

Project Title: Enhancing Livelihoods through Sustainable Pig Farming

Introduction

The Pig Project is a community-based initiative aimed at improving the livelihoods of smallholder farmers by providing them with piglets for rearing. The project seeks to enhance food security, generate income, and promote sustainable livestock farming practices among smallholder farmers. By distributing piglets to farmers, the project will create a ripple effect of economic empowerment especially among the women, which will promote sustainable livelihoods among farmers for a better living.

Project Rationale

Pig farming is a profitable venture due to pigs' high reproductive rate, fast growth, and adaptability. Farmers and women in kitoba continue to lack access to quality piglets due to high costs of acquiring them, high costs of maintaining them and limited capacity to rear the pigs. Smallholder farmers and women also continue to face challenges in low household incomes to enable them acquire the basic necessities in a home due to limited sources of income. This project therefore comes in a good timing to bridge that gap by; providing farmers with healthy piglets for fattening and breeding, encouraging sustainable piggery practices through training, creating a network of pig farmers especially among the women for knowledge exchange and market access.

Project Objectives

General Objective

To enhance livelihoods of small holder farmers and women by distributing piglets and supporting pig-rearing activities.

Specific Objectives

1. To increase pig production by supplying high-quality piglets to identified smallholder farmers and women
2. To enhance farmers capacity through training in pig husbandry, disease control, and local feed formulation techniques

3. To promote sustainability by encouraging farmers to pass on piglets to other beneficiaries (pay-it-forward model).

Expected Outcomes

- 80 farmers receive piglets and training by one year
- At least 80% piglet survival rate registered
- Additional income generated by farmers from increased sales.
- At least 50% of beneficiaries pass on piglets to other farmers for continuity of the project after 8 months

Target Beneficiaries

The project targets over 80 smallholder farmers, women who are united under village saving groups. These are mostly affected by low household incomes due to low income generating activities. This is because of high levels of poverty that render the farmers unable to engage in income generating projects.

Project Activities

- 1) Identification and Selection of farmers
- 2) Capacity assessment of potential farmers
- 3) Conduct training of the identified farmers in sustainable pig practices
- 4) Distribution of piglets to the trained farmers
- 5) Conduct robust monitoring and supervision monthly
- 6) Market linkages and sustainability

Sustainability Plan

Pay-It-Forward System: Each farmer passes on piglets, expanding the project's reach.