

**INTRODUCTION:** This report is about the ENGIM/SJFAP project activities for the month of May 2013. ENGIM and SJFAP work very closely with particular projects especially in Livelihood (agriculture) and infrastructure. ENGIM provides mostly the financial resources whilst SJFAP provides the indigenous knowledge and mobilization of the communities.

#### **ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN APRIL**

- **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AT ROTHONGBAI VILLAGE:** This activity started on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. This project is funded by private donors through the SJF and this project is located in the Chiefdom of Buya Romende. There is an existing school but it's a make shift school and does not house the pupils well. This intervention will see the pupils enjoying a well constructed school and will help to make learning for the pupils more comfortable and will reach the end with a good academic background. The community of Rothongbai, Chaindocom are actively involved in providing the much needed community participation and support to this project. The school is a three class room school with a staff room and a Head Teachers office. We hope to complete this project before the start of the new school Year in september2013.



- **POULTRY ESTABLISHMENT PROJECT:** The pox vaccine has been successfully administered to the birds at 16 weeks old. The nest boxes will be placed inside the house soon so that the pullets will start to be accustomed with it. The birds are expected to start dropping eggs full time late in June. The care taker is now been provided with a mobile phone so as to improve the link with the ENGIM office.
- **WATER WELLS PROJECT** - For these years 2013-2014, ENGIM together with SJFAP will construct twenty two water wells. Among these, twelve will be financed by "CIELO E TERRA VINI" s.p.a; three of them by ENGIM and seven by private donors. Presently in spite of the difficulties encountered in the month of may with materials, rain and frequent breakdown of the SJFAP Truck we have finished the activities of lining in almost 18 communities out of the 22 water wells to be constructed and we are still working hard to complete the remaining wells.

- **WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH SJFAP STAFF:** Weekly meetings are held on Mondays in the SJFAP office so that effective coordination, planning and review are done for the next and subsequent weeks ahead. In the month of May one meeting was held with the SJFAP Staff to introduce the new ENGIM Staff and to also say farewell to Angela. Updates were given and planning for the next and subsequent weeks was also done with strong emphasis on the Moringa intensification project.
- **FOLLOW UP ON MPT-P (Moringa Pilot Tree Project):** The Ten communities have already



established nurseries of 1200 seedlings each bringing the total number of seedlings to 12,000, the excess is such that we can make up for mortality and something unforeseen. Hardening of seedlings and replacing ungerminated seeds in the nursery is presently the main activity. Sensitization of new communities is quite underway

and it's taking the form of the Focal point person (FPP) from the pilot village taking the lead in the sensitization and training of the new community selected in Moringa cultivation.

- **RENEWAL OF ENGIM AS INGO - PROCESS FOLLOW UP-** We are now in the final stage of securing the certificate of renewal from SLANGO.
- **HEALTH/AGRICULTURE SECTOR MEETINGS IN PORTLOKO:** in the month of may no meeting was attended for both the sectors, but up-dates from the agric sector was sent with the BES (Block Extension Supervisor) of the Koya area who is always visiting our swamp development project in Mendesora on behalf of the MAFFS (Ministry of Agriculture Forestry And Food Security).

**PILOT SWAMP DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT MENDESORA VILLAGE:**

The Swamp development activity has reached close to 2 hectares of development exceeding our target of 1 hectare and we are now entering the phase of SRI (Seed Rice Intensification). This improved method of rice cultivation was developed in 1983 in Madagascar and has now spread to many parts of the world. There is a notion that what has been done in research plots and by scientists is modern and desirable. However, it is farmers who played a key role in designing and developing SRI method of cultivation practices.



Thus every farmer has to be a scientist and an experimenter. Farmer should not blindly follow what is suggested by others, One has to understand the principles behind and decide upon what to do based on local situation and available resources. This is the key aspect in SRI method of cultivation

A workshop will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> of June followed by another on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July. This is to see us explain the SRI methodology with practice sessions fully integrated. We intend to fully

document this pilot experiment with SRI in a scientific manner. If the community adopts this methodology of rice production it should see them using less seeds and producing more seeds of good quality.

- **PARISH HALL CONSTRUCTION HOLY CROSS CHURCH KISSY- FREETOWN;** The substructure work i.e. foundation with slab is close to completion.

Proper coordination and reporting of activities together with its accounting format and procedures has been put in place.

A Financial report has already been sent to ENGIM Italy and we are waiting an answer.



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