

SOUTHERN SUDAN'S NEW GOATS BREED

Radolo Livestock and Poultry Demonstration Farm, formerly known as MAFAO, has received 150 Mubende and boar breed of goats imported from Uganda by State Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries, Central Equatoria State, at the cost of US Dollars 10,000=.

The Ministry aims to cross-breed the Mubende boar breed goats with the local breed in order to produce better quality goats to provide meat and milk for local communities, according to Acting Director General of State Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries, Mr. Soma Francis Wani.

Mr. Soma Francis Wani said Mubende and boar breed goats are suitable for meat and another breed known as sanin, which will be introduced to the farm later, is suitable for production of milk, adding that imported goats will help the local community to breed better quality goats for domestic use and commercial purposes.

Mr. Soma explained that after 20 peddle of the goats, the farm will receive, between 2011 and 2013, 20 cows for cross-breeding. He said project will benefit the local communities in a number of ways. "We shall build for them a school and a primary health care as the project grows. There used to be a primary health care in the area funded by UNICEF," the



Goats at Radolo Livestock Farm

Acting Director General of Fisheries said. "We shall Animal Resources and have enough meat and

milk from the goats. The new goats will breed with our local goats and produce better quality goats for meat and milk," Pozi Paulo, 38 explained.

Some of the youth in the area expressed appreciation for the project. To them the goats will improve the quality of the local breed, giving them better quality goats for food and commercial purposes.

Radolo Livestock and Poultry Demonstration Farm, was formerly known as MAFAO (Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Agricultural Organization). The two organizations ran the farm jointly.

MAFAO, now known as Radolo, was established in 1974, by the then Regional Government of Southern Sudan. ■

WOMEN ASK MEDIA TO GIVE THEM A VOICE

By Ponj Jeremiah

Widows, orphans, women and children, have voiced out that they should be given a say by the media on issues that touch their lives. Severely vulnerable and disadvantaged groups appear to be hoping against hope since the end of the devastating two decade war. Apollonia Mathia, Executive Director of the Association of Media Women in Southern Sudan (AMWISS) stated, "my organisation must fight for the rights of women, children and severely vulnerable groups through the media."

"This is the only way we can free women and other disadvantaged groups from all kinds of injustices", Mrs. Apollonia argued.

Apollonia appealed to the government and other stakeholders to support her initiatives financially to be able to cover the whole of Southern Sudan. Former Member of Parliament and Chairperson of the Human Rights

Committee in the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly, Mrs. Margaret Peter Abudi, urged media practitioners to be truthful in reporting and to advocate for the rights of the marginalized, especially women, children and the most disadvantaged members of society.

Mrs Christina Jada, a widow whose husband was killed during

the notorious Juba massacre of 1992, has been struggling for the last 18 years. Said she "The War Disabled, Widows and Orphans Commission has inadequately addressed the plight of the victims of the 1992 Juba incident which claimed thousands of innocent lives, among them my husband." ■