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Cover image: Fish farming project. A technician gives instructions on how to feed the fingerlings.

Welcome

from the Editor

Richness in diversity

The time gap between requesting an article for the magazine and reading what our partners send to me is always filled with excited anticipation. What progress has been made, what difficulties overcome, what testimonies will be reported from the projects?

It is my sincere hope that you also eagerly anticipate the arrival of each magazine and join with many other people in praying for the work of Operation Agri throughout the seasons.

The Trustees and partners thank you for your involvement in supporting the poorest in the world's society.

Every blessing, Nigel.

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Rural pastors struggle to put food on the table

Jane and Ralph Hanger chart the progress of the African Pastors' Fellowship and its links with OA

Pastors in rural Africa don't normally receive a salary. They are expected to produce their own food and depend on what gifts their congregations manage to give them. So, it's not surprising when asked about his greatest need, a pastor in Africa will often say 'food security'.

While working for the African Pastors' Fellowship (APF), we had a request from a group of pastors to help them with their agriculture. This led to the start of the Busia project, which Operation Agri (through BMS) part funded. The late Rev. Paul Kyalimpa led the training sessions, and this project became the blueprint for others he ran in various areas in Uganda and elsewhere. His son, Joseph, still carries on similar training in Western Uganda, (SAFI – Sustainable Agriculture Farming Initiatives), although many modifications to the teaching have been made over the years, as they learnt from experience.

Pastors' wives tend to initiate small scale projects in order to boost the family



finances, but because of poor planning these often fail to thrive. Training has helped make these projects more successful. Most are agricultural, though some involve trading, tailoring and there was even a wedding dress hire business! One lady bought a cart and set up a water transporting business and others used solar cookers to bake cakes to sell. Some of the projects required a small amount of capital for start-up, but others managed to start small and build their 'businesses'. Another lady started by buying a turkey egg, hatching it, growing it, and selling the mature bird. She then used the money to buy three eggs, and eventually branched out into other enterprises. To get her 'business' started another begged cassava cuttings to grow and sell, since she had plenty of land but no cash.

APF has continued to help pastors and their wives, not only improve their own farms but help their congregations become more 'food secure'. The *Growing Greener*

“**One lady bought a cart and set up a water transporting business and others used solar cookers to bake cakes to sell.**”

project in Malawi is an example of this. Operation Agri has partnered with APF in this project.

Another area in which APF and OA have co-operated is making Paul Kyalimpa's book on sustainable agriculture more widely available. APF have developed an App called eVitabu (books) which is accessible to anyone with a smart phone. Paul's book and a lot of other useful information are available on the App.

This working together between two relatively small charities has increased the benefits our partners in Africa receive.



Jane assists with checking records

Jane Hanger and her husband, Ralph, worked for the African Pastors' Fellowship from 1998 until 2010. After retirement Jane became an Operation Agri Trustee and maintained links with four of OA's Africa projects.



Fish farmers undertake to watch over and take care of the tanks

Paulo Abilio, Sofala Provincial Manager, and **Ezequiel Agostinho**, bring us up-to-date with stories from those who have been trained and are ready to reap the harvest that lasts a maximum of six months

From the editor: Last year we reported on a new type of project – a Fish Farm in Mozambique. Here is part of that article:
'Cyclone Idai in 2019 and Chalane in 2021 caused landslides in Beira city – in the central region of Mozambique – and surrounding districts, destroying fishing boats and agricultural crops. Oasis Mozambique and Operation Agri responded to a request

for a fish farming project in the ponds of Ngupa community (a rural area around the riverbanks of the Pungue river, just 25 miles from Beira) to help revive the local economy. Small farmers and fishermen had lost their livelihoods, which increased their vulnerability in terms of extreme hunger and hopelessness. Oasis provided them with psycho-social support in the form

of community trauma therapy, and the opportunity for fish farming to improve their livelihoods and nutrition. The income is vitally important, but so too is the fish which is packed with nutrients such as protein and vitamin D, and it's also a source of omega-3 fatty acids, which are incredibly important for the bodies and brains of children and adults.

The 20 project beneficiaries comprise 15 women from a previous agriculture project funded by Operation Agri, and five men who lost their boats due to the cyclones. The beneficiaries have attended the fish farm technical training conducted by a government appointed trainer.'

“We believe it will help some of the problems we have, such as helping our children at school ...



