

REPORT BY AFRICAN VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION (AVA) ON DEVELOPMENT RESPONSE TO DISPLACEMENT IMPACT PROJECT (DRDIP)

In August 2019, through the contacts of Kamwenge District, AVA was chosen to participate in the Development Response to Displacement Impact Project (DRDIP) under the name of 'African Volunteers Association Indigenous Nursery Irrigation Vegetables'. AVA participated under the formation Musheija Water Shed. The project is being funded through the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM). Many other groups were formed in the district mainly in areas of livelihood and environment.

'African Volunteers Association Indigenous Nursery Irrigation Vegetables' was given UGX 168,000,000 after a number of meetings between the District Natural Resource Officer and the Chair of AVA and Agnes Nabbosa

Members:

Currently our group, **African Volunteers Association Indigenous Nursery Irrigation Vegetables** has got 283 members with 7 committee members and Agnes Nabbosa as the Chairperson.

Work done so far:

Advised by our Community Facilitator (Mr. Jonan) and having talked to Mr. Kasango the DNRO, we mobilized the members and started clearing the bush on AVA land of around 8 acres on which the group is going to do its work. The members held two meetings on the way forward on how to start their projects. They agreed to do garden work thrice a week for three hours.

In February 2022 members started with bush clearing which they did in five weeks, working three days a week. It took them time but they completed the 8 acres of land. Although bush clearing was done, we cannot start any other work unless the IPs and the district officials give us a go-ahead. The implementing partner Adritex has been given UGX 73,000,000 for constructing a nursery bed (a greenhouse) measuring 20×8 metres and irrigation system on an 08-acre land.

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