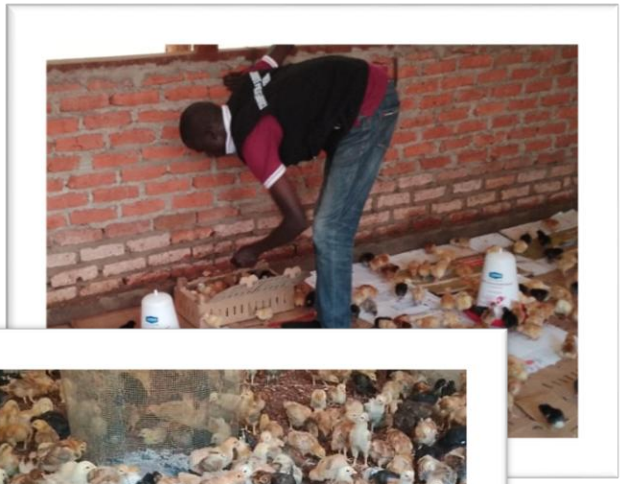
Module One of the second year of the Nutrition Course has begun!

This important training programme aims to strengthen the skills of 270 families per year in six locations, with the specific goal of providing new mothers with the best strategies for preventing malnutrition in children under five. Remember that investing in healthy nutrition means investing in the future of the younger generation in South Sudan.

Poultry Production and Vaccination

The SAP-R (Solidarity Agricultural Project - Riimenze) programme considers poultry vaccination to be an essential practice for ensuring successful poultry production. It is of fundamental importance that our staff strictly follow the vaccination plan in order to keep mortality rates low. The image on the right shows animal health worker Joseph Koyee administering the vaccine to chicks recently imported from Uganda.

We are extremely satisfied with the high productivity of our farm. In the photo opposite, you can see a female duck that has produced 31 ducklings on our farm! A tangible sign of the growth and health of our farm.



Chicks Distribution

SAP-R (Solidarity Agricultural Project - Riimenze) recently imported day-old chicks from Uganda. These chicks are currently undergoing a three-month brooder period to ensure healthy growth. At the end of this rearing phase, we will distribute three chickens (one male and two females) to each of our beneficiary families. This initiative is essential for increasing local poultry production and improving food security.

Promotion of Organic Products

The SAP-R project is dedicated to the production of organic foods and the promotion of agricultural products through the careful processing and packaging of food additives. Nutrition staff manage this phase, which can serve a dual purpose.
Coffee beans, for example, are prepared and processed to increase their market value, allowing them to be sold at higher prices. The production of moringa powder, on the other hand, is mainly aimed at distribution to beneficiaries, an essential action to improve health conditions and combat malnutrition among children and families in the community.

Threshing Maize

In September, the Sustainable Agriculture Project-Riimenze (SAP-R) obtained approximately two (2) tons of maize grains packed in sacks at the end of the threshing process.
The images show casual workers together with Fr. Bernard on the farm threshing maize using a small threshing machine.

Pig Farming

The livestock section of the SAP-R farm continues to be extremely prolific. In September alone, two sows gave birth to a total of 15 piglets. Despite initial losses, we are pleased to announce a total of 13 healthy piglets, thanks in part to the high survival rate of 100% recorded for one of the births. To ensure the health and strengthen the immune system of these newborns, the Livelihood Officer and the Farm Supervisor administered the vaccine to the piglets. This preventive care is essential for the continued success and vitality of our pig farm.

Data Collection and Monitoring

Solidarity with South Sudan is committed to a rigorous Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) process, considering it a fundamental tool for measuring the impact of projects, verifying their effectiveness and ensuring their long-term sustainability.
This approach, based on continuous data collection, is applied to all our initiatives in order to identify challenges in a timely manner, measure benefits and gather recommendations for improvement.

The images on the right illustrate this commitment in the field:
the M&E officer conducts the quarterly evaluation of the SPEEC ("Sustainable Brick Production and Energy Efficient Cooking for Vulnerable Households in South Sudan") project, promoted by Caritas Austria; Sr. Veronica ICM (administrator and director of SAP-R) assesses the well-being of internally displaced persons (IDPs) recently welcomed to Riimenze.