

The Riimenze Community

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Sustainable Agriculture Project and Community Development



Agricultural Supplies Distribution

Mr. Onyango Samuel, the Livelihood Officer for the Sustainable Agriculture Project in Riimenze (SAP-R), recently oversaw the successful distribution of essential agricultural supplies to horticulture beneficiaries. The distribution aimed to boost local crop yields and included a variety of seeds, (tomato, cabbage, and green pepper) to support crop diversification. Each beneficiary group also received crucial equipment, including four watering cans and a large 200-liter drum, to ensure successful cultivation and water management. This initiative is a key part of our effort to enhance food security and support self-sufficiency among families in the region.



Visit Of Caritas' Program Manager

We were delighted to host Moritz Steinmentz, Caritas Austria's South Sudan Programme Manager, for a visit to our Sustainable Agriculture Project in Riimenze! The staff accompanied Moritz on a visit to the various project activities, including the nutrition department, the poultry sector, the livestock section and the coffee plantation. It was an excellent opportunity to share the results and showcase the dedication of the project staff who work daily to implement the programmes in the field.



Celebrating Daniel Comboni's Day

Every year, the community in Riimenze gathers to commemorate the feast of St. Daniel Comboni. This annual celebration recently saw teachers, pupils, and students from all local schools—including the St. Dominic Nursery/Primary School supported by Solidarity with South Sudan—join a celebratory procession. They marched together to the Riimenze Parish to honor Comboni's legacy.



Food Supplements

As part of SAP-R, the Nutrition Programme provides families with children at risk of malnutrition with food supplements produced locally by our Nutrition Department. These products, which include moringa powder, peanut butter and soy paste, are distributed quarterly to vulnerable members of the community, ensuring they receive the protein and fat necessary for growth, immediately after they participate in essential nutrition training sessions. This approach links education with practical support for a healthier community.

Hands-On Horticulture

Our quarterly horticulture training continues to successfully empower women's groups across six bomas (local areas). The focus is entirely practical, ensuring these women gain the real-world skills needed for self-reliance. The photo shows women actively mastering essential techniques like seedbed preparation and line planting. This training directly equips them to become successful food producers in their own communities. A huge step toward sustainable livelihoods!



Safeguarding Policies' Training

On October 29, 2025, the staff of the Sustainable Agriculture Project-Riimenze (SAP-R) completed an intensive one-day workshop focused on Safeguarding Policies. The training was organized by one of our main donors, Caritas Austria, and aimed to equip our team with the essential skills and knowledge needed to maintain a safe and responsible environment in all our work.



Relief to IDPs in Riimenze

The SAP-R, under the leadership of Sr. Veronica, ICM, recently provided essential relief items to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) living around the parish of Riimenze. Continuing an initiative started by Sr. Scholasticah, RSM, support for this community includes basic necessities such as rice, beans, sugar, mosquito nets, pots and watering cans. The distribution event was held in the presence of Fr. Charles, Riimenze's parish priest, and the IDP leaders, emphasizing the collaborative spirit of the community.

