

The Riimenze Community

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Sustainable Agriculture Project and Community Development



Distribution of drugs to CAHWs

The Sustainable Agriculture Project in Riimenze (SAP-R) remains deeply committed to supporting sustainable livestock farming, providing Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) with both the essential technical knowledge and the veterinary supplies needed to combat livestock diseases and parasites. It was a great honour that the project manager, Mr Elias Kuboyo, personally handed over the last shipment of drugs for the year to our team of local health workers. Furthermore, the CAHWs were provided with clear operational instructions to ensure the highest standards of service delivery.



These guidelines emphasize the importance of providing high-quality veterinary care services, including at least two visits per month to each beneficiary farmer and ensuring that all medicines are administered correctly. In addition, practitioners have been asked to focus on the early detection of diseases to prevent wider outbreaks and to maintain close contact with the Livelihood Officer to seek guidance whenever complex clinical cases arise. This initiative reinforces the SAP-R's mission to build a resilient livestock sector by empowering local professionals and providing reliable veterinary services.



Radio Talk Show

The Livelihood Officer at SAP-R continues to maintain contact with families living in remote areas of Western Equatoria State through a monthly radio programme. This initiative is designed to provide essential information and technical knowledge to beneficiaries who would otherwise be difficult to reach. Recent editions have discussed the fundamentals of livestock management in an engaging and educational format. The programme also serves as an interactive platform for gathering listeners' views and comments.

This dialogue is important as it provides SAP-R with valuable insights that help refine strategies and better meet the needs of beneficiaries.

Training on goat management

To ensure the rapid and healthy reproduction of livestock, a training programme on sustainable goat management was conducted for beneficiaries in six key localities: Riimenze, Makpandu, Kasia, Bodo, Bazumburu and Bazungua. Led by the Livelihoods Officer, Mr Onyango Samuel Baker, the sessions provided beneficiary households with the essential skills to improve the productivity and welfare of their animals. The training focused on advanced feeding techniques to optimize growth and the correct administration of treatments for common diseases, enabling local farmers to maintain healthier herds and secure their long-term livelihoods.



Sweet Success: Honey Processing and Packaging at SAP-R

The SAP-R Nutrition Department successfully completed this month's honey harvest at our demonstration farm. The process involved careful extraction, sieving, and packaging the high-quality honey into branded 5-liter jerricans, which are now ready for sale directly from the farm. This initiative highlights our commitment to diversifying agricultural activities while ensuring the long-term sustainability and growth of the farm's operations.

Horticulture Training for Local Groups

Training our horticultural groups is essential for instilling the knowledge and skills necessary to manage a successful vegetable garden. The process begins with the preparation of nursery beds and seed sowing; after two weeks, the seedlings are ready to be transplanted into the main garden. Currently, we support active groups across six different locations, all of whom are eager to learn and adopt these improved agricultural techniques. The group in Kasia (in the photos) is focused on mastering nursery bed preparation to ensure they are ready before the arrival of the early rains. This hands-on training is a vital step toward achieving sustainable food security and successful harvests for the community.



Monitoring Impact: Assessing Child Nutrition and Growth

The true success of our Nutrition Programme is best reflected in the health and growth of the children involved. To measure this impact, our Nutrition Officer has been conducting comprehensive follow-up visits across all project locations. During these sessions, children who were provided with nutritional supplements and additives are being weighed to track their growth. This systematic monitoring enables us to assess the effectiveness of the better nutrition taught to mothers and ensures that every child reaches a weight appropriate for their age, also thanks to the distribution of these essential nutritional additives.



Growing Together at the Nursery School

The St. Dominic Savio Nursery School in Riimenze continues to be a place of joy and growth for both children and staff. In an atmosphere of enthusiasm, there is a strong sense of community that brings together teachers, staff and families. Parents are developing a new awareness of the importance of education, actively contributing through small but meaningful gestures, such as purchasing school supplies for their children. Furthermore, teachers and pupils work together daily to keep the environment clean, and by planting new trees, the children are developing an initial, fundamental ecological awareness.

