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# Kyeema Newsletter

## Words from our CEO

Greetings Team Kyeema! I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. As always at the end of the quarter I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication to the Kyeema Foundation. Your collective efforts have made a tremendous impact.

That said, there are still mountains to climb.

My Mother often uses the quote (attributed to Saint Teresa of Avila): "...let nothing affright you...God alone is changeless...". Whether or not you believe in higher power the sentiment is, I think, still solid: we should not fear change but embrace the potential in it. Kyeema has embraced the potential of change over our past 20 years of operation and were excited when we had the opportunity this past quarter to share that change story with some second year students at the Griffith University LiveLab – their film production studio. These students generously produce several pro bono short films for worthy causes each year. We pitched an idea for something about the 20 year journey of Kyeema and were really pleased with their creative result! You can view the video on the Kyeema YouTube channel [here](#).

Beyond the 20 year journey as we enter this new quarter we are seeing some other changes in Kyeema. We are sad to see our colleague and friend Carl Ume planning an exit after a very impactful few years and we thank him greatly for his work and always easy-going countenance. You will be missed Carl and will always have a home here at Kyeema if needed! But in the same breath I am also very pleased to welcome new members to our program teams: Marilyn Donigi-Saiwa and Annelise McDougall who continue the strong tradition of female scientists in Kyeema delivering our work. Annelise joins us through our partner Corals for Conservation and Marilyn will be spearheading our Association in PNG.

But changes aren't limited to our team. The world remains in something of a state of flux. This is being felt keenly in donor-funded organisations like Kyeema where conflict has impeded projects and cost-of-living has made it a tougher-than-usual year for fundraising.

To ensure we're able to deliver more I am keeping a strong focus myself on fundraising efforts and commend the team for continuing to produce good project results. We have enjoyed some great project wins and are consistently producing proposals that are being shortlisted and work that is considered technically strong.

I hope you join us in celebrating this work in the following pages and if you have ideas, or the wherewithal to help reach out on fundraising and project ideas.

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## Supporting sustainable growth and resilience through regenerative agriculture

As a normal part of our reflection and planning cycle and particularly this year in planning our 20th year of operation, we sat down with key partners and tried to articulate:

1. key challenges we want to meet this year;
2. what more we can learn from what we've done in the past; and
3. what we are learning and implementing daily from partners around the world.

One of those key challenges is in 'Nutrition, health and livelihoods': a key pillar of our work at Kyeema. For the rural communities we work with, we view sustainable growth and resilience through a prism of **regenerative agriculture** – an opportunity to restore soil organic matter, foster ecosystem biodiversity, sequester carbon, improve the water cycle and water quality, and produce safe and nutrient-dense food.

### To do this we focus on:

- Improving local access to nutritious food and a sustainable income source.
- Supporting sustainable, community-driven animal health programs, including sustainable vaccination delivery, to improve livestock health and productivity and prevent emerging infectious (including zoonotic) disease.

- Preventing high burden diseases and antimicrobial resistance.
- Building sustainable agricultural and food production systems.

### Answering Our Reflection Questions

*Have we supported sustainable growth and resilience in marginalized communities through regenerative agriculture?*

*With support, what more can we do?*

Kyeema teams, for many years have provided **education and training programs** to marginalised rural communities, demonstration farm work, and knowledge-sharing platforms to teach farmers and community members sustainable techniques such as improved livestock production with a focus on disease prevention (including disease that infects humans), locally grown or sourced livestock feeds, and appropriate livestock effluent management. We are currently working in Malawi, Mozambique and Papua New Guinea with smallholder farmers and community animal health workers to be champions of this work.



Kyeema has made modest but **targeted investments in individuals and in research** capability to identify and promote regenerative agricultural practices suitable for specific marginalized communities. In Ethiopia, we are working with several universities to support the next generation of sustainable animal health champions through Master's student research projects, One Health clubs and a business challenge for veterinary students to promote sustainable family poultry production.

