

Genieri Collections - Newsletter No.10 - July 2018

An Update

Progress with food security.

Last newsletter in March we reported that progress was good in the Ladies Gardens, and the news gets even better. As the growing season went on the harvest became very good, and it now has all the appearance that the Ladies have actually made the move from pure subsistence cropping to a meaningful cash situation. They really did have a useful excess once they sold the spare crops.

This has brought a significant improvement in food security, and the ladies are delighted.



It's heartening indeed, as success has a habit of breeding more success, and the Ladies have now begun to enjoy the benefits of that success. Knowing several of the Ladies involved we're fairly confident that they'll build upon it as we get into the next growing season. Our sister charity – the Yate-Genieri Link, is also pleased, as it's our feeding of all of the children that removes significant stress on their budgets, allowing them to help

promote these productive gardens. This collaboration does appear to be very useful, and genuinely productive in our attempts to help the Village develop.

The Toilet Project.

This little project is still progressing, but strictly on GMT (Gambia Maybe Time), progress has been very slow indeed to say the least, but the building is now in its final stages of completion. We suspect the reason for the extended timescale was that we insisted upon the Village funding all labour. There's a significant pool of labour present in the Village, and we wanted that turned, at least in part, into a positive result for the children. Perhaps they had difficulty getting the labour money together, but it should be useful to encourage a sense of ownership in the project, but we'll see.



Once the job is complete we'll send suitable photographs.

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