

VEGETABLE AND POULTRY PROJECT FOR SISTER'S COMMUNITY

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As the saying goes, "Charity begins from home", as an appreciation to the sisters community that were by my side while I was participating in the online SLDI Finance workshop, I had to start up a small project that would benefit the sisters. I shared this idea with the sisters and they were very pleased and willing to start up a poultry project. This helped the sisters a lot since almost everyone was at home and we had financial crisis, this poultry project increased our income and helped in boosting our immunity through improving our diet in this hard time of COVID-19.

Apart from the poultry project, and considering the harsh weather we have at Kasese, I set up a shade to cover the greens that I started growing so that the scorching sun does not dry them up. Kasese being a dry and hot place, I have been watering the greens and using the droppings from the birds/chicken for manure and this has helped greatly.

I am happy to report that we have greens at all stages and this has boosted the immunity of the sisters during this COVID-19 pandemic and the sisters have been healthier ever since we started eating green vegetables from this garden. Even the elderly sisters look stronger, great thank to this small project whose impact is unmeasurable. I decided to use the community's meagre resource to put up a lasting project. The quotation of Mother Theresa of Calcutta, "***Not all of us can do great things but we can do small things with great love***" inspired me to take up this challenge.