Kyeema has also **built wider community capacity** to implement regenerative and inclusive agricultural practices effectively. Providing access to resources like tools and equipment, facilitating the establishment of farmer cooperatives or community-led initiatives for collective action. In northern Uganda and Columbia we are supporting local partners to drive this capacity building, unifying people from diverse backgrounds with a common goal.

Kyeema has made great leaps in recent years in linking our work to **climate change adaptation strategies and leveraging regenerative agriculture initiatives** through a nature-based solution model as a way to secure resilience in communities. In Papua New Guinea and Fiji we are supporting coastal communities to restore their coral and mangrove ecosystems and improve locally available resources (including village chickens) as an alternative protein and income source to relieve pressure on these marine ecosystems.

## Creating Improvement Plans for a Sustainable Future

**Market Access and Value Chains:** supporting marginalized communities in establishing sustainable market linkages is the next phase of many of our development activities. Assisting farmers in forming producer cooperatives, connecting them with fair trade organizations, local markets, or even export markets.



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In addition we are also teaming up to help communities prepare for funds from carbon projects. connecting them with fair trade organizations, local markets, or even export markets. Strengthening value chains can enable farmers to access better prices for their produce and increase their income, thus enhancing resilience.

**Gender Equity and Social Inclusion:** Kyeema has implicitly prioritized gender equality in its foundational work. We want to expand that to look at inclusion in all it's forms, in all our programs.



If you have ideas either for partnerships or programs focusing on any or all of the above reach out to us. Or if you want to put your personal, company, or family stamp on a project let us know and we can bring you into one of our funding models. With your support we can make a significant difference in marginalized communities through regenerative agriculture.

## Core Country Update

*Our core country programs in Africa and the Pacific continue to champion small-holder farmers to improve their nutrition, health and livelihoods.*

### Mozambique

The Fundação Kyeema team has achieved remarkable progress in implementing the new ANCP Mozambique program, specifically with the mobilization and training of the female fattening and outgrower units. These units have been equipped with the necessary skills in poultry management, feed preparation utilizing locally available feed resources and gaining knowledge on commercialization of surplus produce.

In March, our vaccination campaign reached a significant milestone, successfully vaccinating a total of 1,203 chickens across the three project sites, which accounts for an impressive 80.2% of the planned 1,500 chickens. This achievement reflects the unwavering commitment and dedication of our team and partners in ensuring the health and well-being of the local poultry population.

The Sofala Province Water, Energy, and Food Security Project (SWEF) has also made significant strides in terms of capacity building and knowledge dissemination. Fundação Kyeema has conducted comprehensive

training programs, which encompassed the training of 34 community vaccinators and 13 extension officers, as well as refresher training for 31 community vaccinators. Additionally, valuable training sessions were organized for community members and extension officers, focusing on enhanced management practices for indigenous chickens and goats.



*Training in Sofala Province under the SWEF project.*

To promote best practices and raise awareness, an engaging field day was organized, attended by community members. The event showcased the construction of shelters for goats and chickens, efficient utilization of local feed resources, and the benefits of utilizing hay, energy, and mineral blocks for goats.

In order to maintain the quality of vaccines during transportation, we have acquired three specialized cooler boxes. These boxes have been specifically designed for vaccine transportation, enhancing our ability to maintain the cold chain and ensuring the vaccines' efficacy upon delivery to the field.



*Training in Sofala Province under the SWEF project.*





*Bahir Dar veterinary students with completion certificates for the 'Training of trainers for Newcastle disease vaccination campaigns' course.*

# Ethiopia

Following the successful March vaccination campaign, Kyeema Ethiopia conducted a post-vaccination campaign evaluation meeting in Aleta Wondo and Chuko. The meeting brought together representatives from the woreda and regional authorities, Community Vaccinators, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the National Veterinary Institute. During the session, the challenges and achievements encountered were presented during the campaign and recommendations for improvement were discussed.

