



Joseph Koyee Valerio, 33 years old, is a Livestock Supervisor at the Solidarity with South Sudan Farm in Riimenze. Joseph is married with three children, and his wife has also worked as a casual labourer on the farm.

In the livestock section, he care for rabbits, ducks, goats, cows, pigs, and chicken. His role includes attending to farmers who come to learn about animals – how to feed, clean, house, and treat them; how to keep birth records and other daily records on the animals;

the importance of separating the sick animals from those who are well, etc.

“Animal keeping really benefits the farmers because it is an extra source of income, and rabbits and ducks are a good source of protein. Thus, farmers do not have to rely exclusively on crops. Their diet can also be improved by keeping animals.”

Joseph has been with Solidarity for eight years. He was sent to learn about livestock keeping in Yei, South Sudan where he learned agroforestry, horticulture, agribusiness and livestock management.

“I have learned so much at the farm and I have been using this new knowledge in my home garden. Not only did I learn about livestock management and bio-gas, but I also learned about planting in line which makes weeding much easier and results in a larger harvest. I also learned about a variety of fruits and nuts such as moringa, jackfruit, cashew nuts, and so much more. My son is very big from eating all the new fruits!”

THIS STORY IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE, after being trained, Joseph, a local farmer, is now training other local farmers to practice diversification in agriculture by including livestock keeping in their small scale farming. This is important for creating food security and providing an alternative source of income.