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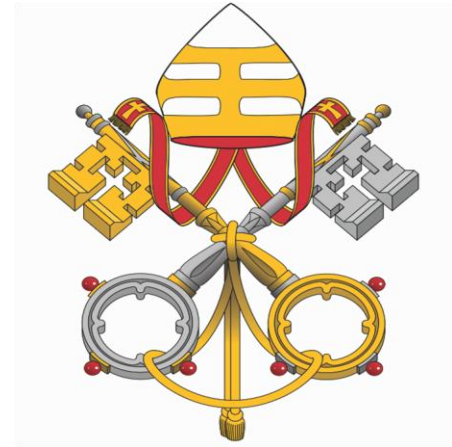
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## Introduction

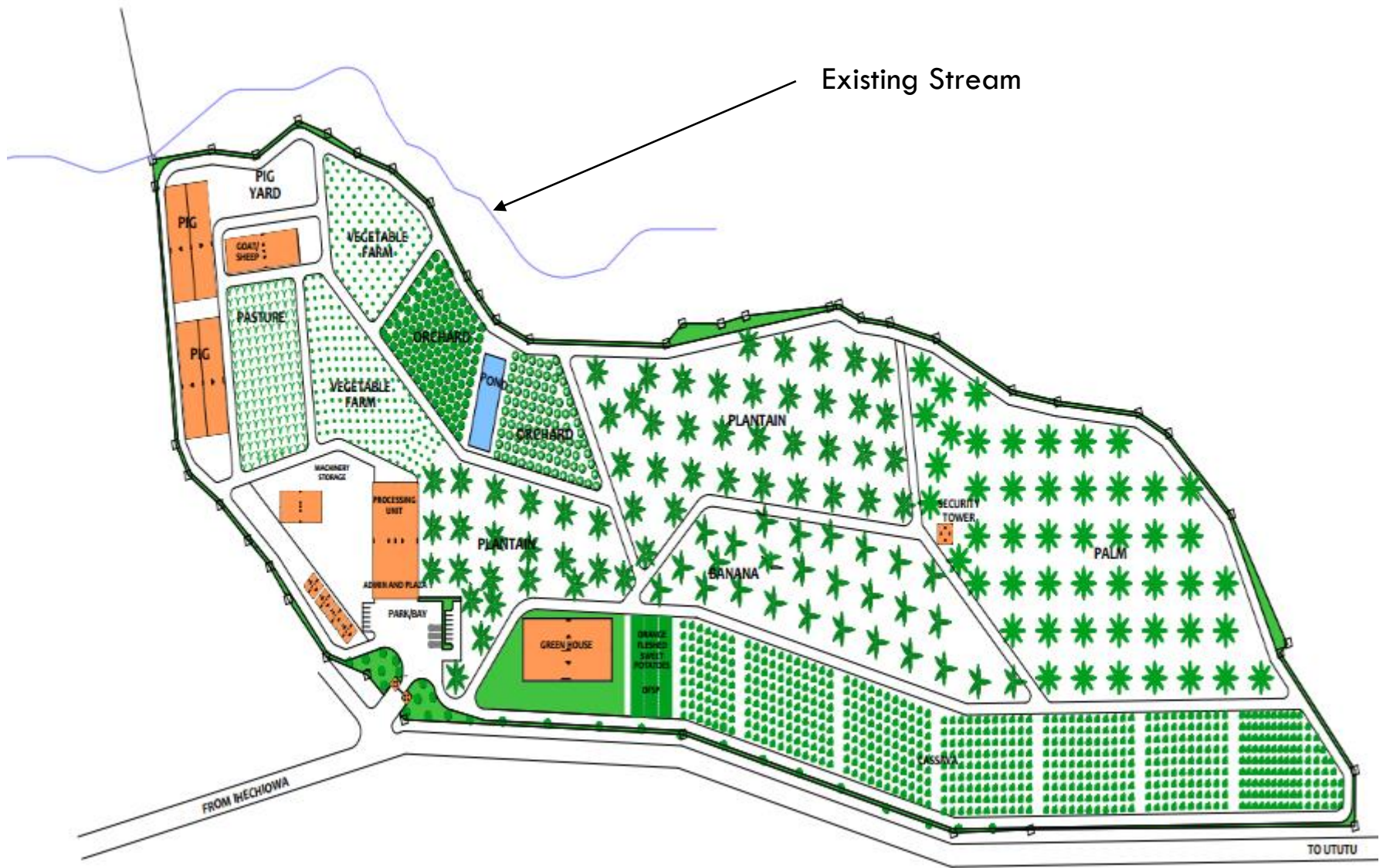
- ❑ In June 2016, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Catholic Relief Services jointly organised a workshop on Catholic Ministries and Social Impact Investing. I was privileged to attend it. It offered me the opportunity of learning about social enterprise and impact investing.

