

UPDATE FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Kuron and its surrounding community has seen a big revolution in food production technology after the installation of drip irrigation system and a green house in May 2009 for the production of high value crops like tomatoes, onions, cabbages and collards amongst others. The system had demonstrated success with high value tomatoes, onions, cabbages, collards and okra. The Kuron community has already embraced the technology with the initial continuous supply of fresh vegetables right on the demonstration plots. Also the passengers on transit to Jonglei state and those on transit to Narus, Torit and Juba have been astonished to find such unique technology in Kuron as especially during the draught season which has caused a lot of devastation. This could be the first of its kind in South Sudan after the long civil war that ravaged the country. We expect in future high demand and a potential market in Namurupus, Nanyangachor, Narus, Kapoeta, and Boma and within Kuron as well as interest from the farmers to learn about the new technique of production. However there is need to drill deep water well (Borehole) to be able to supply sufficient water for the project for continuous productivity. The current well is shallow and runs dry during the dry period. Thanks to Caritas Internationales (Caritas Belgium) for funding the project and the entire staff of the agricultural section with the inspirational commitment & hard work of Mr. Kadima Alfred the head of department agriculture.

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The seed nursery for the demonstration farm



Onion plants in the open field irrigation land



Collard plants in the open field irrigation plot



High yielding tomatoes plants in the green house



Women farmers weeding the walk ways in the green house.



Bishop Paride looks on as 2nd tomato harvest from the green house is being weighed



Agric. Trainee student attending to the green house.



Bishop Paride Taban sorts out the tomatoes



2nd tomato harvest is being weighed by a canteen attendant.



Bishop and Sister looks on weighed tomatoes.