

PROGRESS REPORT ON FISH AND PIGGERY YOUTH PROJECT IN MADERA PARISH UGANDA

So far the following progress has been made under the fish farming project:



Group Formation

Seven youth groups of ten to fifteen members have been formed and trained in fish-farming. The training was conducted by District Fisheries Department which also provides the on-sight technical support to the youth. These groups now form one association which is registered with the local government. They can now benefit from support services provided by the government which will be beneficial to them for the sustainability of the project. Each group will be assisted to dig and stock one pond which they will take care of until maturity (six months). The group will also be assisted with feeds for the first six months. After the first sale of fish the groups will finance the restocking of the old ponds and construction of new ponds where they have land/space by the lake or swamps as well as feeds for the fish.

Pond Construction

Five ponds have been constructed and are awaiting stocking. Two are still under construction. The first five will be stocked when the rains fall as this is advisedly the best time to stock the ponds with fingerlings.

The following progress has been made under the piggery project:

Group Formation

Five youth groups have been formed for the piggery project. They have all been trained in piggery farming by a local pig farmer who runs a demonstration pig farm in Soroti town. Each group will be assisted with a pair of piglets, male and female, of three months and above at least as near gestation period as possible. They will be supplied with some feeds to supplement the local feeds the youth can provide until first farrowing. The project will pay for the visits of a vet at least once a month until first farrowing. Thereafter each group will pay for these visits from the sale of piglets/pigs. One group has been supplied with a pair of piglets so far.

Pigsty Construction

A demonstration/multiplication centre has been constructed and stocked with one boar and three sows for multiplication purposes. One sow is expected to farrow in October. It is also stocked with eleven piglets (five male and six females) awaiting distribution.

Equipment

A water pump (petrol), wheel burrows, spades, gumboots, pangas (machetes) and hoes were purchased to help in the construction of the ponds. At present the groups share the one pump, but in future it will be necessary to purchase more pumps to serve more groups and ponds. The feeds mill will be purchased at a later stage to be operated by the association.



