

YOUTH PIGGERY PROJECT

I am Sr. Judith Atukwatse, a member of Sisters of Our Lady of Good Counsel Congregation, Mbarara-Uganda. I have just completed my course of SLDI Finance and am grateful that after the first workshop I used the skills I acquired to contribute to the community.

Immediately I completed the Finance workshop of August 2020, I went back to my community full of enthusiasm to make a difference! To see how all we had learnt could workout for the better.

Upon settling in my community, I begun the process of writing a project but all the efforts were in vain. In my field of apostolate, which is Liturgy Department that involves Chapel, singing and instructing catechism, this became a little bit difficult.

Hope was not lost when I decided to use the little capital that we raised as youth to start up a piggery project. And this was a dream come true when I shared with the members in the youth committee who accepted this brilliant idea. They happily bought the idea and pledged to cooperate. We had saved some little money about UGX 300,000 (USD 86)

The project we came up with immediately was piggery project. We bought two pigs, a male and female. This we started rearing very well and now they have produced piglets which we intend to sell and raise money. The activities I am doing in the piggery are; feeding the pigs and cleaning the pig sty, an activity that I have done since then till this date as seen in the photo. The school, having admired our seriousness, constructed for us that modern sty in the pictures

Our Goal was to build a grotto for Our Lady, since as a chapel we did not have one. So the youth have been saving to this effect.

As I write now, the piggery project has grown and we are having many piglets and ready to sell and raise more funds until we put up the Grotto for our Lady (Mother Mary). The youth themselves have also started their own projects which is sustaining their families during this difficult moment.