### Follow up to 2016 workshop

- ❑ Report on the Workshop to the members of RECOWA.
- ❑ Sent a priest of my Diocese to the *Miller Centre for Social Entrepreneurship, Sancta Clara University, Silicon Valley, California* in September 2016 to be trained as a resource person in social enterprise and impact investing.
- ❑ Organised a workshop on social enterprise and impact investment for the priests of my Diocese in 2017.
- ❑ Organised another workshop in May this year in my Diocese on social entrepreneurship and impact investing for youths.
- ❑ Initiative in Integrated Farm and Food Processing Factory in Ihechiowa in collaboration with Linto Groups to serve as pilot projects to impact on different communities within the Diocese of Umuahia in the area of poverty alleviation and improved health care



# Farm layout



# Our targets

## 1. To Alleviate poverty

- ❖ Hence our Cassava Stem Loan Scheme which will reach so many farmers in different communities within the cycle of circulation.
- ❖ With the processing, preservation and packaging factory in our farm, farmers in the targeted communities have no fear of market

## 2. To Improve the Health Of Our People

- ❖ By reducing hidden hunger
  - ❖ What is hidden hunger? Hidden Hunger is a lack of vitamins and minerals in our staple food. It occurs when the quality of food people eat do not meet their nutrient requirements so the food is deficient in macro-nutrients which they need for their growth and development. This we achieve through the production of pro-vitamin A cassava and orange-fleshed potato. Yellow Maize, Vegetables etc.
- ❖ We also encourage the production of quality vegetables including Cassava Leaves for adequate supply of Magnesium that is needed for the control of High Blood Pressure and improved-digestion. etc

# Products of the farm include:

- ❖ Cassava peels for animal-feed formulation
- ❖ Cassava-chips
- ❖ Cassava for Starch Production
- ❖ Cassava for Flour Making
- ❖ Cassava for Garri production
- ❖ Cassava stem multiplication for market
- ❖ Orange fleshed sweet potato for chips, flour, juice, confectioneries etc.



