

The Riimenze Community

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Sustainable Agriculture Project and Community Development



From Farm Processing to Child Nutrition

During the month of August, the Sustainable Agricultural Project in Riimenze (SAP-R) successfully implemented a series of key activities across all its components under the outreach program. A major focus was the production and subsequent distribution of nutritional additives at the farm's processing site. As shown in the photos, Mrs. Juliana and her colleague Christine have been hard at work processing Soya butter. Throughout the month, the facility produced Moringa, Soya butter, and Peanut butter.



These highly nutritious additives were distributed to reassessed children identified as at risk of malnutrition by our Nutrition Officer during outreach assessments. Designed to restore lost energy, boost immunity, and improve appetite, the products are already making a tangible difference. Feedback from our beneficiaries highlights huge success and significant improvements in the health of the supported children.

Success in Horticulture Work

The long-awaited harvest season has finally arrived! Beneficiaries from Bazungua are reaping the rewards of their dedication, thanks to their hard work and the ongoing support of their extension workers. By actively putting into practice the skills acquired through SAP-R, the group has achieved remarkable results. The Bazungua group received seeds for eggplants, green peppers, tomatoes, and cabbages, all of which have yielded exceptionally well. As seen in the photos, Mrs. Victoria, one of the beneficiaries from Bazungua, is busy harvesting her produce directly from the garden.



Weeding and Harvest Outlook

While some outreach locations are already harvesting, others are currently preparing for their upcoming yields. This variation in crop stages is a direct result of the extended dry spell that affected the Western Equatoria State from April through July. Locations such as Bodo, Kasia, and Makpandu were particularly impacted by the drought. Nevertheless, with the return of the rains in August, there is renewed hope for a successful harvest in the very near future.



Livestock Management

Sustainable livestock management practices are essential to the SAP-R project and its beneficiaries, with the ultimate goal of replicating these vital skills within local communities. We are delighted to see our very own Extension Workers practicing these delicate tasks with ease. As shown in the photo, Emmanuel Elisa, a Community Extension Worker from Bodo acting as Livelihood Officer, is assisting Ueko John from Kasia in castrating three piglets belonging to Nazenti Manase. This practice enhances weight gain in pigs and improves their overall physical condition and market value.



Tools Distribution to Naangere Farmers

The Sustainable Agriculture Project - Riimenze (SAP-R) prioritizes agriculture across all its operational areas, consistently supporting every community it serves. Following its inception in July, the pilot project in Nangere has made rapid progress through horticulture initiatives. To equip the community for prosperous livelihoods, SAP-R distributed a set of tools (comprising hoes, rakes, pangas, and slashers) to 20 beneficiaries selected by local leaders. These farmers belong to Nangere's two active groups: Natikpo and Nabima. Demonstrating remarkable enthusiasm, the local farmers went straight to work even prior to formal training. Led by the strong mobilization skills of Extension Worker Parangambu Jorome Eyobo, the groups have



already cultivated 1 feddan of land, dividing it equally between the Natikpo and Nabima farmers' groups to prepare nursery beds for seeds. This strong dedication shows great promise and proves that Nangere is fully ready to make the most of SAP-R's ongoing support.

Horticulture at the SAP-R Demonstration Farm

The Demonstration Farm truly serves as a center for learning, hands-on experimentation, and the application of new agricultural techniques. Land set aside for horticulture is carefully prepared and is actively cultivated with a wide range of crops. Produce currently grown at the site includes spinach, amaranthus, Sukuma wiki, green pepper, eggplants, okra, bitter leaf, and pumpkin. Thanks to the expert management and ongoing support of our extension workers, these crops are thriving.



Piggery and Goat Success

Progress is measured by growth, and the livestock section at the Sustainable Agriculture Project - Riimenze (SAP-R) demo farm has demonstrated a considerable growth rate. In the piggery unit, our Large White breed continues to produce high-quality piglets. Thanks to the dedication of our animal attendant and casual workers who ensure the animals remain safe and healthy, the farm welcomed five new piglets during the month of August.



Similarly, our goats are thriving and gaining weight. This success is directly attributed to the proper grazing practices implemented by our casual workers and animal attendants. Goats have proven to be low-maintenance livestock, benefiting significantly from supervised zero-grazing under the care of our dedicated team.

How the Nursery School and SAP-R Support Local Families

When Mama Alex, mother of Alex, a pupil in Pre-Primary 1 at St. Dominic Savio Nursery and Primary School in Riimenze, struggled to afford her child's school uniform due to difficult family circumstances, the school administration and the Sustainable Agriculture Project - Riimenze (SAP-R) listened and took action.



To accommodate mothers with young infants, SAP-R created a flexible work opportunity: processing groundnuts for nutritional additives right on the SAP-R compound, allowing mothers to work safely alongside their babies. Through an agreement with the farm, parents earn daily wages that are directly allocated to school fees and uniforms. This initiative ensures children like Alex remain in school while providing vulnerable parents with dignity, income, and hope, a concrete example of listening, dialogue, community support and sinodality in action.