In addition to the evaluation, we are excited to share that we have signed a partnership agreement with the region, which includes the woredas' heads and Village Vets (VV). This partnership aims to strengthen our collaboration and collective efforts in working towards our common goals. We are enthusiastic about the opportunities this partnership will bring and the positive impact it will have on our projects and initiatives.

Furthermore, we have established a significant collaboration with Bahir Dar University (BDU) and Amhara Pipe Manufacturing PLC. Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Partnership Agreement, we are providing Training of Trainers (TOT) and eLearning programs to fifth-year students. This initiative will equip them with the necessary skills to address business challenges in the future and establish health clubs. Additionally, discussions have been initiated regarding the future production of beak droppers.

# Malawi

The Rural Poultry Centre has been actively engaged in conducting review meetings in all four Extension Planning Areas (EPA) in Dowa. Additionally, they have successfully distributed vaccines across three districts, marking a significant step forward in their mission.

A major achievement has been accomplished as the Chief for the Chadza Farmer Field School recently signed an MOU, signifying a crucial milestone in the school's development.

To bolster campaign activities in two EPAs, the organization has procured bicycles for 29 community vaccinators. This initiative aims to provide necessary support and enhance their efficiency in carrying out their duties.



*Incidental extra at meeting with CBPWs at Zulu EPA CEAD, Mchinji*

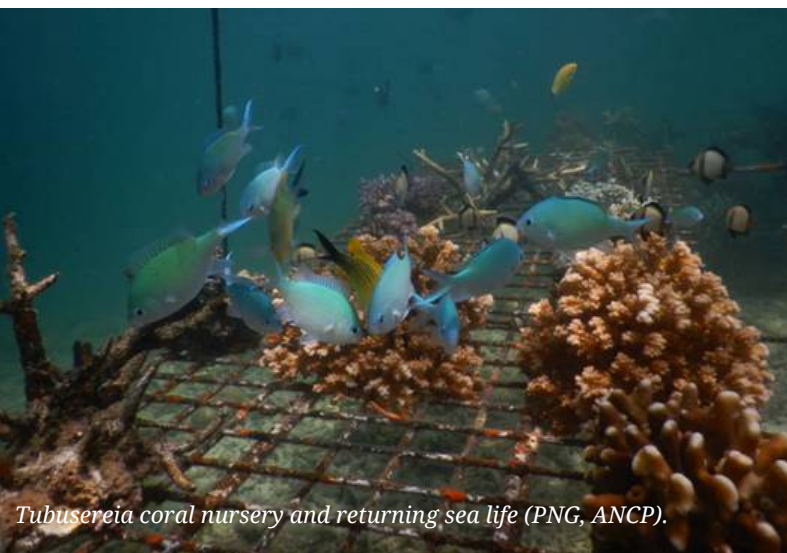
The team has been diligently organizing review meetings in the EPA's in Mchinji. These meetings include informative access agriculture videos focused on chicken production, which contribute to the overall development and knowledge enrichment of the EPA's members.

# Papua New Guinea

The Tubusereia nursery has become a flourishing sanctuary for marine life, thanks to Kevin's tireless efforts. He has expanded, monitored, and maintained the degraded reef with astounding results, attracting attention from companies and provincial and national governments.

Kevin's expertise has played a crucial role in the REO project, restoring degraded reefs near Port Moresby. Following the successful implementation in Pari, he led scoping trips to reefs near Ela Beach and established new nursery sites during World Environment Day.

The PNG team demonstrated their progress by organizing and leading coastal restoration activities from Tubusereia to Yule Island. The Kari Kari team planted over 100 young seedlings sourced from their own mangrove nursery in Tubusereia's main village. These seedlings, nurtured for over a year by Koivi Egu and the team, show promising survival rates. The team also engaged village schools and local organizations to share their work.



*Tubusereia coral nursery and returning sea life (PNG, ANCP).*

PNG's significance in Kyeema's alternative livelihoods work, along with coral restoration and mangrove rehabilitation, continues to attract great interest. Our expanding presence in PNG, coupled with successful concept notes and proposals, demonstrates the effectiveness, innovation, and alignment of our approach with PNG's climate and nutrition strategies.



