

Genieri Collections - Newsletter No.6 - August 2017

Some breaking news in the Village.

Just a short note to bring you all up to speed with very recent developments within Genieri.

The new Ladies Gardens have just yielded a first crop, and for the first time in a very long time the ladies have more vegetables available than they need for subsistence, and have managed to sell some locally. They have a small cash surplus, which has been banked.



It's early days yet, but perhaps it's a major milestone on the road to self-sustainability within the village, and they may well have made the break from pure subsistence agriculture to generating cash crops. We're entirely sure that your contribution in feeding the children at lunchtime has relieved the subsistence demands, and this has in turn helped the transition to be a great deal quicker than otherwise could have been managed. This could be the start of something good for the village if they can reach and sustain critical commercial mass.

We're now so much more hopeful for their future, as they have even more ground to cultivate and have expressed the wish to move towards two crops per year.



The other piece of news is a lot less comfortable, as Malaria broke out in Genieri about two weeks ago, and 15 individuals were infected, including some of the children (including the little guy opposite).

The upside of it was that a sister charity heard about it very quickly indeed, and provided emergency money for medical supplies.

That speed of response probably saved the day, especially as the medicines such poor people can afford are limited, and probably of a very generic nature.

We'll keep you informed as things develop.

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