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Abukloi Foundation Celebrates 10 Years of Impactful Education Excellence: RUMBEK, South Sudan



On February 14th, 2024, Abukloi Foundation marked a significant milestone, commemorating its 10th anniversary since its establishment in 2013. The celebration brought together executive board members, teachers, and community members to reflect on the institution's achievements and challenges over the past decade. From humble beginnings with 45 students and 2 classrooms, Abukloi has flourished into a vibrant educational hub, now accommodating 667 students across 8 classrooms, with a dedicated staff of 52. Dr. Isaiah Mutalemwa, the principal, expressed gratitude to the foundation's supporters and commended the US Board of Directors for the great role they play in making the Foundation what it is. Attendees, including governmental officials and stakeholders, praised the institution's role in shaping the future generation. Students showcased their talents through poetry and dance performances, while long-serving teachers were honored for their dedication. As Abukloi looks ahead to the next decade, its commitment to providing quality education remains unwavering, ensuring a brighter future for South Sudanese youth.

Abukloi Secondary School in Rumbek Celebrates 6th Graduation



Abukloi Secondary School in Rumbek recently celebrated the graduation of its 6th batch, honoring 95 students – 71 boys and 24 girls – with certificates of completion. The farewell party, held in February, highlighted the school's commitment to academic excellence and holistic development over the past decade.

Faculty, students, and parents gathered to commend the graduates' achievements and encourage them to contribute positively to society. The ceremony marked another milestone for Abukloi Secondary School as it continues to nurture future leaders and change-makers in the community.

Abukloi Foundation Launches School Feeding Program with Inaugural Meal



On February 13th, Abukloi Foundation marked a historic moment as it served its first meal to students as part of its new school feeding program.

Dr. Isaiah Mutalemwa, principal of Abukloi School, hailed the occasion as a milestone in the foundation's ten-year history, emphasizing the importance of community support to sustain the initiative and enable students to thrive in their learning journey.

With this program, Abukloi Foundation aims to nourish both minds and bodies, ensuring every child has the opportunity to succeed in education.

Abukloi Foundation Secures Farmland in Makerdit, Wulu County



The Abukloi Foundation, known for its commitment to various development initiatives, has recently acquired a significant piece of farmland in Makerdit village, Wulu County. This acquisition underscores the foundation's dedication to fostering agricultural development as a cornerstone of its operations.

The farm situated approximately an hour's drive southwest of Rumbek town, holds immense potential for enhancing local food production and economic prosperity. However, before this potential can be

realized, extensive clearance efforts are underway. Currently, over 50 feddans have been cleared. The decision to secure farmland in Makerdit stems from a strategic partnership with the Be'li community, who generously offered the land for agricultural purposes. This collaboration not only signifies a shared commitment to sustainable development but also highlights the importance of community engagement in driving positive change. During a recent meeting between senior members of the Abukloi board of directors and representatives of the Be'li community, several pressing issues were brought to the forefront. The major concerns were the acute lack of access to water and the absence of educational infrastructure for the community's children. Magok Loku, a respected member of the Be'li community, emphasized the urgent need for a borehole to alleviate the burden faced by women who currently travel long distances to fetch water for domestic use. Additionally, Loku highlighted the distressing reality that many children in Makerdit, some as old as 12, lack basic literacy skills. In response to these challenges, Mary Cassidy Anger, President of the Abukloi board of directors, pledged to advocate for support from partners in the United States. While acknowledging the complexities of addressing these issues, Cassidy-Anger assured the Be'li community that their concerns would be earnestly conveyed to stakeholders abroad. Expressing gratitude for the warm reception and generous land offer, Cassidy-Anger reiterated the foundation's commitment to collaboration and community empowerment. The acquisition of farmland in Makerdit represents a significant step towards achieving sustainable development goals in Wulu County, laying the groundwork for improved food security and economic resilience.

Martha Nyibol:” Nancy Garden to Dominate Rumbek Market with Vegetables and Greens by March and April”



In a bid to contribute to food security and nutrition in Rumbek, Martha Nyibol and her team at Abukloi Vegetables and Fruits Farm, affectionately known as Nancy Garden, are gearing up to

dominate the local market with an abundance of fresh produce coming March and April. The Nancy Garden situated in Rumbek, operates a small-scale irrigation scheme aimed at bolstering food supplies in the market and supporting the student feeding program at Abukloi Secondary School. The farm boasts a diverse range of crops including okra, pumpkin, Sukuma wiki, spinach, pawpaw, tomatoes, cucumber, and eggplant. With a dedicated workforce of six individuals, comprising of five women and one man, Nancy Garden utilizes water from a borehole to irrigate its crops using watering cans. Martha Nyibol, one of the workers at the garden, expressed confidence in their ability to flood the Rumbek Market with their produce in the upcoming months. "We are determined to make a significant impact on the local market," said Martha Nyibol. "Our aim is to provide fresh, nutritious vegetables and greens to the people of Rumbek, and we are confident that by March and April, Nancy Garden will be the go-to source for quality produce in the area." The initiative not only creates employment opportunities for local residents but also underscores the importance of sustainable agriculture in addressing food insecurity. With Nancy Garden's ambitious plans, Rumbek residents can look forward to a bountiful harvest of locally-grown, nutrient-rich produce in the coming months.



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