Luisa Abrosa, President and member of the fish-farming group says, 'I am happy because Oasis came to our community with the pisciculture (fish farming)

project. In this community we have a high poverty rate, perhaps with the project it will help us to send our children to study through the profits that we will obtain. We are going to continue this project so that we can see something when we harvest, and that way we can help in the development of our community. I will pray

to God that we will have a good harvest.'

Lidia António Braz, 43, a beneficiary of the project says, 'The project is going to



▲ Settlement of Alevins in the tanks

help us a lot; we learned that if we give the feed properly, in five months we can start harvesting. We will also continue to clean around the tank and monitor the space. We believe it will help solve some of the problems we have, such as helping our children at school and buying a television for our house. I have a little experience with pisciculture because I have my small aquarium and it has yielded a lot for me. Thanks.'



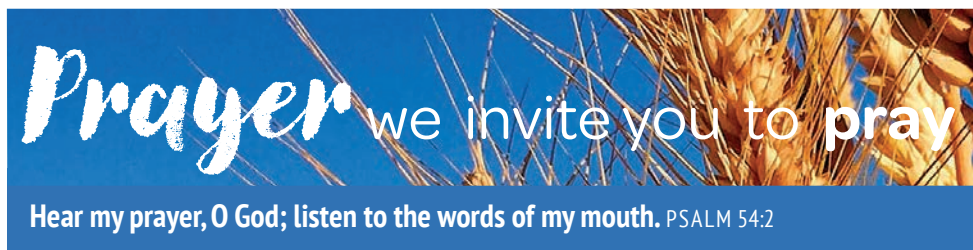
Clara Jose Mauricio, another beneficiary, says, 'Oasis Moçambique opened the tanks and offered us the

fish. When the fish grow we will sell them and we will take care of our children. In this community we live with many orphan children who are in unfavorable conditions. We want to create something that is sustainable so that there is continuity in our community.'



Paulo Abilio, and Ezequiel Agostinho





Bangladesh – Empowering Girls

Duaripara Family Development Project

Pray for a fall in the high inflation rate, which is causing huge economic hardship in Duaripara, so that the families of the girls can meet their basic needs.

India – Community Development

Kalwa Hub, Mumbai

90% of the students in the After School Programme are regular attenders and are doing well in their studies. **Pray** that Oasis India will be able to meet the increased demand for places that this success is creating.

Malawi – APF Growing Greener

Sustainable Farming

Give thanks for the project areas unaffected by Cyclone Freddie, where there was a good harvest.

Pray for the areas where there was damage and that people will find ways to cope and enough to eat for next year.

Mozambique – Farming

Commercial Farming Training Project

Give thanks that the new fish farming ‘ponds’ were not seriously damaged by recent cyclones. **Pray** for the sustainability of the fish farming and wisdom to expand it as opportunities allow.

Nepal – Holistic Community Development

CHEST: Ghusel village

Give thanks for the partnership with BMS World Mission that has supported this work. **Pray** that, as the final year of the project starts in July, the CHEST team will be able to facilitate a smooth handover to community representatives.

Nepal – Community Development in Rukum

CHEP: Kankri, East Rukum

Pray that as the project ends this month (July 2023) all the activities will be completed. **Pray** too that those involved in selecting a new CHP project location will be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Nicaragua – Healthcare

Community Based Primary Healthcare Activities in Nicaragua

Give thanks to God for the first Health Promoter Training of the year, which took place recently at the AMOS campus. We rejoiced in seeing all of them well, hearing their stories, and helping them continue advancing their skills to serve their communities.

Sri Lanka – Community Development

Enhancing the Economies of Vulnerable Communities and protection of children in Killinochchi District

Due to the crisis situation in the country, LEADS is seeing an increase in the turnover of staff. Therefore, **pray** that the right staff with a passion for service will be brought in to LEADS.

Tanzania – IMARIKA

Community Development

This project mobilises churches, builds livelihoods and improves the environment.

Pray as the teaching starts in new villages, that in the surrounding area, people will hear positive things and request help for their communities. **Give thanks** that so many people have already benefitted from the project.

Tanzania – Sustainable Agriculture

Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development

Pray that Phase Seven will be fruitful in terms of agricultural yields, farming

knowledge and care for the planet. Also, that the FPI team will continue to work in one spirit.

