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SCALING UP THE GROW BIOINTENSIVE AGRICULTURE IN SOUTHERN SUDAN



Samuel explains how to plant in a double dug bed to the workshop participants.



Jake Blehm (l.) of Ecology Action and Samuel Nderitu (r.) with the Minister for Agriculture, Southern Sudan

Samuel Nderitu (G-BIACK director) and Jake Blehm (Ecology Action (USA) Assistant Director) traveled to Southern Sudan from 4th– 7th April 2013, sponsored by a joint effort between USAID, MAF and Ecology Action to provide GROW BIOINTENSIVE training at the Mission Gardens of Christ Centre in Bor, Jonglei state. This was the 4th time that G-BIACK has taught GROW BIOINTENSIVE techniques in South Sudan, following the first at Yei Agricultural Training Centre and twice at the Dr. Garang Memorial University of Science and Technology.

76 Members of the Jonglei State Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, participants from the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Dr. Garang University students, and a contingent of 7 soldiers from SPLA from Juba attended the April workshop.

The participants received informative presentations as well as hands on training on the GROW BIOINTENSIVE mini farming techniques. They learned how to increase food production by double-digging the soil, composting, biointensive spacing, crop rotation, carbon farming, use of open pollinated seeds, and the use of a whole garden system strategy.

Samuel and Jake had the opportunity of paying a courtesy call at the office of the Ministry of Agriculture where they met the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Mayen Ngor Atem. Among other things, we discussed the Minister's plans to send 20 Ministry of Agriculture staff to Kenya to undertake a two-months training in GROW BIOINTENSIVE at the G-BIACK center next month.

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