

Fighting Poverty Among the Bocos

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The Boko people are almost entirely subsistence farmers and their daily income is less than \$2. The children suffer nutritionally and educationally.

This project helps the Boko people through farming support, training of women, medical assistance, and financial support for students.

The outcome over a four year period is for better crops and nutrition, better job opportunities for women, and students given the opportunity to finish their education.

During the last trimester there was opportunity to conduct training in a number of areas for the Boko people. One of the training workshops was in animal breeding techniques. A total of 80 people followed this training. The participants reflected on a number of topics, including:

- Identification of the constraints on breeding in the environment
- Improving animal housing
- Improving animals' food
- Increasing the productivity of

breeding

- Maintenance of animal health
- Management of breeding

The training related to animals frequently raised by the communities, such as goats and sheep, chickens and guinea fowls, pigs, cows, ducks, pigeons, rabbits.

The trainees were glad for the opportunity to be part of such a helpful course, and gave feedback on what new information they had acquired – namely in the areas of:

- the acquisition of new knowledge about goats and sheep
- choice of breed
- the maintenance of better feeding of animals
- animal feeding
- overseeing the animals



Participants in the pig breeding course



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