



CULTURE INFORMATION AND PASTORALIST DEVELOPMENT

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MORINGA UPDATE

In the month of January to March water in our water pans was finished, irrigation activities went down. We managed to irrigate only the green house even with less quantity of water. Moringa trees in the farm were young and withered due to lack of water. Despite lack of water the Moringa did not die, it survived until it rained in April.

The April rain brought life not only to Moringa but all other vegetables in the farming unit. There are 102 moringa trees in the green house farm. They have strong stems, they have branches and many leaves stock. They have flowered and grown the drum stick or pods.

We have 200 seedlings in the nursery shade ready for transplant and distribution for OVC caregivers and schools. We were approached by CIFA an NGO based in Moyale to buy moringa from us to sensitize other communities on the nutritional benefits of Moringa as livelihood and source of vitamins. We are waiting for their feedback to sell to them.

42 Moringa trees have been planted near the father's house started by Marco before he left. It was irrigated by water from the tank of guest house. The Moringa was transplanted and all picked well. It is now at pruning stage.

Many occasions Moringa leaves have been harvested and eaten as vegetables with meals by Obbitu children and staffs. It is soft, oily and tasty to the children and adults like it.

Caterpillars attacked the leaves but before it brought many damages it was sprayed and controlled. The trees have now plenty of leaves ready for harvest.

The second level of moringa project is to sensitize the community and schools on the food value of moringa. This was not done as the schools just opened and the community has just come out of drought stage busy with livestock which were weakened over the drought due to lack of water and pasture. The plan to demonstrate and sensitize the school, caregivers and community is ready by June, 2015.

The nursery shade will continue to have moringa nursery to continue increasing the number of trees in Obbitu children home, distribution to community and also to sell when a willing buyer comes up.

The next step will be to conduct demonstration and education on nutritional values of Moringa for OVC caregivers, community and school children. It will be our goal that all households have moringa in their compound and use for food.

Pan 2 full of water



pan 1 almost full



Pictures of moringa in Obbitu children



Moringa near father house

moringa seedlings in the nursery shade

Pawpaw doing well in green house compoud



pumpkin



pumpingline to pan2 ready to be used

