



Scaling – up SRI in Sierra Leone

The service of the ENGIM country Director was requested for a TOT workshop organized by WAAPP (West Africa Agricultural Productivity Programme) –SL in collaboration with the MAFFS and the SLARI (Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute) on SRI for frontline extension officers and scientist/researcher officers in Bo. The training has as an objective: to improve the skills of the extension and research officers in the practice of SRI and be able to share the knowledge with the farmers/producers at the innovation platforms to establish in collaboration with SLARI and MAFFS. Given his vast knowledge in SRI he kindly participated as lead facilitator for this workshop. Something ENGIM is proud of.

Sierra Leone SRI Video

Mr. Declan, a documentary video maker from Flooded Celler productions Ltd in Britain, came to Sierra Leone in the month of June. He was sent by Cornell University to film the activities of SRI in Sierra Leone. The work of ENGIM in Mendesora village and the Mapity Farming Enterprise, were a show case as best practices in SRI (system of rice intensification).When he arrived in Mendesora he was very happy to see the village tidy and all of the people involved in agricultural activities particularly the SRI. He filmed all the processes of the SRI. After he went to Mapity Farming Enterprise to film the SILC group in their usual savings meetings (SILC is usually integrated with SRI and other activities that ENGIM develops in the communities).



Disaster at the Poultry

On 20th June, of the 250 chicks bought, 77% died which were in the brooder house as a result of the NCD (New castle Disease). Frantic efforts were made to save the situation but only 58 birds survived the outbreak. The challenge here now is to secure vaccination from secure sources and its timely application .The remaining birds are now 7 weeks old and are in good health.





This year 2014 ENGIM together with the SJF have constructed 8 water wells. Of the 8 water well 5 are in Koya, 1 in Maforkie and 2 in Marampa chiefdom. The fixing of the hand pump is in progress and chlorination will be done as soon as the MOH makes available the chlorine at the health centre in Lunsar and Masiaka.

It is always exciting to fix the pumps, because it is the last step for give clean, fresh and safe drinking water to the communities. All the people are there, happy and curious, to see the water oozing from the tap.



Parish Hall Project-Kissy

In the Parish Hall there are now the columns to support the super structure of building. This is because the span of the building is too long, approximately 25 meters. We have decided as we earlier agreed with the PHP committee to hire the service of a construction company (Saidmus Building Contractor) to do this crucial and more technical part of the building of the Parish Hall.



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National tree planting day

On the 24th June, the MAFFS undertook a National Tree Planting activity to address, deforestation and Global warming. This year's theme has been "Green Environment for Prosperity". In respect of the above a massive afforestation / reforestation exercise has been undertaken in the district. Statements were made at Rogberay Junction and the planting exercise at Lal-Pate in the Maforkie Chiefdom. ENGIM was the lead NGO in Portloko District for this activity.

