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JESUITS OF EASTERN AFRICA PROVINCE



**[MULTI-EDUCATIONAL & AGRICULTURAL JESUIT
INSTITUTE OF SUDAN]**

PROFILE JUNE 2014

FARM SCHOOL

The Multi-educational & Agricultural Jesuit Institute of Sudan (MAJIS) was initiated in August 2010 in the village of Akol Jal with the aim of equipping the local population with farming skills due to their pastoralist nature. Situated approximately 12 kilometers to the South East of Rumbek, the state capital of Lakes State, South Sudan, the farm consists of 120 hectares of land which was donated by the local chiefs with the full consent of the Government of South Sudan.

Administration

The farm school is fully run by the Jesuits in Rumbek. Once the school becomes fully operational, beneficiaries will be required to pay school fees for sustenance. The courses offered will target youth 100 (40 girls and 60 boys) who have completed their primary education and will run for 9



months. The intention is to have boarding facilities for the students to be used during the 9 months.

Each student will be given a small piece of land where they will cultivate their own crop and maintain them as well. The main plants that will be cultivated include: tomatoes, *sukuma wiki*, mangoes, custard apple, lemons, oranges and other local vegetables.

Activities

- Construction Project: a classroom and administration block, a 3 bedroom residence and barn/store were constructed in 2013.
- Farming Project: seeds were distributed to 20 women to start small vegetable gardens.
- Borehole: the borehole enabled women to grow vegetables during the dry season and allowed them to draw water for their domestic use.
- Caritas Austria - Partnership: MAJIS began a partnership with Caritas Austria who are providing the project with ongoing consultancy from a Tropical Agriculturalist.

- Programme Planning: Planning for the 2014 - 2018 Rural Livelihoods Diversification and Food Security Programme was conducted.

Ongoing projects



The construction of a boys and girls sanitation facility has been recently completed. The farm also has a borehole used by the participants to water the plants at the farm and also for their own use. Currently, the ground is being cleared to pave way for the construction of classrooms, offices and teachers quarters. Construction of the first structures is set to begin at the end of May 2012.

Future plans

- An irrigation system will be installed at the farm to help with reproduction even during dry seasons.
- The project hopes to produce enough farm produce to sustain itself and for sale in the local market.
- Construction of dormitories for the participants.

Areas of Greatest Need

- Classroom block and equipment
- Clinic
- Secondary school
- Kindergarten

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