Uganda – Building Farm Businesses

BUU Sustainable Agriculture Farming Initiatives, Phase Three
Give thanks that training is going well in the new area. **Pray** for successful teaching, training farmers from previous phases, to grow Black Soldier Fly Larvae to replace expensive fish meal in animal food.

Uganda – Skills Training

SDKF Vocational Training

Pray for all our students, that they will be able to learn the taught skills, and that their lives will be completely transformed by the power of God through the daily devotions.

Uganda – WALP, Capacity Building through Literacy

WALP: Women's Adult Literacy Project

Pray for the start of teaching in six new communities. For wisdom in overcoming start-up problems and continued

enthusiasm for the new students. **Give praise** that students from the original groups are reaping the benefits of their learning.

Women's Empowerment through Literacy and skills training

New groups are being formed and new skills taught

Pray that group members will be able to use their new skills to set up income generation opportunities and manage the administration involved.

Pray for the proposed business loan fund and the right people to control the fund.



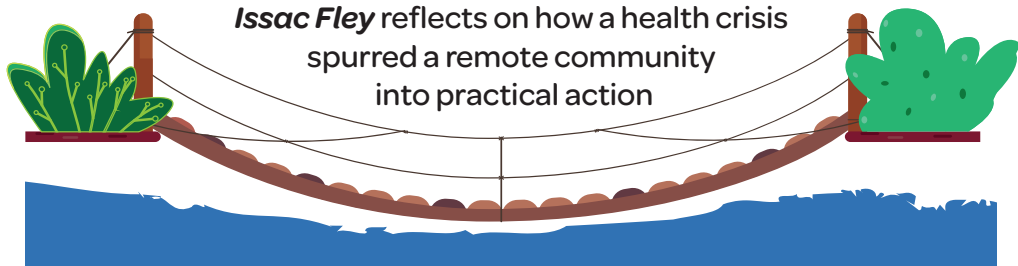
Trustees and the work of the charity

Operation AGRI

Give thanks for those who have served over the last 60+ years and ask for guidance and wisdom for the current Trustees that they may know God's plan for the future.

Nicaraguan rural community build a bridge to safety

Issac Fley reflects on how a health crisis spurred a remote community into practical action



No easy way out

Living in El Socorro, a rural community in Nicaragua, can be very hard. No running water, no electricity, no paved roads, no hospital, or healthcare unit. In those conditions, a health emergency can quickly become life-threatening, especially when the only way out of the community is crossing over or through an overflowing river.

For many years, AMOS has partnered with El Socorro to strengthen their organisational capacities and advance community empowerment for the wellbeing of families in need. AMOS is primarily concerned with improving health in Nicaragua, one of the poorest countries in Latin America. It seeks to achieve this by building the capacity of Community-Based Primary Health Workers in four regions of the country.

Last year, one resident of El Socorro, Sandra, was six months pregnant with her

second child when she felt severe back and abdominal pain. She remembered that the health promoter in El Socorro, Isaac Fley, had taught her this was a sign of alarm.

She sought urgent help, and her husband quickly went looking for Isaac, who told him that Sandra needed to be transferred to a health unit immediately.

Committed to saving lives

Isaac knew Sandra and her baby's life could be in danger and called the nearest health unit for an ambulance. He comments, 'It had been raining a lot and the river at the entrance to the community was too high for the ambulance to cross. So, the staff at the health centre told me they would send the ambulance, but we needed to find a way to take Sandra to the other side of the river.'

In the past, Isaac and the emergency transportation committee had carried patients on foot across the river. However,

this time the water was way above the waistline, and it was too risky for everyone, including Sandra.

‘It was a desperate situation,’ says Isaac. ‘We thought the safest way was to ask the owner of a big farm in the community to let us use his truck. Thanks to God, he agreed to take Sandra to the other side. She was taken to the regional hospital and stayed there for six days, recovering from a severe kidney infection.’

Months later, Sandra gave birth to a healthy baby boy, and both are doing well.

Working together

Isaac and the Health Committee knew that this story could have ended very differently, and there had been other emergencies when the river posed an obstacle to access emergency care. He says, ‘We were grateful that the truck was in the community that day, but what would have happened otherwise? Sandra could have gotten worse without urgent care.’



Isaac Fley stands on the new bridge in El Socorro

So, Isaac and the health committee thought they should start a community project to build a pedestrian suspension bridge. That way, even if the river was overflowing, people could go in and out of the community safely, which would help to save lives.

