

Bee-keeping (or Honey Production)

The Honey revenue this year is going to be lower than last year as a portion of the total farm revenue. The main reason is the big loss incurred as a result of thieves who stole honey at lju-Apiary. Nevertheless the promotion of honey production and Bee-keeping Technology remains one of the VPP activities.



Training and Schools

The VPP regular training of young boys and girls in agricultural production is in progress. There is, of course, a short fall in the number of enrolled Higher institution students due to the closure of institutions because of strikes embarked upon by the lecturers in Nigeria.



VPP Pure water

The sales of VPP water has not improved at all this year due to the accidents of our lorries.

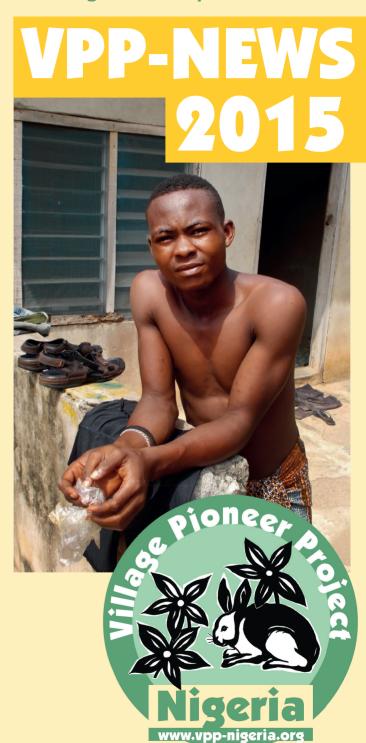
The VPP therefore decided to acquire more tracks to convey its water. Normally, the best option is the purchase of a brand new truck.

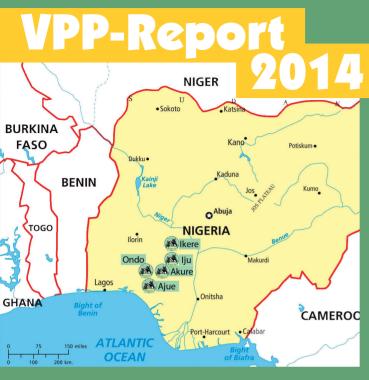


Improvements of existing projects

The VPP has renovated and repaired most of the damaged or depreciated portions of the cultural centre at Akure. A new restaurant and a conference room have been constructed at Ikere-Ekiti in order to improve sales and provide adequate space for various activities of the VPP.

"Planning from below," since 1985.





The Situation in Nigeria

As reported in 2013, the political, economic and social situation in Nigeria has not changed so much. The Boko-Haram remains an unchecked problem, the Government has not found a solution to most of the common problems like high rate of unemployment, erratic power supply and high crime has not improved so much. Most of the roads repaired spoil within two months. Party politics do not show any sign of real democracy. Most of the state Governors operate "winner takes all syndrome," because they failed to harness the creative potentials of non-party members in their states. The end result is politics of no-common purpose and collective responsibility. A new major problem in Nigeria today is the danger ob Ebola Virus Desease (EVD) that is spreading in West Africa. Although the Nigerian government has started to intensity efforts to hinder the spread of EVD. In this regard the government had recorded a great success.

Herbs preservation, Processing and Standardization

To guarantee even and homogenous end products of plant leaves, flowers and Fruits, the VPP purchased and installed a product dryer of medium size. It is now in use.

The great challenge now is how to acquire one Large and two Medium and Mobile ones for the other rural communities served by the VPP. In many rural communities of Ondo and Ekiti States a large percentage of Agricultural products rot away due to lack of preservation of which drying and milling are lacking.

Bio-Certification of VPP Agro-Herbs and products

For sometime, the demand for qualitative Bio-products has increased. That is why the VPP is currently working to get all its farm products bio-certified before the end of the year 2014.



Development of Agriculture

The VPP does not engage in food production only as done in the past. The new focus is fully integrated Agriculture in which all plants are given their own chances of survival. The major economic plants of the VPP today are: Moringa Oleifera, Citrus (i.e. Lemon and Oranges) Plantain, Palm tree, Kola nut, bean varieties, Cocoyam wild vegetables, Jatropha, and many other unnoticed plants. The seedlings of the mentioned plants are also sold by the VPP. It is important to note that most of the plants grown by the VPP can be used locally and sold internationally.

The passing away of two VPP supervisors

With deep regret, we announce the death of Mr. Sunday Ajewole (VPP Farm survisor) in the first week of June, and Mr. Michael Afolayan mid August 2014 respectively.

The departed friends joined the VPP in April, 1991. They started as trainees and workers and rose to the level of farm projects' supervisors. They shall for ever be remembered for their great contributions to VPP's fight against rural poverty in Nigeria.

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