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FARM OPERATIONS UPDATES

Operations	Status	Notes	
		Complete	Target
Potato planting	<i>In progress</i>	17.37 hectares	28 hectares
Seed Maize planting	<i>Complete</i>	152.53 hectares	150 hectares
Maize detasseling	<i>In progress</i>	50 hectares	152.53 hectares
Sugar beans	<i>In progress</i>	38.98 hectares	73 hectares
Sunflower planting	<i>In progress</i>	12.5 hectares	20 hectares
Rainfall	<i>Started</i>	Year 2024 - 2025	Year 2023 - 2024 (last year)
		348.6 mm (Nov 28 to Feb 15)	433.16mm (Oct 31 to Feb 21)

This week, we had the privilege of hosting the top management team of Underhaug AS, a Norwegian company renowned for manufacturing agricultural equipment. Underhaug specializes in creating simple yet durable tools that are essential for effective farming. Their visit to FFF aimed to explore future opportunities for establishing FFF as a center for agricultural equipment catering to smallholder farmers.

We are incredibly grateful for Underhaug's recent donation of two pieces of equipment to FFF, the potato harvester and a two rows potato planter. These tools will be used at our Knowledge Center and shared with smallholder farmers to enhance their productivity.



"I really appreciate the vision and priorities of FFF, engaging smallholder farmers in a way that drives financial success for both sides. That is something I truly admire," said **Bjørn Rygg**, the owner of Underhaug, during the equipment demonstration for smallholder farmers at the Yara Knowledge Centre at FFF on Sunday. *"At Underhaug, we see great potential to be part of this journey. We are eager to work with FFF to mechanize smallholder farming, particularly in the potato sector."*



Together with the Underhaug AS team, we conducted a successful equipment demonstration featuring a potato planter, potato harvester, and stone-collecting machine. The demonstration was attended by smallholder farmers who had the opportunity to witness the impact these tools can have on improving their farming practices. We are excited about the potential these tools hold for smallholder farmers and look forward to their wider adoption.

The Underhaug team also had the chance to tour the FFF farm and witness firsthand the progress we've made in empowering farmers, women, and the local community.

Ølen Betong at the FFF Farm

We had the honor of hosting a group of 16 members from the Berge family, representing Ølen Betong Gruppen AS, our largest Norwegian investors and long-time supporters of FFF and the Ilula Orphan Program (IOP). We can't tell the success stories of FFF without mentioning the Berge's family.

The family's visit included a tour of the FFF farm, interactions with beneficiaries of various programs, and a special session with the young mothers program 3, which they have sponsored. It was a heartwarming experience, and we are deeply thankful for their continued support.



Photos: *Meeting the Goat Milk beneficiaries in Ikokoto village*



Photos: *Meeting the 25 Young mothers from program 3*

“The impact of FFF is far greater than one can grasp by simply reading the Weekly News or hearing about it from Norway, you have to see it for yourself,” said Annika and Åse as they departed for the Serengeti yesterday.

During their visit to the goat milk farmers in Ikokoto on Sunday, one of the Berge family’s children formed a special connection with a young boy in the village. The family has already been involved in sponsoring the goat milk program, and now, this child may personally become a sponsor for the boy. He saw the need firsthand—just as FFF has recognized the needs of the 16 villages surrounding the farm.





To cap off the weekend, for the very first time, we premiered two episodes of our FFF documentary for the first time. Both the Underhaug As team and the Berge family were invited to this special event.

The documentary gives an inside look at FFF's history, current activities, and the future we are building together with our partners.

It has truly been a week of connection, growth, and gratitude, and we look forward to many more opportunities to strengthen our partnerships and create lasting impact.





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