

On August 12th 2013, Lesfello had a community work day to erect fencing for the demonstration school garden. Over 30 men, 20 women, and 16 kids congregated at the primary school to work. The men assisted the mason in cementing posts for the fence and weeded 156 square meters for the garden. Four bags of cement were unused and the community decided that after rainy season the mason would use excess cement to deepen the school well.



While the men worked on the garden I demonstrated proper out planting techniques of trees. The women and children then out planted over 180 cashew trees that the students grew earlier this year. In the afternoon lunch was provided to the volunteers by the school director as a thank you for their help.



Two weeks after the initial community work day three agroforestry techniques have been demonstrated in the garden. The first is the use of moringa oleifera as live fence posts. We did 50 centimeter spacing with direct seeding and already the trees are 12 inches tall. Moringa is also high in calcium and important nutrients so the leaves will be incorporated into the students lunch. The second demonstration is pigeon pea (cajanus cajan) as alley cropping. These trees produce beans that are edible but the plant also

adds nitrogen to the soil. Finally, 5 students and I reseeded 70 tree sacks with papaya, guava, and avocado. When school starts again in late October composting, double digging, and water techniques will be taught to the students within the first 3 weeks. Each class will be responsible for a portion of the garden.



The people of Lesfello and I greatly appreciate your donation to our school and community! Without your generous gift this project would not have moved so quickly or efficiently. Thank you In Action!