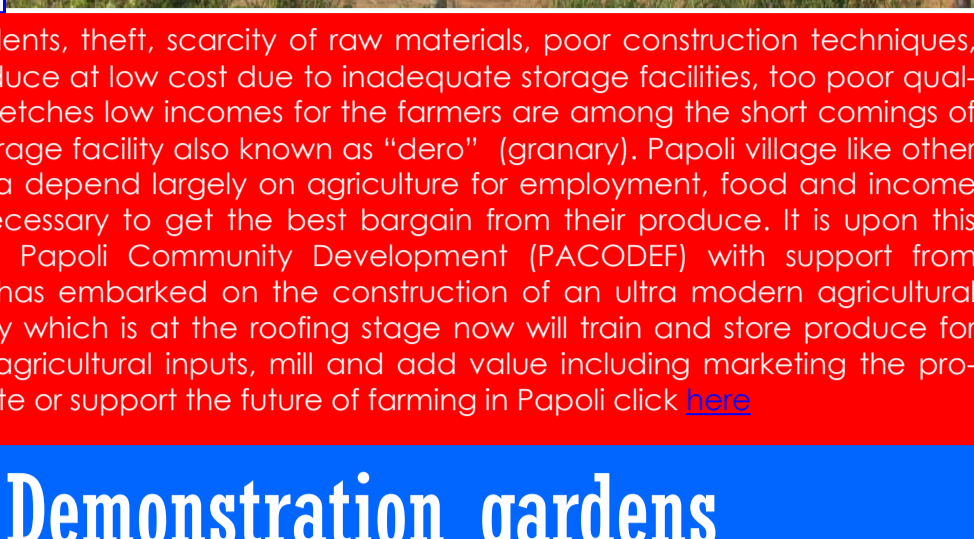




Above, Mrs. Gladys Owere removing stored millet from a locally made granary which is used for produce storage. Right, Papoli Agricultural Centre (PAC) under construction which will have a modern storage facility for farmers' produce.



Storage pests/rodents, theft, scarcity of raw materials, poor construction techniques, quick sale of produce at low cost due to inadequate storage facilities, too poor quality produce that fetches low incomes for the farmers are among the short comings of the traditional storage facility also known as "dero" (granary). Papoli village like other villages in Uganda depend largely on agriculture for employment, food and income making it very necessary to get the best bargain for their produce. It is upon this background that Papoli Community Development (PACODEF) with support from friends of Papoli has embarked on the construction of an ultra modern agricultural centre. The facility which is at the roofing stage now will train and store produce for farmers, provide agricultural inputs, mill and add value including marketing the produce. To contribute or support the future of farming in Papoli click [here](#)

Demonstration gardens



Agnes-PACODEF Agricultural Advisor setting up demonstration gardens at the organization farm for training farmers.

Demonstration is one way to show how an activity is carried out. It's one of the ways in which extension workers translate their services to the people. PACODEF has therefore chosen to use this approach to educate and create awareness of the innovation of vegetable and crop growing to the people of Papoli parish. Both method and result demonstration have been used to fasten the adoption of the innovation. Method demonstration shows how to do the activity like clearly shown in the pictures above. This demonstration later bears the fruits which is then called a result. The demonstration has improved on knowledge of farmers in the community with some already engaged in mini commercial farming.

Mid-term Examinations



To improve upon the academic excellence of students at Papoli Christian School (PCS) the school administration has made sure that students sit for weekly and monthly tests. In addition to the tests they are given remedial examinations which cumulate to their end of term performance. In March the students sat for their midterm examinations which followed their beginning of term exams. The results for the mid-term exams were shared with the parents on visitation day who got to discuss it with their children. According to the school director of studies, the results were very promising and the students should double their efforts for the forthcoming end of term exams.

Students sitting for their math examination at the school.