# Byproducts of pro-vitamin A cassava as promoted by Linto Farms





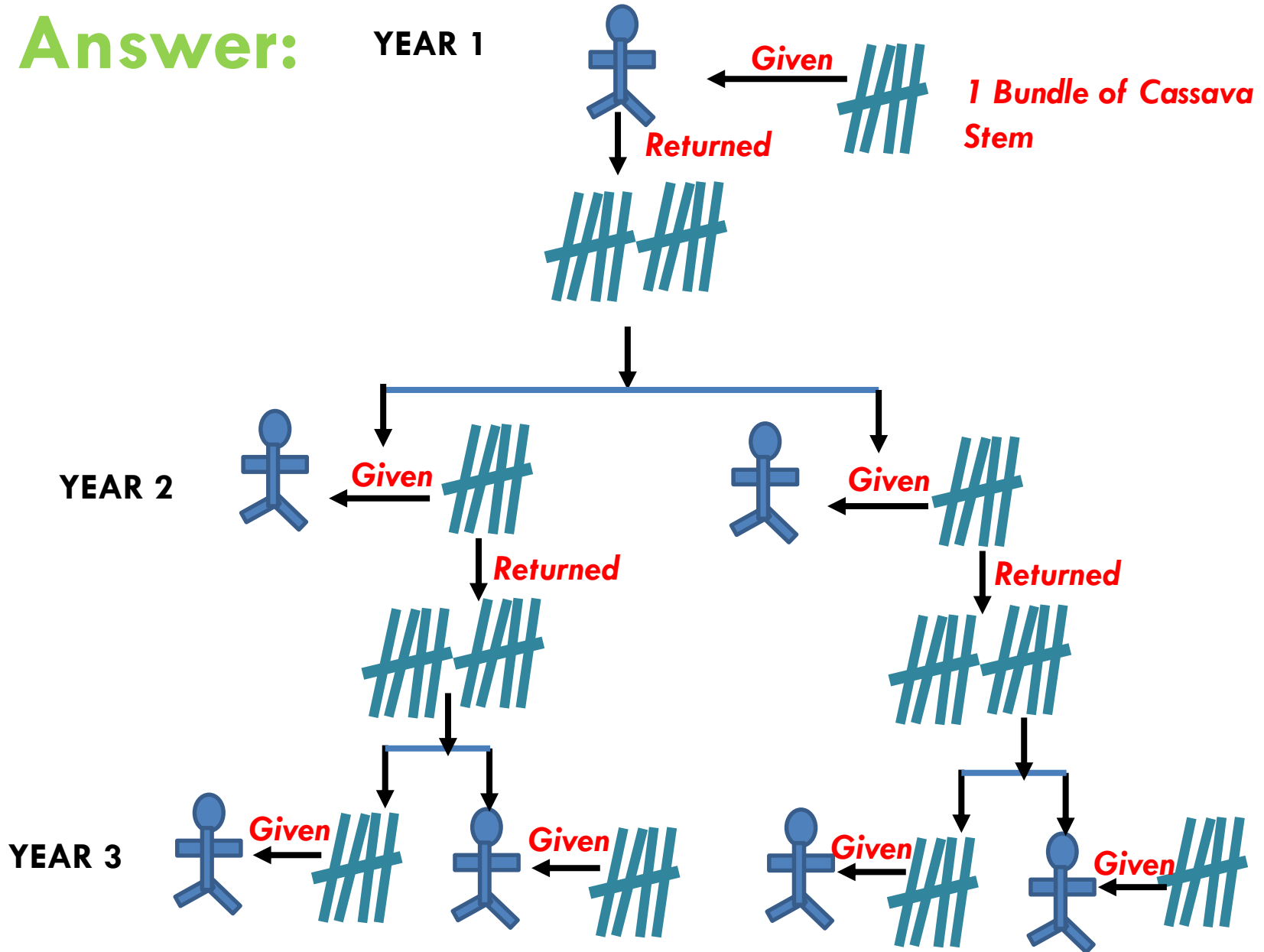
# Our cassava stem multiplication and loan scheme model



**How does it work?**

# Our cassava stem multiplication and loan scheme model

**Answer:**



# Our cassava farm



Linto Farms LTD/International Potato Centre (CIP)/Kolping Society of Nigeria/National Root  
Crops Research Institute (NRCRI) Umudike

**Organises**

**A Farmers' Field Day on Orange Fleshed Sweetpotato (OFSP) Vitamin A  
enriched, Under the Sweetpotato Action for Security and Health in Africa  
(SASHA 2) Project/ Kolping Society of Nigeria/Linto Farms LTD  
Collaborative project at Ihechiowa, Arochuku L.G.A. Abia State**



**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November,  
2017**

**VENUE:  
Linto Farms LTD  
Umuzongbo Ihechiowa**

**TIME:  
9.00am**



**Linto  
Farms Ltd**





# Potato yield in Ihechiowa-land





# Sample products from pro vitamin A cassava





# Basic seed production screen-house in Kolping nigeria





# Field inspection trip



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