

CODEA Empowering 50 Households for Food Security and Climate Resilience



Food insecurity and child malnutrition remain pressing challenges in Kasere district, where 4 in 10 children are stunted, and in Maliba Sub-county, over half of children born to teenage mothers face stunting (UBOS, 2021). To address this, the Conservation and Demand Agency (CODEA), through the SCREL project financed by Foundation for Community Development and Empowerment (FCDE), is supporting additional 50 vulnerable smallholder households in Isule and Bikone parishes

with climate-smart farming practices aimed at improving food security and nutrition while building resilience to negative effects and manifestation of climate change.

Households have established home-based kitchen gardens that promote early maturing and nutrient-rich organic crops, including tomatoes, sukuma wiki, eggplants, African eggplants, dodo, and sweet potatoes. These crops provide a steady supply of diverse and nutritious foods, boosting household dietary diversity and reducing hunger. Families are already harvesting sukuma wiki and dodo, while tomatoes, eggplants, and sweet potatoes are showing promising progress. This has not only ensured regular access to food but is also enhancing nutrition for children and mothers.

In addition to crop production, communities have been supported with training and resources to construct over 2,700 meters of contour trenches to protect farmland, conserve water, and reduce soil erosion. These measures strengthen climate change adaptation, safeguard household livelihoods, and ensure sustainable food production. Together, these interventions are fostering healthier families and more resilient farming communities. –END-