He says, ‘It was not easy. At first, we were discouraged because it was an expensive project, but we knew this was important to prevent deaths. We presented the idea to the community and many families helped with whatever they could – money, materials, their labour, and time. We negotiated with local authorities in the municipality for support with the rest of the materials we needed. Everyone in the community participated. Now, we have a safe bridge to get into and out of the community. Recently, we had a couple of health emergencies where patients needed to go to the health unit and the river was high. This time there was no delay for them to access the care they needed.’

Strengthening communities

Thanks to the support of partners like Operation Agri, Isaac and health committee members have been trained in protocols to diagnose, prevent, and treat disease, and share health education to help save lives. This includes identifying signs of alarm during pregnancy, understanding what to do in case of an emergency, and strengthening their local people to come together and improve community development.

Thank you, Operation Agri, because your unwavering support continues to give hope to people like Isaac and Sandra in 23 rural, remote communities in Nicaragua.

Children's page

The words opposite have been muddled up – see if you can put them in the right order. Some letters have been shown as clues.

(Answer on Page 19)

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27	9	24	21	6	42
45	18	27	36	39	42
15	12	30	33	27	45





Youth page

Which project are we looking at this time?

Well, we will be taking a dive into one of our projects active in Uganda as we explore how OA is helping!



Uganda is a truly special place to me. You see, my grandparents were missionaries in that beautiful country, and they often shared stories with me about the incredible people and landscapes they encountered. Uganda truly holds a special place in my heart, from the lush green hills to the bustling cities.

OA's projects here include helping rural farmers grow their agricultural businesses and women's literacy initiatives.

Dedicated to empowering under-privileged youth, Pastor Dennis Ssettaala oversees SKDF project, which provides practical skills training in tailoring, hairdressing, and motorcycle maintenance. Over 1,850 young individuals have been trained so far, with a yearly target of 120.

Good farming practices prod

Heavenlight Morice Luoga, FPI Project Manager, explains how an idea to empower farmers in Tanzania has brought great benefits

Seeds of Change

Change starts from an idea, and it was my idea to co-found Farming Partnership Initiatives (FPI), to help the people who were vulnerable, but not forgotten by God.

In 2011 FPI started officially to equip and empower rural

farmers through Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Training. In April 2023 we started Phase Seven to train small scale farmers.

Operation Agri has been our key partner in this enterprise.

This year we're going to have Phase Seven in Kyerwa District. We're looking forward to equipping and empowering rural farmers, because smallholder farmers produce food for their household consumption, often with poor farming practices and little access to extension services. Extension services offer technical advice on agriculture to farmers, and also supplies them with the necessary inputs and services to support their agricultural production.

Good agricultural practices

FPI facilitates training in good agricultural practices to help farmers learn how to

capably manage the health of their land, effectively cultivate their crops, and increase their harvests.

The Initiative equips and empowers two people from each group, Community Farmers Trainers (CFTs), who work within farming communities through their groups to provide training to other farmers. The CFTs help farmers learn about best practices, and give them somewhere to turn when they have

questions about their crops.

The FPI training is critical to improving small scale farmers' yields and, in turn, helps address hunger and poverty in rural communities.

Local networks

Our key focus is to build localised networks of CFTs, local leaders who deliver training and extension services within a farming group. They are equipped and armed with skills and good techniques covering topics like: Agroforestry Farming, Conservation Farming, Animal Farming, Farm Management, Organics Fertiliser/ Pesticide, all focused on good agricultural practices and rural development. FPI train CFTs, and after training CFTs pass on what

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Top left: Jeremiah and Delta Tito and their family outside their new house. Bottom left: Jeremiah with his motorcycle Top right and bottom right: A beneficiary is helped with housing and a motorcycle by FPI

they have learned to their group.

As a result of this training, farmers are able to:

- reduce the poor access to extension services,
- build small scale farmers' skills in farm management,
- increase small scale farmers' yields,
- improve the household income and the local economy.

Farmers, families, and communities

Farming Partnership Initiatives plans to benefit about 125 farmers, as direct

beneficiaries, and about 625+ as indirect beneficiaries, these are the family members of FPI farmers.

Our project started in 2011 and, since then we have offered training and small scale loans, (in cash and animals). There has been much positive change and we can look back with pride.

