

PROJECT 2 - SMALL LIVESTOCK

And now, ON 30TH June 2020, there is a new, ongoing initiative by the same Butare RC and Martin Steel. But this time there is a bigger project with a bigger international arrangement due to the involvement of several Belgian RCs which have taken the international financing lead. Sidcup RC is providing financial support with the cooperation of other District 1120 RCs. This project, Global Grant 2012328 - PROJECT TO SUPPLY 800+ SMALL LIVESTOCK TO VERY POOR RURAL HOUSEHOLDS, will benefit even more, extremely poor Rwandan households (over 900 people) by providing 4 goats and small farming skills to each of the 216 beneficiaries, together with training so as to create sustainable improvements in lifestyle for much of the Rwanda Southern Province society. No mean feat. Because the recipients of these animals will pass on their first 2 kids to other beneficiaries – on so on – the self-sustaining aspect of the project will be assured.

The international monies have all been raised – 67% by Belgian RCs and 33% by UK (Sidcup, basically) and the Global Grant Application has been submitted - just in time to beat the deadline of 30-6-2020 so that the Global Grant is now "Locked" and TRF funding uplifts (50% on RC funding and 100% on District funding) is secure.

Site Work on this Global Grant Project will officially start on 1st September 2020 and will be completed by 31 August 2021. The Rwandan organisers - IMBARAGA - are really keen to get things moving and early preparation work will begin in late July/early August.

The key to the whole project, just as for the biodigesters project, is the enthusiasm of the project team which includes the RCs in Rwanda, Belgium and UK and the personal drive of their members, IMBARAGA the Farmers Cooperative in Rwanda and, of course, the man who started it all, as far as we are concerned, Martin Steel.

It looks like another success story is on the move.