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Grace Musiimenta, Uganda

Project: Soroti Youth Pig Project

Use of Grant Funds: Program Administration & Materials

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Three-Month Follow Up Report:

The Soroti Youth Pig Project is up and running! Five piglets were purchased and are growing rapidly. Grace also reports that monthly youth meetings have been held and a committed group of 12 participants attend regularly.

I am quite happy with the current number of participants; they are interested and will be good ambassadors as the project grows. As we start, a small group is manageable as we lay our foundation and guiding rules. And so, as we steadily grow, we will have a firm empowerment project structure, that can easily run even in my absence.

As a doctor, wife, new mother and community leader, Grace finds the hours of the day to be a commodity. In designing her WMF Micro-Grant project, she shared her idea with many community members and confirmed their commitment to being involved leaders. A large partner has become her local church. The pastor has volunteered to be the treasurer, Harriet is the day-to-day caretaker of the piglets and Susan, a youth committee member stands in when Grace is unable to attend any important events related to the project.

An initially roadblock was faced immediately after the project was funded. The original location in which to house the piggery was no longer available. The first hurdle in implementing this project was quickly solved when one of the youth who was interested in participating in the Soroti Youth Pig Project offered a space on their family's property to host the project!

Monthly meetings have covered topics ranging from the need and importance of staying in school, how to creatively help with raising funds for school requirements, the diversity of income generating animal projects, and the profits obtainable by raising free-range chickens.

In August, the Soroti Youth Pig Project will welcome their local veterinarian to discuss the life cycle of pigs.



This long-term project will continue to develop and strengthen. We look forward to sharing more of the youth curriculum Grace and her partners develop and deliver to participants. As Grace shares, "Don't just sit and wait, be creative and be empowered."

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