Jeremiah Tito, 39, and his wife, Delta, have four children and he's a member of Tugende Farmers' group. When he joined the FPI project he was living with his family in a small mud house, the house was



An improved coffee farm

Winston Anatori, 39, (pictured left) who, after receiving the training from our CFT's, decided to change the way he was farming. He has improved his coffee farm, replanted the bananas, and applied the mixed cropping technique.

built with sticks and mud on his father's land, but after attending the training, he has managed to buy his own piece of land where he has built a new house. For the village where he lives this is an extreme change, not only that, but he has also succeeded in getting a motorcycle.

Jeremiah says, 'I would like to say thank you for the FPI project to come to our village, now I am living with my family in the new house, also I have this motorcycle, I have tried to be faithful to apply what I was taught, and this is the fruits.'

He says, 'I decided to change my farm in order to get more yields, that's why you can see my farm has new banana trees and is clean. I replaced the old ones, in order to get more production. I decided to keep small animals; now I have eleven goats, which gives me manure, I am happy to be part of this project.'

FPI manages to achieve all of this because of Operation Agri.

Heavenlight Morice Luoga,
FPI Project Manager



Looking ahead to a more equitable world



Dr. Zeb Mebrahtu makes the link between International Women's Day and Operation Agri

To celebrate International Women's Day our local Women4Women group hosted an event on 12 March to discuss how to establish a more equitable society.

The event was open to church members and

the public at St Faith's Church, Lee on the Solent, Hampshire.

The theme this year was 'Embracing Equity' and I felt that this thoroughly encompasses the crucial work that Operation Agri does in countries all over the world. The



female empowerment projects that enable women to gain equity in their societies were highlighted.

We raised nearly £220 for Operation Agri and shared information about projects such as *Presents with a Purpose*.
Editor's Note: The Trustees

of Operation Agri are delighted with this exciting link between St. Faith's, International Women's Day and Operation Agri.

Sue Headlam

Sue, who died on 28 April 2023, served as a nurse at Chandraghona Hospital, Bangladesh with BMS World Mission from 1975 to 2000.

Sue was instrumental in helping Operation Agri expand its concept of outreach. Running village clinics for mothers and children, she realised that women held an important key to better life for their families. With OA's help Sue introduced literacy classes, and weaving, to give the women an income. In the capital Dhaka, Sue came across

the centre educating girls in the Duaripara slum, which she then arranged for OA to support.

Retired and back in the UK, she was a valued Trustee of Operation Agri for eight years before ill health prevented her attending meetings.

In recognition of her work in Bangladesh, Sue was awarded the MBE.



Sue meets old friends in a village for former leprosy patients

Russell Ashley-Smith



The Trustees give grateful thanks to Russell for his chairmanship of Operation Agri over so many years and, previous to that, his involvement as a Trustee. At the Annual Public Meeting in

May, Russell stood down as chairman but, happily, continues to serve as a Trustee.

His long service dating back to the 1960s was only broken by his time with FEBA in South Africa.

During his time with Operation Agri Russell has been involved with many important changes to the charity, and has witnessed many more brought in by the team he has led and encouraged to be innovative and proactive.

The London Marathon

Many congratulations to Daniel Lloyd who completed his first London Marathon in the excellent time of four hours 18 minutes. At the time of writing Daniel Lloyd's 'marathon' effort has raised over £3,500 for Operation Agri. If you would still like to sponsor Daniel, please go to: operationagri.org.uk/london-marathon-runner-for-operation-agri



Thanks

The Trustees of Operation Agri give their grateful thanks to everyone mentioned above for their wonderful and selfless support of the work which supports the poorest in society.

Moving on to *better* things

Joy Ahurra updates on three WALP graduates in Uganda

After graduation the women are able to write, read and can count money in the income generating activities they have started, and which they attribute to their Women's Adult Literacy Project (WALP) training. They have learnt how to save money, and now they are able to take their children to school and pay their medical bills. Gender violence has reduced in families because women are no longer entirely dependent on their husbands. The women's mindset has changed from wanting handouts to working on their own and having choices. There is reduced poverty in the families of these women and the communities they are living in.



