



SARINA WOMEN'S COOPERATIVE with PARAVET SERVICE PROVIDER, ABDULLAHI PANDA

Women's Cooperative, Sarina...

GEMS1 visits the Women's Cooperative at Sarina Town in eastern Kano State. This (2013) is their first time participating in goat feed finishing for Salah.

"There are very few income opportunities in Sarina for women. Paravet Panda introduced our cooperative of 20 members to the goat feed finishing opportunity and we have done this for Salah. It's been a struggle for some to pay for the goats and feed but we are all now selling our animals and will make some good money", says Cooperative Chairlady, Yarkuna Alhassan (right).



COOPERATIVE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING in the GEMS1 2013 FEED FINISHING CAMPAIGN INCLUDE (from left): KULUWA SABO; NENUNA ALI; LADIA LIBANDI with HASIYA SASO; LADIA UBALIYE; and, SALAMATU YUSHUA

Yarkuna adds: "Most of our women have tested the income opportunity with one or two goats. Some others that had the finance have done more. We were trained on finishing by the company that supplies the feed to us through the Paravet.

Women that have already sold goats for next week's Salah have made between NGN 7-10,000 (\$47-67) on each after feed expenses. For most of our members, this is new income as they do not have other sources. I will sell my 4 goats in the coming days before the Festival.

Those with one or two goats will likely spend the income on urgent household expenses. From what I know, women finishing more goats plan to spend any spare income on their children's education. So solving the problem of finance to buy more goats and pay for vet services and feed so we can make more money is what we must do next to give all our children a better future.

Something that has surprised me is the number of other local women that have seen what our women are doing and also started goat feed finishing: I can name over 20 for you."



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