*Village chicken filming, participants building a chicken house (NbS)*

## Pacific Regional

In April, CRxN village chicken training videos began production. Mike Worsman and Eliza Smith worked tirelessly in challenging conditions in Port Moresby. Dulcie Egu, the lead facilitator, filmed all day and recorded narrations at night. Mike's exceptional work produced valuable resources to share.

The following month, Carl Ume facilitated a training workshop in Fiji with Corals for Conservation (C4C). Participants from Moturiki Island, Naidiri, and Yanuya developed alternative livelihood skills for 10 days. Teitei Homestay in Sigatoka provided an ideal venue for hands-on experience, including chocolate making. The PNG Yule Island team will receive training later due to visa delays.

Yule Island made progress with the community's determination and Ali Ume's leadership. Master Farmer Leo Haurama achieved high chicken production rates, and Susan Aku leads coral activities with a talented youth team. They share experiences with other communities supporting the REO project.

DFAT/WWF's granted extension until June 2025 provides more time to build on our work in climate change adaptation.





## Improving Rural Livelihoods in Malawi Through Village Poultry in Dowa East

Poverty and food insecurity are pervasive challenges in Malawi, a small country with a population of 19 million and a high prevalence of undernutrition, particularly protein malnutrition. Women and children are disproportionately affected by these issues. With primarily rural communities comprising 84 percent of the population, many rely on crop and livestock farming as a means of nutrition. Among the livestock, chickens hold a significant place as they are easy to rear and provide a valuable source of protein for households. However, the looming threat of Newcastle disease poses a significant risk to these rural communities, capable of rapidly devastating entire flocks if left unchecked without proper vaccination measures in place.

To tackle these pressing challenges faced by rural households, the Village Poultry for Better Livelihoods (VP4BL) program, implemented by the Rural Poultry Centre (RPC) in partnership with the Kyeema Foundation, aims to address the critical issues of poverty, food insecurity, and Newcastle disease control by providing targeted support and interventions to empower rural communities. By focusing on improving poultry-rearing practices, vaccination initiatives, and income generation opportunities, the VP4BL program strives to

uplift rural livelihoods and enhance food and nutrition security in Malawi.

### **Enhancing Livelihoods and Food Security**

The program trains community vaccinators to administer Newcastle disease vaccine to village chicken flocks. Once trained the vaccinators purchase vaccine vials and administer them to other households in their community. This initiative not only safeguards the health of the chickens but also enables community vaccinators to generate additional income by offering vaccination services to their neighbours. This sustainable model empowers the community vaccinators to play an active role in improving rural livelihoods while ensuring the availability of protein-rich poultry for the community. The response from communities on this program has been extremely positive as farmers recognize the protection offered by the vaccine in maintaining healthy and productive flocks. This program began in Nchisi and has been scaled into Mchinij, Salima and now Dowa East.

## Empowering Women through Sustainable Income Generation

In Dowa, a hilly region where locals rely on crop and livestock farming for their daily livelihoods, the program is creating significant impacts for the vaccinators and the broader community. Magret Mtepatepa, is a married woman with two children who serves as a community-based poultry worker (CBPW) in Dowa. Through her role as a community vaccinator, she earns income to support her household. Since starting her business in July 2022 with just three chickens, Magret has achieved remarkable growth, expanding her flock to over twenty-five birds. She invests in approximately five vials of vaccine each year to maintain the health and productivity of her flock and earn income through vaccination campaigns.

With a thriving flock, Magret and her family now have increased access to protein, utilizing two chickens for household consumption each month. Through the RPC program, Magret has vaccinated over three thousand chickens, benefiting more than four hundred farmers and their flocks across two vaccination campaigns held in March and July of this year. This has earned her a profit of approximately \$350,000 Malawi Kwacha (\$516 AUD). She is eager to invest in more vaccines for future campaigns as she continues her work in village poultry farming. Magret plans to utilize these earnings to build a better house for her family, purchasing bricks and plans to purchase land by the end of the year.



