INTRODUCTION

Family Farm Schools Plus (FFS+) are the Rural Vocational Training Centers specialized in Agriculture, Livestock Production, Transformation, Service Provision and Crafts. The Family Farm Schools started in the Diocese of Kumbo in the year 2008 and today, the Diocese of Kumbo owns five Family Farms Schools: FFS+ Ngondzen, FFS+ Ngarum, FFS+ Mbot, FFS+ Mbiame and FFS+ Bamti. The suffix "Plus (+)" is attached to the name of the Family Farm Schools because of its *Dual Pedagogy*, in the sense that, they do not only provide vocational training, they also provide *grammar education* – giving the students the opportunity to pursue their studies at a second cycle, whereby they are able to obtain the Ordinary and the Advance Levels Certificates respectively. This second cycle of the Family Farm School Plus is technically referred to as, IFER/IRE *(Institute Pour La Formation en Entreprenariat Rural – Institute of Rural Entrepreneurship)* and is found in St. Rita's College – Nkambe.

1. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

In the course of this new academic year, we have carried out the following activities: we started with the end of year evaluation meeting which took place on the 3rd of August, 2016. During this meeting, we evaluated the past academic year – taking into consideration the successes and the challenges and also looking at the way forward. During the meeting all the trainers of all the Family Farm Schools Plus in the Diocese and IFER/IRE were present. Mr. Edgar, the Vice Director and the Acccountant of DISOP – Cameroon was equally present. The meeting passed on so well and at the end of the meeting, some transfers were made – following from the evaluation.

We have equally carried out the various handing over and installations ceremonies of the new Directors which were appointed and transferred. This equally passed on so well and they have started their work well in their various schools.

Moreover, we have finished with the opening of the school year Holy Masses in all the Family Farm Schools together with the PTA Meetings. All went on successfully.

Furthermore, the Financial Secretary granted the financial request from the various schools and they schools have started with their practical and alternation activities.

2. CHALLENGES

So far, we have encountered the following difficulties:

A trainer, by name, Mr. Tobin Thomas, due to his misconduct was recently served with a notice of dismissal. Though he will soon leave the system, we are still suffering the effect of his misconduct given the fact that some parents have refused to send their children in the school he was serving as Director. We regret that he will be dismissed, but this is the last resort that could be taken.

Secondly, there were some administrative and financial difficulties between St. Rita's College and IFER – Nkambe. To this, the Bishop sent me there and after some discussions and arrangements with those concerned, the problem has been handled.

Added to the above, one of our trainers in Ngodzen, Miss. Berenice Lukong, was found to be pregnant at the start of this academic year. In reaction to this, we have appointed Miss. Marie-Keldrine Shinyuy to relive her from her service for the mean time.

Furthermore, we had some difficulties with the PTA Chairperson of FFS+ of Mbot; however, this equally has been taken care of and so far, all is moving on well with the school and the PTA of Mbot.

The students of FFS+ of Ngarum who left from distant placese are having serious problems with accommodation; to this effect, we have appealed to DISOP and together with the permission of the Bishop, we have been given some money to handle the problem. This will be taken care of in due time.

3. PLAN OF ACTION

While carrying out our task, we are waiting for the completion of the September – December, 2016 Contract of Ngondzen so that we will be able to catch up with some activities that have not been carried out.

CONCLUSION

Conclusively, though it has not been very easy to follow up all the activities in these six schools, we have been putting in our utmost with the hope that all will be well with time. We equally wish to note that, the Diocese of Kumbo will be signing a five year convention (2017 – 2021) with DISOP – Cameroon. This is to assist the Diocese to build all the Family Farm Schools and to strive for self-sustainability. I carried out the above activities in collaboration with Sr. Mercy Muthoni, Mr. Emmanuel Sengafor, Mr. Joseph Ding, and Mr. Chrysogonus Tanko.

Thanks!

Sincerely Yours!

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