Success story: helped by the WALP community Fatuma Kebirungi was able to construct a goat house

Annet Basemera

After graduation Annet has used the skills she attained in WALP in her daily life, she



Annet Basemera with some of her children, in front of her shop

started various businesses and records all her transactions at her home. She grows food in her garden, she feeds her family on that food and sells the surplus in her community, she is able to pay her children's medical bills and her children's school fees in a private school, plus buying all the scholastic materials for them. She says, 'I have learnt not to have one source of income.' With the savings knowledge she acquired she was able to save money from her maize produce, and bought a small plot of land where she has constructed a shop in her village. In this shop, she sells her surplus of food. In the future, she hopes to expand her shop by purchasing more products that are not available in her village, so that her community can have

things they don't have brought nearer to them.

Fatuma Kebirungi

Graduating in reading, writing and livelihood empowerment has made Fatuma see things from a different perspective. In the past she looked to her husband to provide her with everything, and this caused fights with him. Since she lives in the village where the main economic activity is farming, Fatuma rented a piece of land to grow maize, her fellow women in WALP offered to help her in her garden to prepare the land and grow the maize. She harvested three sacks of maize of 100kgs. She sold a Kg at UGX sh 1500 (Ugandan Shillings worth about £0.32). She used the money to buy goats to add to the ones she had, and her target is to have more than 30 goats, her fellow women helped her construct a goat house where her goats sleep. Then she used some of the money to grow more maize this season.

Aisha Katusabe

Aisha can now read and write and does numeracy very well, something which is helping her in her current business. Aisha had never run any business in her life because she thought starting one required a lot of capital. But after various training with WALP Aisha identified a problem in her community and, with her small savings, she was able to start a small business selling spare parts for motorcycles. Motorcycles are the commonest means of transport in the area and spare parts are in great demand. The WALP training she got has helped



Aisha Katusabe in her shop

“ **... with her small savings she was able to start a small business selling spare parts for motorcycles.’**

her to keep records of her business. With this business, she is able to look after her family and she hopes, in time, her business will be big.



Godfrey Aye bale in a class training WALP women

Classes in a rainy season

Rain does not stop the ladies from WALP going out to provide training. Whatever the weather they are there because the women feel encouraged by the determination of their trainers. Godfrey Aye bale and Muhumuza Mesach are trainers in Myeri, Rwamukoora and Nyakati. When they go to train women in Myeri village after heavy rain they put on shoes which make it easy to move in the mud. Their positive thinking has motivated the women they teach to leave their comfort zone.

Joy Ahurra, WALP



Health, education and safety: *key aims* for CMYC

Harun Mondal champions change for girls on the poverty line in Bangladesh

Duaripara Family Development Project, (DFDP) spreads awareness on education, health, and malnutrition, and the vulnerability of women and children to commercial and sexual exploitation, trafficking, and dishonour. DFDP is a project of Christian Ministry to Children and Youth, (CMCY) and operates in partnership with Operation Agri.

This is a five-year project (2018 to 2023), although OA has been supporting DFDP since 2008. The project educates one hundred marginalised girls between three and 13 years of age who are at risk of sexual and economic exploitation due to the poor economic situation of their parents. Through limited resources and activities the project helps the girls and their families to be aware of the risks, and also helps them to promote peace and prosperity.

Education

Education provides a route to self-reliance and allows an individual to contribute to the country they live in. In short it helps a person live with dignity. Education has been the most important programme of DFDP. For five years DFDP has supported 155 girls in their education. DFDP has five graduates, who each have their first university degree, eight higher educated



Ayesha Akter teaches her girls

girls, (post-secondary education), and three who are teachers at DFDP.

Health care

DFDP teaches health awareness and distributes health and hygiene items to the girls. During the Covid-19 pandemic, DFDP was commended for its awareness campaign and distribution of relevant health and hygiene materials that arguably saved many lives. DFDP is also involved in

encouraging those that need it to access care at local government hospitals. DFDP also teaches how to get protection from seasonal diseases by following health rules.

Awareness campaign

DFDP sees awareness as its main task. With its small budget, DFDP seeks to bring attitude and behaviour change in those it works with. Evidence suggests success in ensuring girls are educated, empowered and more aware of the needs of others. It also encourages positive parenting practices, which helps to mitigate family violence.



Self-help approach

Poverty reduces the chances for people to reach their full potential. DFDP's Self-help/saving group encourages members to save money and therefore increase their chances to access opportunities. It also supports mothers so they can better respond to their children's needs.

