

Key event of November 2008 – A2N-Kamuli:

Increase production for the market

Masasi Swaibu was born in 1972, lives in Bulondo zone, Kitayunjwa parish, Kitayunjwa sub-county. He has two (2) wives Namugabo Jesca and Kirage Aidah with seven (7) children. He attained education up to primary seven and dropped out in 1986 due to financial constraints. He started growing maize, coffee and sugarcane together with his father. When his father died, he took over the farming business as he was the only boy of the family. He also sells timber to Jinja and other towns.

Masasi established a banana plantation, intercropped with beans, groundnuts and coffee. He bought the banana suckers from Mukono District. When A2N started interventions in his parish in 2007, he practiced some of the taught technologies on ground. He started working hand in hand with his wives and children (eldest in Primary Six). He was supported with 20 tissue cultured banana plantlets by the project which he planted separately from the local variety. Now he has 7.5 acres of bananas. His dream is to establish other 3 acres of tissue banana variety. He also rears a cross-bred cow where he gets manure for his garden.

Presently he sells 10 bunches of bananas weekly to Naminage and Nawango trading centres at 5,000/= to 10,000/= each. He earns about 70,000/= each week. He opened up a bank account in Stanbic Bank Kamuli where he deposits his money. He also supports other community members with 10 banana suckers free of charge to establish banana plantations. Here below are photos of the banana plantations:



Masasi Swaibu with one of his wives talking to the Project Coordinator



The Project Coordinator recording banana production information from Masasi