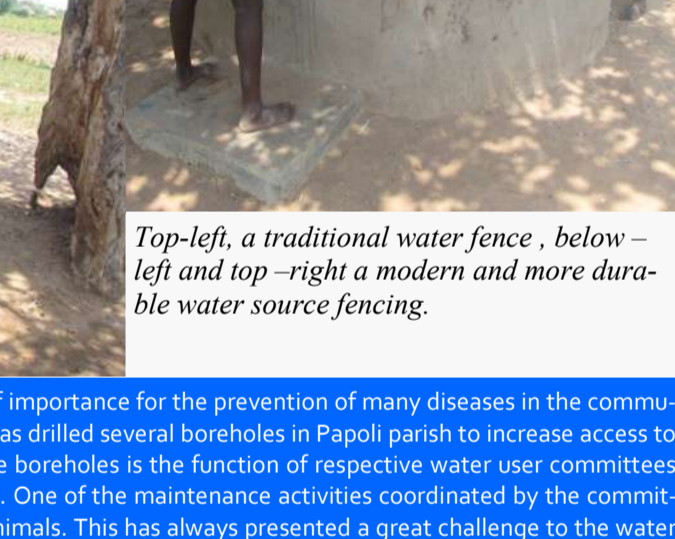
Parents meeting / Visitation



1&4- Great attendance by parents, 2- Students showcasing their talents, 3- A disabled parent putting across a point, 5- Kids having lunch.

"Thank you for setting up this institution in our locality, I see no need to take my child to town or Kampala." My child in Pre-school speaks better English than her elder sisters in primary at the public schools, I am bringing them here next year to Papoli Christian School", these were among the remarks made by parents and guardians at the 5th parents meeting and visitation held at Papoli Christian School on Saturday 30th March 2019. Most of the parents and guardians showed up to the delight of their children who were eagerly waiting to share with them. The visitors also praised the infrastructural developments, organization and neatness of the school including the appearance and health of their children. Mr. Emmanuel Ofumbi-the school director thanked the parents for the love, commitment and interest they showed in their children's future by honoring our invitation, coming in such large numbers and sharing their thoughts with us. Papoli Christian School is a mixed day and boarding pre-primary and primary school located in Papoli Village 16KMs along Tororo-Jinja highway. For more details please call +256708589337/ +256788523337.

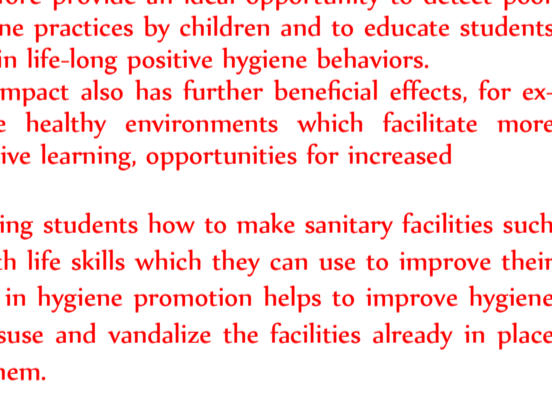
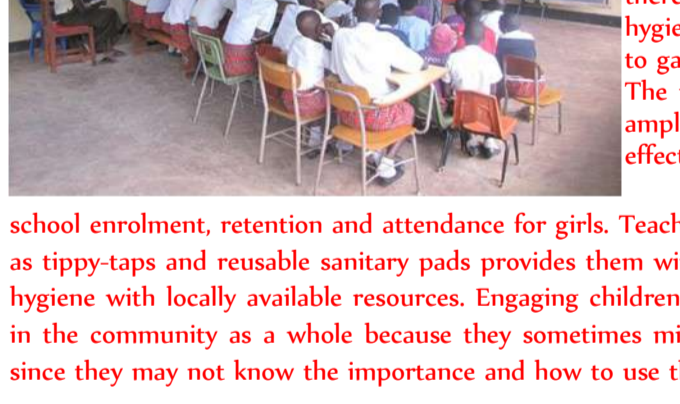
PAYING SCHOOL FEES



Left-Students learning how to stitch with paper materials, right- Students displaying some of the finished paper clothes.

Grace is a student at the tailoring school who dropped out of secondary school in senior two. She has now learnt how to make paper clothes and her class is moving to the next step of making real clothes. I am still in primary. I want to finish this course and start making money to pay school fees for my other siblings and hopefully with my help they will be in position to finish school and bring pride to our family. I only wish and pray that as soon as I graduate, I am able to get my own sewing machine and start working. We can help Grace get sewing and support her siblings in school, please write to Grace using the address below and share Grace's story.

