

Farmer Club Kwanza Norte



From left to right, Soba of Dualumbi, Maria Amauro, ADPP interviewer and Maria's daughter

Maria Gaspar Amauro is 51 years old. She is married, with two children aged 7 and 13 years old. Maria explained about the benefits of ADPP Farmers' Club.

“Throughout my farming life, my production was limited to cassava, maize, peanuts, beans and sweet potatoes, and I never even thought about the importance of cultivating vegetables. When the project started teaching us about the importance of nutrition and about making money from selling our surplus, I began to be active in creating plant nurseries.

Another area where I think we will improve as farmers is with respect to soil conservation. I learned about the importance of crop rotation, for example, and about correct spacing when planting crops. In the past, we used to plant four or five maize seeds per hole, but have since learned that this is contrary to good production. “

When asked about what she had learned regarding maize planting and seed beds, Maria answered, “I have learned a lot. At the moment, my main problem is the lack of strength to achieve everything I would like to. I received a number of bedding plants from the project, such as pepper, aborigine, cabbage and seed potatoes, and I am hoping to do better this year. I have only a hoe to work the field, but with better tools I could grow more and make more profits,” lamented Maria.



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My name is Rosa António Sebastião,
I am 35 years old

I am proud to be part of ADPP's Women Farmers' Club. Since joining the club, I have learned to read and write, whereas before I could not even write my own name. I even learned how to use the calculator on my phone, which helps when it comes to measuring my fields.

Our teacher is good. After finishing Module 2, I will also help others to learn. We are many who did not know how to read or write, and there are many more but they are ashamed to admit it. The challenge is great but with patience we learn.

As regards vegetable gardening, we used to plant everything, tomatoes, onions and cabbage, in a small round plot we had. However, the project instructor explained to us that we would improve production by planting each of the vegetables in different bed and with proper spacing between the plants. I have really enjoyed being part of this project, and would like to thank ADPP," Rosa concluded.



Farmer Club Kwanza Sul



My name is Rosa Fernando

I am 38 years old.

I live at Canema neighborhood

I am a member of Famers' Clubs project implemented by ADPP for the last 4 years. As a result of my involvement in the farmers club, there is a significant increase in agricultural products I am producing. Before implementation of ADPP project, my production was not sufficient enough to sustain for the year. I learnt techniques of good agriculture in the model fields and replicated the learning in my own fields. For instance, if I sow 5 kg of maize, it can easily yield 30 kg. Also, I noticed a big difference in harvesting beans. If I sow 5 kg of beans, the harvest could be 25 kg. As for cassava cultivation, an area of 100m x 30m could yield almost 250 kg. Currently, my main business is now selling maize flour, avocado and cassava four.

As the project gave me a Kick-start Pump for irrigation, I'm also producing vegetables. I am also participating in literacy program where I learned to write some sentences and also numbers.

With the support of the project, I have increased food production; increased selling and improved my families' food security".



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My name is Teresa Alfredo Basto

I am 25 year old

I live at Canema neighborhood of Kibala municipality. I have been participating in Farmers 'Clubs project for four years. During the four years, there was an increase in crop yield, as result of what I learned from the project's training sessions. I learned about conservation farming which is a system that we could easily adapt to our agriculture. I learned the effective way of using manure, crop rotation and producing a variety of products such as potato, cabbage, onions, cabbage and tomatoes that I was not used to.

Another important lesson I learned was about small business. Previously I only produced for consumption, but with the experience I learned from ADPP, I have a good overview on how to do business. Thus, I divide agricultural products harvested in two parts: one for consumption and others for sale. Nowadays I have a small business is the sale of maize flour, cassava and avocado.

I have received a Kick-start pump that has been used in the garden irrigation. This year, my plan is to work hard in the garden to be more successful than in the previous years.

Finally, I would thank, ADPP and ExxonMobil for all they have been doing for me and my family".





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