

# The Riimenze Community

## Newsletter – November 2025

Sustainable Agriculture Project and Community Development



### Our coffee is growing hope

Coffee growing is one of the most successful cash crops at the Sustainable Agriculture Project in Riimenze (SAP-R), as it provides an income that contributes to the sustainability of the farm. The photo shows one of our workers meticulously drying the harvested beans to minimize post-harvest losses before they are sorted and prepared for storage.



### An important visit

On November 20th, the Sustainable Agriculture Project in Riimenze (SAP-R) welcomed a key delegation from the State Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries in Western Equatoria State. Led by the State Minister of Animal Resources, Hon. Samuel Zigizo, the officials visited the farm to monitor SAP-R activities and share their strategic plan. SAP-R Principal, Sr. Veronica, received the guests, who expressed their sincere appreciation for the project's vital efforts. The delegation specifically praised the great work being done by SAP-R to address local poverty, food insecurity, and malnutrition within the community. This visit underscores the collaborative spirit between Solidarity and the local government in building resilient livelihoods.



## Distribution of Kuroiler chickens

As a vital part of the Sustainable Agriculture Project – Riimenze (SAP-R), poultry keeping is providing a tangible path to enhanced food security and increased income. We imported Improved chicken known as Kuroiler from Uganda, and they were carefully brooded on the farm for two months to ensure their health. This intervention saw a successful distribution of 1,872 improved chickens to 624 households, empowering families through small-scale livestock farming.

## Local Solutions for Healthier Livestock

Nutrition is fundamental to the health and development of livestock, ensuring faster and steadier growth. At the SAP-R farm, our pigs are fed a balanced diet twice daily, every morning and evening, using high-quality feed formulated locally on-site. This sustainable approach ensures our animals receive optimal nutrition while maximizing local resources.



## Veterinary kits

Project Manager Mr. Elias officially handed over veterinary kits to Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs). These trained professionals will provide essential services to local livestock owners to prevent animal mortality. Each kit is fully equipped with vital supplies, including antibiotics, vitamins, dewormers, and acaricides, as well as necessary tools such as syringes and hand sprayers.



## Field visits in action!

During a recent visit to the Bazumburu horticulture women's group, Project Manager Mr. Elias observed the farmers' progress and shared practical demonstrations on soil and water conservation. By teaching techniques like mulching, we ensure that the knowledge shared during training translates into thriving, sustainable gardens. Continuous follow-up is the key to turning training into a sustainable harvest for our farmers.

## Crop diversity pays off

The Kodati Women's Group in Bazungua is actively diversifying local nutrition by cultivating a one-feddan plot dedicated to tomatoes, green peppers, and cabbages. After carefully transplanting their seedlings, the group manages the crops both to enrich their families' diets and to generate vital household income by selling the surplus at the local market. Their dedication, supported by our Livelihood Officer, exemplifies the power of collective farming in building community resilience.



## Watching young minds bloom

Education at the foundational level is about more than just ABCs; it is about understanding the holistic development of a child. Anthony Friday, a dedicated teacher at St. Dominic Savio Nursery School, recently shared his profound journey of professional and personal growth within the classroom. His experience highlights how quality training and daily interaction with students transform a teacher's perspective, allowing them to create a



nurturing environment where children can truly thrive. Reflecting on his work, Anthony stated: "My experience in the Nursery School made me understand the children and their growing process both physically and mentally, their learning abilities and capacities, their needs such as space and conducive learning environment. I am really happy to see changes in the lives of the children and in the children themselves. They grow, develop their memories. They become role models for the little ones and they feel a sense of belonging in the school and community they live in."