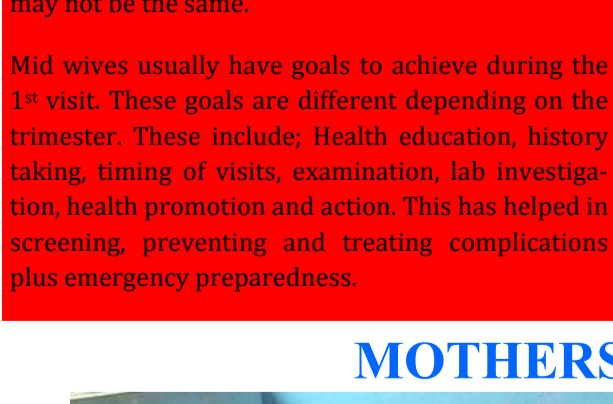
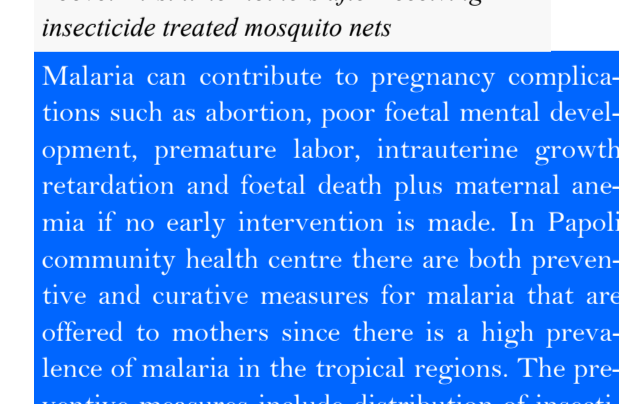
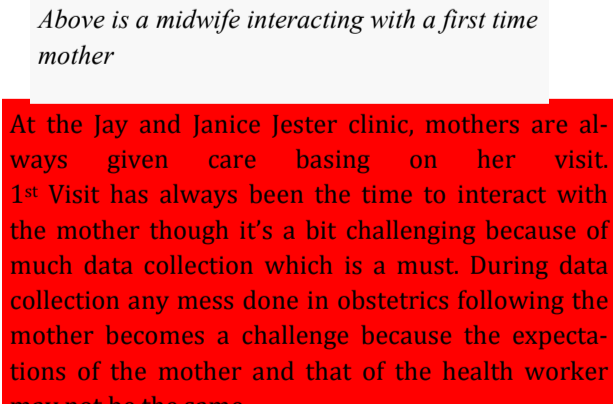
INNOVATIVE IDEAS IN THE COMMUNITY



Top-left, a traditional water fence, below - left and top-right a modern and more durable water source fencing.

Access to safe and clean water is a basic need and of importance for the prevention of many diseases in the community. With support from donor partners, PACODEF has drilled several boreholes in Papoli parish to increase access to safe water. The operation and maintenance of these boreholes is the responsibility of respective water user committees formulated by the community members themselves. One of the maintenance activities coordinated by the committees is the fencing of the water source to keep off animals. This has always presented a great challenge to the water user committees in Papoli because of the nature of materials used for this purpose. For a long time, waterways have been done using wooden poles held together with nails to keep off animals from getting near the water source, however this has its limitations as it is not durable, easily affected by the weather and when the poles dry up some community members take them for firewood in their homes leaving the water source exposed to contamination with animal droppings. With technical support from PACODEF, the water user committee in Pakamalungi A village came up with an innovative idea to offer a solution to this problem. This involves the use of bricks and mortar to build a 4 feet high wall around the borehole, aggregates is then put on top of the wall to prevent people from sitting on the wall. This method however is more costly than the former but it is practical and more durable. Other water user committees have been fascinated by this idea and are planning to implement it in their water sources.