Magret with brick purchased for new new home. Photo Credit: Rural Poultry Centre

Chrissie Mazengera, a dedicated single parent responsible for three children, stands out as an exceptional participant in the program. She holds the esteemed position of chairing a group consisting of twenty trained Community-Based Poultry Workers (CBPWs) operating within the Mvera Extension Planning Area (EPA). Prior to the commencement of the project, Chrissie had ten chickens. However, thanks to her unwavering commitment and the opportunities provided, she has successfully multiplied her flock to twenty-four, not including those she has sold or those utilized for her family's consumption.



Chrissie with her grocery store. Photo Credit: Rural Poultry Centre

In addition to expanding her chicken population, Chrissie astutely utilized the profits generated through vaccination campaigns to establish a new grocery store, a vital asset that ensures her family's nutrition while facilitating timely vaccine purchases. Her notable achievements have garnered the respect of her community, recognizing her as an industrious and influential woman. As the group's chairperson, Chrissie serves as an inspiration to fellow members, encouraging them to view this work as an extraordinary opportunity for personal growth. Chrissie takes great pride in the positive transformations this initiative has brought to her life, serving as a testament to the profound impact it can have on individuals and their families.

This program is supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).





## Building Agro-Ecological Solidarity in Colombia

*Uniting urban and rural voices for sustainable farming and fair trade*

An exciting update is here on the ongoing project, "Agro-ecological Solidarity Supply Chains," led by Proyectar Sin Fronteras (PSF), supported by Kyeema Foundation and Palladium through the Our Communities Fund. Through this project, PSF are creating a solidarity supply chain that encourages greater connectivity and participation around agroecology in rural and urban communities, enhances farmers' work, guaranteeing strategic ecosystem conservation, and boosting intergenerational exchange, sharing Kyeema values of innovation and inclusivity for marginalised communities.

The key activities of this project include:

- The certification of 25 producers through a Participatory Labelling System (SPG), catalysing their transition to agroecological production and strengthening environmental and socio-economic resilience.
- Creating community-based gardens that integrate rural producers and urban neighbours, distributing solidarity food baskets, facilitating access to nutritious food, promoting self-sufficiency, and strengthening the social fabric of the community.
- Guaranteeing stable income for agroecological farmers linked to the project by implementing a marketing and communication strategy for the Sembrando Confianza Market to increase sales of local 'clean' products.

One significant aspect of the training was the introduction of mobile pens, also known as 'circle' pens. These simple structures can be used for temporary housing, separating different aged birds, or quarantining chickens during times of injury or disease.

### Creating Improvement Plans for a Sustainable Future

The dedicated team embarked on a mission to transform 25 production units across 14 municipalities in Cundinamarca and Boyacá. The dedicated team embarked on a mission to transform 25 production units across 14 municipalities in Cundinamarca and Boyacá.



*Monitoring visit to farmer Luis Omar Bermudez (Cachipay). PSF, 2023*

They assessed each potential farmer's land, water usage, and agricultural practices, developing tailored improvement plans for each production unit.

These plans emphasized the implementation of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and agroecology principles to ensure safe and sustainable food production.

## Empowering Farmers Through Knowledge Exchange

Knowledge-sharing became a catalyst for growth as the team initiated activities to support the Participatory Guarantee System (SPG) certification for selected farmers. This certification not only guarantees quality of produce but also builds consumer trust. Lively exchanges among farmers were facilitated: fostering mutual learning and growth. And technical, socio-business, environmental, and commercial aspects were explored together: strengthening agroecological practices.

## Forging a Strong Consumer-Producer Relationship

The project is creating a meaningful connection between consumers and producers. A conference titled "Cómo me vinculo con el campo desde la ciudad?" (How do I connect with the countryside from the city?) served as a platform to showcase the farmers' hard work and dedication. Providing an opportunity for urban residents to engage directly with farmers, fostering a stronger bond, and deeper appreciation for the food they consume. Attendees noted the event ignited a renewed sense of solidarity among participants.

