

## IDE10 BOTANICAL REINTEGRATION VILLAGE AGRICULTURE REPORT



VENUE

LITTLE BASSA

DATE

March, 2015

## SUMMARY

In 2014, IDE10 purchased 2 acres of farm land to establish the Botanical Reintegration Village (BRV). On February 5 2015, we launched the Botanical Reintegration Village Agriculture Project on the two acres of the farm land purchased. The objective of the Agriculture project is to create income revenue through cassava farming that will support the BRV programs in the nearest future. We have planted two acres of Cassava farm and collaborating with other 5 local farmers who are involved with cassava farming in Little Bassa and its surrounding villages. We are currently writing the American Ambassador Self Help grant of ten thousands (10,000.00) to establish a mini factory that will turn cassava tubers into gari and other local foods for public consumption. Not only will the farm create income revenue for the organization, but it will make it easier for local farmers to ground their cassava tubers on a considerable price, that will increase their production. We will also purchase cassava from other local farmers, to increase our production, therefore, we will be creating large market for other cassava farmers in the region.

## BRV AGRICULTURE PROJECT OBJECTIVE (S)

- ❖ To promote food security
- ❖ To clear the BRV Site
- ❖ Reduce extreme poverty in Little Bass and it surrounding villages
- ❖ Generate income revenue to support the BRV activities.

## BRV METHODOLOGY

IDE10 hired work force of 20 men from neighboring towns in little Bassa, these men were paid per day to brush the 2 acres farm land. The brushing and felling of trees started Jan 6 and ended on the 11, 2015. After 14 days, the brushed bush was ready to be burned, on Jan 28.



We hired 10 men to burn the farm and after 5 days the land was ready for de-stumping and clearing.



The planting started on Feb 18 and ended on 27, 2015. We hired 8 women of Little Bassa, who planted the cassava and corn on the 2 acres of Land for 7 days.



For the past 3 months on the BRV, IDE10 have been extensively engaged in various activities that have accomplished the following:

- Brushing of 2 acres Farm Land

- Burning and Clearing of 2acres Farm land
- Planting of crops on the 2acres farm land (cassava and corn)
- Collaborating with local farmers.

With the supervision of IDE10 team and the hired work force, today IDE10 is confident of progress being made on the farm.

### **CHALLENGES**

1. Power Saw Chain- The lack of power saw chain caused us to spent more money as it was not stipulated in the budget. We had to rent power saw chain to cut bigger stumps for total clearing of the site.
2. Dwelling Place – the lack of dwelling place during our stay in Little Bassa, makes our stay uncomfortable until we return to our individual homes.
3. Work Force – It was extremely difficult to organize a committed workforce in Little Bassa, because majority of the youth focus on fishing, we have to go into surrounding villages to organize a dedicated workforce.

### **FINANCIAL NARRATIVE:**

The Botanical Reintegration Agriculture Project was funded by Action10 of Sweden which values 3000, the fund was received in two installments. IDEFOCS received a bank transfer of 1200 for the first transfer and 1700 for the second transfer purpose to brush, cut down of trees, burn the farm, and plan the crops over the two (2) acres. The total fund received for the agriculture project was 2900.00 USD. The fund was used to purchase agriculture tools, transportation of materials and staffs, wages for man-power to brush, cut down of trees, burning of farm, de-stumping and planting of crops. IDE10 Agriculture Project start up took place in Little Bassa.

## **CONCLUSION**

The beginning of the BRV project was really a lesson and a success. We are happy that we were able to prepare the land for farming which of course we have already planted cassava and corn as start-up crops on the BRV. We are also grateful to Action10 for her continuous support in helping IDEFOCS achieve some of her many goals. As we move forward with the BRV, we anticipate more support to help manage the farm regularly as stated in the BRV Work plan. We want to say thank you God for all you continue to do for IDEFOCS and Action10.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. We recommend that we weed the farm, or else, the grass will suppress the crops from growing healthy.
2. We recommend to fence the farm to protect bush animals from eating the crops
3. We recommend to rent two rooms with at least tree mattresses and beddings.
4. Planting was finally completed on Feb. 27, 2015, we have two major challenges that might lead the project to a failure if not immediately address. We need to protect the crops from both the plant and the grass. To protect the crops from the grass, we need to weed the grass as soon as now to March ending. In other to protect the crops from the animal, we need to fence the farm, that animal wouldn't intrude the farm and destroy the crops.

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