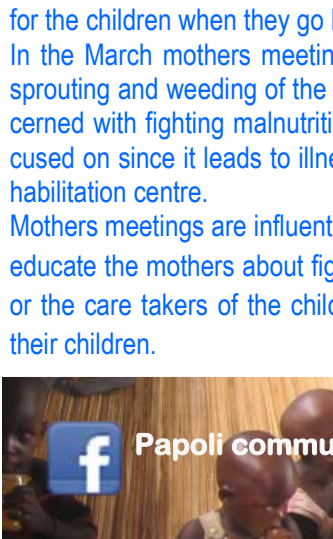
HYGIENE PROMOTION IN SCHOOLS



Top- left: Mr. Odoi the Health Assistant teaching the pupils how to make a 'tippy-tap', Top-right: teaching girls how to make reusable pads, left-below: showing the girls how to use the pads

School children spend about one third of their time either in schools or doing school assignments, during which time they may be exposed to a variety of physical, social and psychological harm. Schools therefore provide an ideal opportunity to detect poor hygiene practices in children and to educate students to gain life-long positive hygiene behaviors. The impact also has further beneficial effects, for example healthy environments which facilitate more effective learning, opportunities for increased school enrolment, retention and attendance for girls. Teaching students how to make sanitary facilities such as tippy-taps and reusable sanitary pads provides them with life skills which they can use to improve their hygiene in the community as a whole because they sometimes misuse and vandalize the facilities already in place since they may not know the importance and how to use them.

INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE POOR



Awor Mary is a widow aged 71 years old and living in Pawagwewi B village, Papoli parish. She is one of beneficiaries of the Miracle Medicine Insurance Program at Papoli Community Health Center. Her husband passed on in 2013 leaving her with one son who was not able to take care of her since he also had a big family of nine children to take care of. Left to stay alone, she was unable to get all her basic needs especially access to medical treatment. The Miracle Medicine Insurance Program was started in 2017 with support from Village Partners International aimed at increasing access to health services for the poorest people in the community. The program targets the elderly, widows, orphans and disabled people. The program was started because the nearest government health facility where treatment is given at a free cost is more than 2 miles away making it difficult for many community members to reach and is also overwhelmed by the big number of patients. The insurance program enables the members to access free basic medical treatment with convenience at Papoli Community Health Center. Awor Mary says the program has really helped her to access timely medical treatment whenever she feels sick helping her to stay healthy and live longer.

Antenatal Care 1st Visit



Above is a midwife interacting with a first time mother

MALARIA IN PREGNANCY



Above: First time mothers after receiving insecticide treated mosquito nets

At the Jay and Janice Jester clinic, mothers are always given care basing on her visit. 1st Visit has always been the time to interact with the mother though it's a bit challenging because of much data collection which is a must. During data collection any mess done in obstetrics following the mother becomes a challenge because the expectations of the mother and that of the health worker may not be the same.

Malaria can contribute to pregnancy complications such as abortion, poor foetal mental development, premature labor, intrauterine growth retardation and foetal death plus maternal anemia if no early intervention is made. In Papoli community health centre there are both preventive and curative measures for malaria that are offered to mothers since there is a high prevalence of malaria in the tropical regions. The preventive measures include distribution of insecticide treated mosquito nets, giving educational messages to mothers and the community on ways of malaria prevention, provision of malaria prophylaxis to mothers with Fansidar and treatment of confirmed cases of malaria with antimalarials at the Clinic have played great role in combating malaria and promoting safe motherhood.

MOTHERS MEETING

Mothers giving a hand during winnowing and sorting of maize for making children's porridge.

The mothers meeting is one of the avenues that we use to engage the mothers and care takers of children under rehabilitation in the activities that are done at the day care centre in order to avail them with skills on how to care for the children when they go back home. In the March mothers meeting the mothers helped us in activities like winnowing and sorting of the maize for sprouting and weeding of the day care demonstration garden. We also advised the parents on their roles as concerned with fighting malnutrition in their homes and the neighborhoods. Hygiene is one of the areas that we focused on since it leads to illnesses like advising them to bath the children every day before they come to the rehabilitation centre. Mothers meetings are influential in the management of malnutrition because it's the chance we get to interact and educate the mothers about fighting malnutrition not forgetting creating a connection/relationship with the mothers or the care takers of the children under rehabilitation. Mothers also share their views on what can be done for their children.