The goal and objectives of DFDP are to create a social environment where there are equal rights for both girls and boys, good behaviour is encouraged and there are fewer people living in poverty. On a positive note child labour and child marriages have been reduced, and young people are observed to be more respectful towards family members and others in the community. DFDP also guides the right people to come under the local government social safety



Jerry Clewitt

The DFDP Education Centre is on the top floor

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For five years DFDP has supported 155 girls in their education.

nets. The networking services enrich their knowledge and establish good relationships and communication with others. DFDP awareness programmes have reduced threats from contagious diseases (including Covid-19). The education of girls has increased and there are fewer young people dropping out of education.

The analytical-data-based evaluation report of DFDP mightn't be too rich, but its achievement with regard to moral changes, behaviour, and a peaceful society must be great, indeed. We do much appreciate you, kind and valued donors. May God bless you.

*Harun Mondal,
Sponsorship Liaison Officer, CMCY*

ANSWER to the quiz on page 10

AMOS HAS BEEN PROVIDING HEALTHCARE IN NICARAGUA FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.

Annual Appeal 2023



We were failing

'Our group of farmers in Bujera village was growing onions and other crops to sell. But we were failing to grow enough to make any money, and didn't know what to do!' says Annamary Gideon.

OA's project partner FPI, (Farming Partnership Initiatives), based in north-west Tanzania, then offered training, and the village put Annamary's name forward to become a Community Farmer Trainer to help other farmers in their area.



We see Annamary in this year's OA appeal video. After two years of practical FPI sessions, she has shown 20 or more local farmers how to prevent soil erosion and, with manure, to improve fertility.

In these and other ways they now grow so many onions that they are seeking new markets!

The video shows the FPI team training another group of farmers, making home-made pesticide and liquid fertilisers for good crops without expensive, hazardous chemicals.

Reaching hundreds of farmers

FPI has helped hundreds of farmers to transform their farms, to cope with climate change, plant trees, feed families, and earn



◀ Farmers' training session

money. Now they can send their children to school, improve their houses, pay for medicines and much more.

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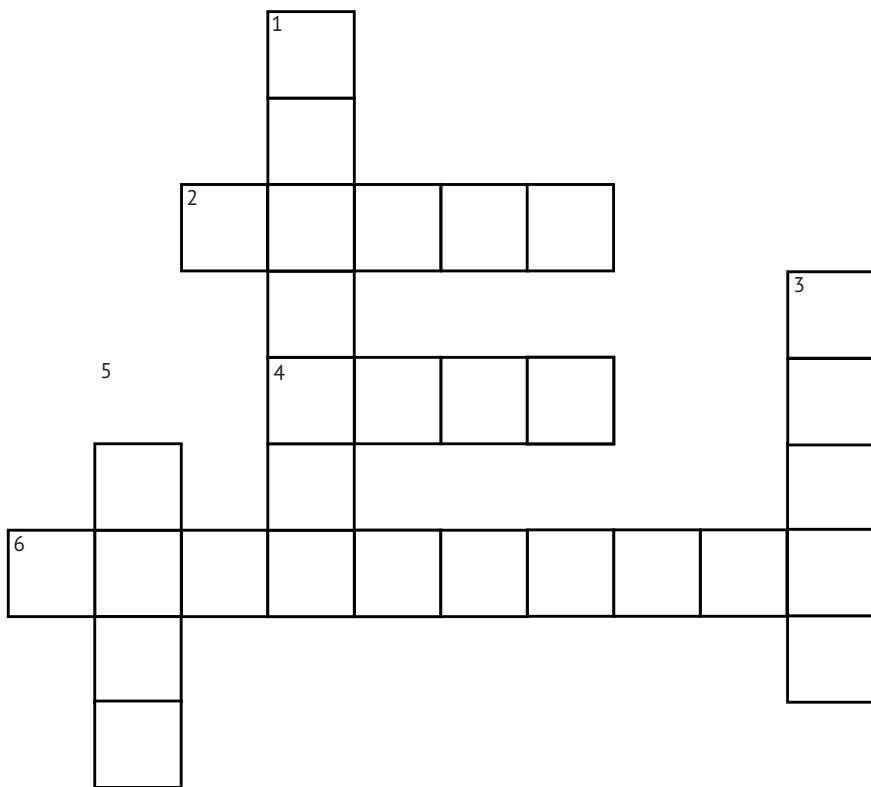
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