

THE RURAL WAVELENGTH

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



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Participants reported that these innovations have effectively controlled pests and diseases, improved soil fertility, reduced production costs, and increased crop yields and farmers' incomes.

To reduce dependence on chemical herbicides, the LIAs also committed to **developing safe, affordable, and environmentally friendly local alternatives.**



IITA STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP WITH JDPMC TO BOOST CASSAVA PRODUCTION



JDPMC in collaboration with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), recorded another milestone in advancing sustainable agriculture through the distribution of improved cassava varieties to participating farmers.

The improved cassava stems were presented to farmers in Osogbo Zone, reflecting the strong partnership **in promoting climate-smart and farmer-centred agricultural practices**. The initiative is aimed at equipping farmers with high-yielding, resilient cassava varieties suitable for both household consumption and commercial cultivation.

Beyond improving productivity, the intervention is expected to reduce production risks, enhance food security, and increase farmers' incomes by providing access to quality planting materials. It also complements RUDEP's broader efforts to empower rural farming communities with innovative technologies, practical knowledge, and sustainable farming solutions.

The partnership underscores the importance of **collaboration in agricultural development, demonstrating how strategic alliances between development organizations and research institutions** can drive innovation, improve livelihoods, and contribute to sustainable food systems in rural communities.

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Recognising the growing need for peaceful coexistence between farmers and herders amid increasing pressure on land resources, the Rural Development Programme (RUDEP) of JDPMC convened its Biannual Stakeholders' Peacebuilding and Dialogue Meeting on 29th July 2026.

The dialogue brought together representatives of the NSCDC Agro Rangers Unit, the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Nomadic Affairs, leaders of the Seriki Fulani, the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association (MACBAN), the Sustainable Farmers Association (SUFA), JDPMC officials, and representatives of farmers and herders from conflict-prone communities across Osun State.

Participants **examined emerging conflict triggers** and **jointly identified community-led early warning mechanisms to strengthen conflict prevention and peaceful dispute resolution**. At the end of the meeting, stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to promoting harmony within their communities and commended JDPMC for sustaining an inclusive platform that fosters dialogue, trust, and lasting peace.