Winnua School Feeding Program Success in Mozambique

After starting in 2015, with only 330 children, the program had increased to serve about 3,500 children by March 2020 when the Covid crisis forced closure of the schools. In February, Winnua, which is a private company also making soy yogurt for sale, saw the installation of a new, higher capacity SoyCow 30 system which would allow an increase of almost 100 L/hr to their capacity. MM technician Tom Agalo came from Kenya to do the installation and training.

The night shift was then able to produce 700 liters of milk and the day shift 500 liters. Some of the milk is made into yogurt and sold to the public in Mocuba. The distribution to the closest schools is done on foot, while the schools further away are supplied by car.

Winnua also gives soymilk to its staff every day to increase health and secure a daily intake of protein. With the new system added, they were able to increase the school feeding program with 600 more children. At present, because of the emergency situation, the only institution that benefits from the school feeding program is the nearby orphanage “Menino Jesus” that hosts 50 children in Mocuba.

With the new system in place, Winnua is now poised to restart their popular school feeding program and commercial soy yogurt sales, and hopefully this will be soon. This is the most successful soymilk school feeding program MM has seen in Africa and has the capacity to increase to 8,000 children a day.

Democratic Republic of Congo to Receive 50 SoyaKits and 5 VitaGoats

Malnutrition Matters is working with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and their partner, US-based NCBA-CLUSA, to assist women entrepreneurs and improve nutrition in rural areas of DR Congo. The MM equipment for this USAID-funded project will begin operation in June of this year. This complements the Malawi AgDiv project, also USAID-funded, where CRS is already using SoyaKits to empower women entrepreneurs and improve nutrition. Plans there are to expand to 2,000 entrepreneurs from the current 100.

The development of the SoyaKit is sponsored by Alpro CVA, a long-time corporate supporter of MM.

Ghana Rural Enterprises Phase III Program - Training to Begin

In the face of some delay due to the COVID-19 situation, training for the African Development Bank-funded REP III program in Ghana will be carried out in 2020. The project includes 10 SoyCow M’s and 10 SolarFlex Dryers already distributed throughout the country, under the guidance of the Ministry of Trade and Industry. The aim of the project is to empower entrepreneurs and accelerate economic development and nutrition in rural areas.