

Pigs 4 Profits

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Introduction

In July 2012, the *Pigs 4 Profit* project was started with the support from Rachel Ellis and Rachel Munns and most importantly the financial support from SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), a University of Leeds program aimed at encouraging students to use business concepts to develop outreach projects to help improve quality of life of others.

Two female pigs named RS01 (Rachael Senior 01), RJ03 (Rachael Junior 03) and One male pig, SP01 (SIFE Project 01) were purchased and a Four roomed pig sty was constructed.

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SIFE Project 01 (SP01), The Father.



Pigs 4 Profit project in the spotlight

As we complete the first year with our flagship pilot Pig Farming Kasengejje - Wakiso district, we have taken time out to review how far we have come.

The successes

On the 19th and 22nd September 2012 the two pigs conceived (RS02 and RJ03 respectively). On 17th January 2013 at around 00:35 a.m. RJ02 produced six piglets (2 male and 4 female) and on the 21st January 2013 at around 04:02 a.m. RS03 produced 8 piglets (2 male and 6 female). Its however sad to report that RJ02 lost 4 piglets due to swine fever outbreak. Nevertheless, the rest are very happy and healthy.

Photo Gallery

A Bicycle for Alex

Alex is the one is in charge of looking after the pig farm and he has been faced with challenges of transport for the animal feeds and also collecting water from the nearby water points.

In February this year with financial support from one of the Transform girls we managed to purchase a bicycle for him and this will go a long way in easing his transport challenge



Alex with his newly acquired bicycle

Challenges

- Costs for feeds are increasing day by day.
- The breakout of swine fever increased the cost incurred in medication.
- The space for the pigs is no longer enough

The way forward

- We hope to sell off some of the piglets and remain with a few which we will keep.
- Construct more rooms to create more space for more pigs

"From 3 to 17 in Six months, Hilarious!"



Rachel Senior 02 (RS02), 2 months pregnant Rachel Junior 03 (RJ03), 3 months pregnant

Photo Gallery



RS02 with her piglets



RS02 breast feeding her babies



RJ03's piglets hiding in the feeding trough