

Clara Anzoa Aya has been recording profits since she ventured into piggery in 2011. She is one of the biggest supplier of chicken and pork products in west Nile and northern Uganda districts including Moyo, Arua, Adjumani, Gulu and Lira. She shared her story with Martin Okudi.

# Anzoa is profiting from pigs

Clara Anzoa Aya's pig farm is just five kilometres from Moyo town in Cecelea West village in Moyo district.

It is not difficult to trace it, thanks to the boda boda riders. Anzoa, a former bar maid keeps 73 mature Large White pigs in a 20 by 20 feet pigsty.

Currently, she has no piglets having sold 40 two-and-a-half-month-olds to clients including a local youth group from Adjumani at Shs150,000 each recently.

"I want to clear this stock and bring in a new set of pigs," says Anzoa, as she feeds the animals that are hardy and offer large litters.

### Starting

The 39-year-old, who houses the pigs according to their ages, credits the venture to her love for the animals and desire to diversify her income.

Before the piggery venture, Anzoa was keeping chicken. She started keeping the animals in 2011 after visiting a pig farm in Gulu, where the farmer reared 150 pigs on a tiny land.

Back to Moyo District, Anzoa purchased seven pregnant sows from farmers in the neighbouring Adjumani District at Shs200,000 each, exclusive of transport costs.

"I put them in a small building in my backyard. In a month's time they had furrowed and I had 90 piglets necessitating me to construct a pen for them," says the farmer, who keeps the animals on part of her one-acre family land.

### Care

Anzoa clips the teeth of the piglets soon after they are born so that when they suckle, they do not bite the mother.

In addition, the farmer administers iron injection on day three and 21 respectively to boost their immunity.

A shortage of iron results in lower levels of hemoglobin in the red cells (anaemia), a lowered capacity for the carriage of oxygen around the body and an increased susceptibility to diseases.

At the pigsty, the farmer has a tracker pasted on every pen, which he uses to monitor them. It captures date of arrival, their age, vaccines, treatment and the date to leave the pen for sale.

And the rains set in bringing in a cold weather, Anzoa has a warning to pig farmers.

"When it gets cold, you have to observe them closely. When it so cold, they are prone to pneumonia, thus, they need a clean and dry pigsty."

### Demand for pork

"When I started, there were about five butcheries in Moyo town with the biggest in the market, right now there are about 16 which shows demand for pork has risen," says the mother of three.



Anzoa collects feeds from the stores at her farm. Below she is tending to a sow and piglets. PHOTOS: MARTIN OKUDI

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Anzoa says theft and diseases are her biggest challenges. Occasionally thieves break into her farm to steal chicken. Wild animals too invade making off with the chicken. Diseases such as coccidiosis claim a big number of chicken every time they attack.



She feeds the pigs on vegetable waste that are nutritious and make lean. A lean pig will fetch you more cash than one with plenty of fat.

"I supplement commercial feeds with cabbage leaves and waste. In a week I buy two bags of commercial feeds for up to Shs140,000."

### Profits

"A lean pig will fetch you more per kilogramme and above that on the market, unlike a fat pig will fetch you Shs7,000 to Shs8,000 per kilogramme," says Anzoa.

Her market is in Moyo, Gulu, Arua, Lira and Kitgum. In 2016, Anzoa says she sold each pig at Shs350,000 at a market. She also retails per kilogramme. "I sell the big pigs in the market, customers buy them at Shs9,000 per kilogramme."

After subtracting the expenses on feeds, staff and transport, Anzoa remains with Shs26 million from the sale of 100 pigs.

### Poultry

In addition to the pigs, she has set up a highly innovative poultry rearing project. She keeps more than 100 broilers and 600 chicks. At maturity she sells each broiler at Shs15,000.

### Future plan

Anzoa said she intends to start a vocational training school on a quarter acre land size in her new land. She said she will soon start breeding chicks from her project. She manifests with a lot of such as loss of the chicks due to weather and poor handling.

Anzoa said she will also introduce a nipple system of watering which require regular watering.

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AMOUNT OF MONEY SHE MADE FROM SELLING PIGS

To know how much to sell pigs, he advises one should calculate the input cost from the time the pigs are born. "If a sow gives birth to 10 piglets, they will approximately consume 10 to 15 kilogramme bags of feeds each by the time they mature. Each bag costs Shs70,000."

The farmer introduces feeds to piglets when they are two months. At day 21, they are given pellets so that they do not suckle a lot.