

## **Masaka diocese boosts agriculture**

Masaka Diocesan Development Organisation (MADDO) has embarked on strengthening the capacity of its agricultural field staff in order to increase milk production and to preserve the milk in value added products.

The three-week-training of 25 extension service officers began on Monday in Masaka Town.

Assistant MADDO director, Fr Peter Ssenkayi, said, "In the last few years we have given out 1,502 Friesian cows to farmers across the diocese. We have got coolers, a pasteurising machine, and we can make a variety of milk products. But we do not get as much milk as we should because farmers are not giving the right care to the cows. It is the reason we are training and sending out more extension staff."

The training coordinator, Pius Zzimbe, attributed the low milk production to farmers' poor animal husbandry practices.

**-Michael J Ssali**