

Fighting Poverty Among the Bocos

Country: Benin

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Project budget under review



Project Manager, Ross Jones, displaying some of the healthy crops now grown by the Boko people.

↙ **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.

↙ **Update from Project Manager, Ross Jones, April 2010.**

Last year 136 farmers were trained and received loans, and harvested up to three tonnes each.

In August 174 women received training in small business and loans. Another 21 women were trained in growing soya bean and how to make various soya products.

76 students are receiving assistance, including 15 university students, 2 nurses, 2 Bible school students and 3 are at teachers' college.

I spent 4 weeks in Benin during July-August 2009 to monitor the project and finish the literature work and I plan on going again in May.

This is the fourth year of the Boko Poverty Project and the Boko people feel the project has been a real success and would love it to continue. It was originally envisaged that this would be the final year, but due to the success of the project and the potential to help many more Bocos we are considering continuing it.



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