

## Nankoke (Mkutu) Support Group Training Report

Dates: 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Venue: Mkutu Catholic out station

Facilitators: Sr Teresa Mulenga

Mr Zenasi :

Chimwemwe Mpasanje

Jane Gasteni

Egleni Kudzunga

Total number of people trained: 45

Facilitators 2

Local facilitators 3 from chikunkha

Network leaders 2

Local leaders 2

Total number of people present **54**

Facilitator Name	Topics Covered
<b>Sr Teresa Mulenga</b>	MIM background Support group etiquette How to conduct meetings Group sustainability
<b>Mr Zenasi</b>	Group dynamics Support group etiquette Leadership
<b>Chimwemwe Mpasanje</b>	Types of pigs Reproduction signs
<b>Jane Gasteni</b>	Feeding Benefits of pig farming
<b>Egleni Kudzunga</b>	Diseases and control Dangers Construction of pig shelters

*Table 1. Facilitators and Topics for Pig Training at Nankokwe support Group*

### Group Description

Namkokwe support group is the most current group with a population of 30 members.

Females **23**

Males **3**

Boys **3**

Girl **1**

The group hold meetings every Tuesday.

### **Training**

Training of support group members on pig keeping was held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021 under the topics in table 1 above.

### **Success**

1. The training was a major success so far 45 participants were trained for two days. Out of the 45 members who participated in the training 15 were from Kamtande support group, this to them acted as a refresher course. Among other things the participants were given the background of the foundation by the contact person and tips on conducting effective meeting.
2. It is also important to report that, three of the presenters are members of the already established support groups who have experience and have benefited from the pig project. The presenters shared first-hand information with concrete issues in terms of benefits and challenges.
3. There was open discussion and sharing of ideas including sustainability strategies. For instance one of the issues proposed was garden for a support and village banking. (Village banking is conducted in the villages, members make contributions and borrow money for small scale entrepreneurship)
4. All the planned activities were conducted successfully
5. COVID 19 measures were strictly followed

### **Challenge**

The major challenge encountered was the absence of the agriculture advisor who was invited but failed to turn up. However, the prior arrangement to have beneficiaries as trainers saved the whole situation.

### **Pig shelters and distribution**

As was requested in the proposal 20 pigs were to be purchased. I would like to report at this point that the pigs have been purchased and distributed to the beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries were expected to construct pig shelters and this has been done.

## **Acknowledgement**

On the behalf of the support group beneficiaries, I would like to thank the founder of Mirjam foundation and the entire for approving our proposal and all the support that is given to the support groups.

I would like to point out that the support given has a great impact on the lives of the beneficiaries an all dimensions of life, both physically and psychologically. Personally I see life in the beneficiaries, firstly through their socialisation and also the material support.

## **Future plans**

To encourage construction of home gardens

Cleanliness and Sanitation in the homes

Improve Nutrition through locally available foods



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