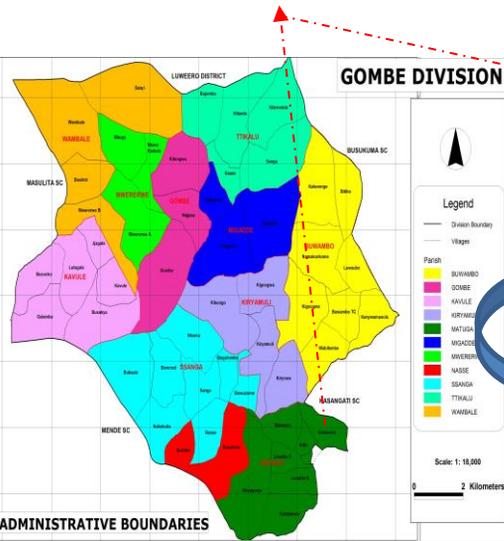


Promoting confined space farming technologies for household livelihood –

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Betty Katerega is a small holder farmer who lives in Kirwanira village Matuga parish in Wakiso District. This place is highly urbanized and land for agriculture production has greatly decreased due to other competing land uses. As a result farmers are facing challenges of low production.

The solution was to promote confined space farming with sustainable agriculture where livestock, herbs and crops are being produced.

IMPACT

- Food security at household level
- income generation to meet household needs
- Income generation activities for women farmers



Sustainable agriculture is where farming is done using locally available resources. There is limited use of external inputs on the farm. The result is organic farming that produces nutritious and healthy food for self consumption. The food is produced throughout the year and some is sold for income generation. Farmers are doing this even on a confined space by adopting small space farming technologies. They keep smaller animals like rats and guinea pigs as well as growing high value crops like herbs, spices, vegetables, fruits and staple foods like bananas.

Other characteristics



BENEFICIARIES

- Small-holder farmers
- Household members
- Neighbouring households



CHALLENGES

- Lack of enough water for agriculture production
- Urbanization, reducing agriculture land



LESSONS LEARNED

- Hard work and commitment leads to success.
- Women are key in confined space farming
- Change of mind-set is necessary.

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