## Revamping Marketing and Communications

Sembrando Confianza is an online marketplace where farmers can market and sell their organic produce. The team recognized the need to enhance marketing and communications in ensuring the long-term viability of the model. Improvements were made in logistics,

eco-friendly packaging, and operational processes to deliver an exceptional customer experience. Social media also played a pivotal role in reaching a wider audience with engaging content highlighting farmers' products, shared food preservation tips, and providing recipes to inspire culinary adventures.

## Supporting Vulnerable Communities

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, support was extended to vulnerable communities through the distribution of 300 Solidarity food baskets. After conducting a thorough socioeconomic characterization, Tocaimita and Bella Flor neighbourhoods in Ciudad Bolívar were identified as recipients. These food baskets not only provided nourishment but also symbolized the commitment to bridge the urban-rural gap. Furthermore, an environmental education cycle was initiated within these communities, empowering residents with knowledge on soil recovery, waste management, and syntropic agriculture.



The "Agro-ecological Solidarity Supply Chains" project has made significant strides in fostering connections between rural and urban communities through sustainable farming practices and fair trade. Empowering farmers, forging stronger consumer-producer relationships, revamping marketing and communications, and nurturing vulnerable communities have been integral to its success.







## Building Climate Resilience through Alternative Livelihoods and Coral Restoration in Fiji

Last week the community workshop portion of our Climate Resilient by Nature (CRxN) project commenced in Fiji. This workshop was run by our partner Corals4Conservation and focused on supporting climate change adaptation and alternative livelihoods for local communities to help restore compromised reef ecosystems (and linked mangrove habitats) and maintain the protective climate-related services they provide as a key Nature-based solution.

Thirteen participants from Moturiki and two other local communities have come together to learn about improved village chicken keeping, alternative livelihoods, and coral restoration. The diverse group has created an excellent learning environment, allowing for the exchange of knowledge and experiences from different areas.

The training has emphasized the potential of village chickens as a productive and valuable resource. Traditionally raised as free-range birds in fishing communities like Moturiki, the participants discovered that by understanding basic concepts such as housing, feeding, breeding, and biosecurity, village chickens can be improved. The theoretical sessions in the mornings provided a platform to outline key learnings, which were then followed by practical workshops.

One significant aspect of the training was the introduction of mobile pens, also known as 'circle' pens. These simple structures can be used for temporary housing, separating different aged birds, or quarantining chickens during times of injury or disease.



*Participants learning to make the circle pen.  
Photo Credit: Carl Ume, Kyeema.*

Mobile pens are particularly effective in protecting young birds while allowing them access to outdoor conditions. This knowledge has proven to be a game changer, as early mortality rates among chickens have been a common issue for farmers.



Participants recognized that village chickens can serve as a long-term alternative livelihood solution. Although it may require more initial investment compared to fishing, the benefits increase as the flock grows. Interestingly, the participants identified egg production as a priority, considering the high value of chicken products, especially eggs, in island communities.



*Cocoa processing workshop. Photo Credit: Carl Ume, Kyeema.*

Aside from village chicken keeping, other alternative livelihood activities have been well received by the participants. Activities such as

coconut production, cocoa production, and local cooking have generated considerable interest. Chocolate making, in particular, has been popular among the participants from Moturiki, as the island is abundant in cocoa. The trainers are excited to see how the participants utilize these valuable resources in the coming months.

The next phase of the training will focus on coral gardening. The participants will have the opportunity to learn and work in the Marine Protected Area near Naidiri Village. This segment of the training promises to be an exciting and important step in understanding and contributing to coral restoration efforts.

The first week of the workshop has been a success, with participants enthusiastically engaging in learning about improved village chicken keeping, alternative livelihoods, and coral restoration. The combination of theoretical sessions, practical workshops, and lively discussions has created an excellent learning environment. The participants are eager to apply their newfound knowledge and skills in their communities, fostering resilience in the face of climate change.



*Participants during practical session on Tei Tei Farm. Photo Credit: Carl Ume, Kyeema.*





## Catalyzing Economic Empowerment through Cassava Cultivation

The Palaro Sub- County community and Palabek Refugee Settlement in the north of Uganda face significant challenges, including limited access to development initiatives, inadequate infrastructure, and a lack of economic opportunities. These hardships are further compounded by the recent cessation of food rations by the World Food Programme, exacerbating the struggle for food security and sustainable employment, particularly among refugees now living in Uganda. With secured funding from the Challenge Fund, LiMA Farm is poised to empower these communities through an innovative cassava production and processing model. By addressing the urgent need of food security, economic empowerment and livelihood transformation, LiMA Farm aims to bring about tangible change and uplift the spirits of individuals in Northern Uganda particularly Gulu and Lamwo Districts who are in need of support.

*“At LiMA farms, our mission is to empower the surrounding community with financial freedom and drive economic growth through sustainable agriculture. With a special focus on women, youth, and individuals from refugee settlements, host communities, and neighbouring areas, we foster inclusive opportunities for employment, ensuring a steady income throughout the year”,* explains Director of LiMA Farm Jackie Okao.

LiMA Farm's project centers around mobilizing and empowering the local community surrounding the farm to become cassava outgrowers. This endeavour entails establishing ten farmer groups, comprising 80% refugees and 20% members of the host community. These groups will receive comprehensive support, including support for negotiating access to land, tractor services for efficient land preparation, high-quality cassava seeds, and expert agronomists who will offer guidance on adopting optimal agricultural practices.

### **Empowering Livelihoods and Promoting Social Cohesion**

By empowering these farmer groups, LiMA Farm aims to enhance their capacity in cassava production. This endeavor not only equips them with essential knowledge and skills but also creates opportunities for increased household incomes. The outgrowers will have the chance to sell their cassava produce at market prices to LiMA Farm and while also utilizing it for their own household consumption.

Furthermore, this initiative fosters collaboration between refugees and members of the host community, promoting social cohesion and unity. By working together towards a common goal, they will not only improve their individual livelihoods but also strengthen the overall fabric of the community.

## Sustainable Support and Future Growth

LiMA Farm recognizes the significance of long-term support for the project's success and sustainability. As part of the initiative, the project in partnership with government agricultural extension workers, will train the out-growers on best agronomy practices, ensuring that the knowledge and skills imparted during the project continue to benefit the community well beyond its duration. By equipping out-growers with expertise in cassava cultivation and processing, the project establishes a sustainable pathway for ongoing support to the larger community. This commitment to capacity building and knowledge transfer guarantees the project's lasting impact and lays a solid foundation for future growth and development.

## Promoting Food Security and Nutrition

Cassava plays a pivotal role as a staple food in the Northern Uganda and South Sudanese communities, providing vital nutrition to families.

*“What sets cassava apart is its gluten-free nature, offering a healthy alternative that mitigates potential risks associated with carcinogenic substances found in other local food options”, Jackie explains.*

Recognizing the importance of food security, LiMA Farm's initiative places great emphasis on cassava cultivation, ensuring a steady supply of this nutritious crop to the community. Supporting cassava cultivation, not only addresses food security but also contributes to improved family nutrition within the community.

*“Funding through the Challenge Fund marks a pivotal moment for LiMA Farm's cassava initiative, instilling a profound sense of optimism within the organization,” Jackie adds. “Beyond the transformative impact this initiative promises for the community, LiMA Farm recognizes the seed funding as a catalyst for exponential growth. With this support, we envisage expanding our reach, unlocking opportunities for an even greater number of individuals within our community.”*

The funding serves as a testament to the potential scale and lasting positive change that LiMA Farm aims to achieve, propelling the organization towards its vision of empowering more lives and communities. We look forward to supporting this transformative project and witnessing its contribution to the long-term development of the Palaro community and Palabek Refugee Settlement.



*Inception meeting with refugees and host community group leaders at the Palabek Refugee Settlement.*