

## Nathan Muwukya and Peruth Najjengo.



**Left:** Nathan and Peruth at Home. **Right:** Nathan talks to the technical officer.

**Nathan Muwukya**, 73 years old and **Peruth Najjengo**, 66 years, live in Gogonya L.C 1, Kibiga Parish, Kibiga Sub County, Kiboga district. Both are beneficiaries of the Senior Citizens Grants.

*I started receiving the grant in September 2011. It was at the launch of the program at Kibiga Sub County. Most elderly people were mobilized. My wife and I went since both of us were identified as beneficiaries. I received 23,000 and with it, I bought banana suckers in September (2011). In October, I had a challenge of paying for meals at school for my grand children. I used the October grant to clear it. I had a plan to buy piglets to add on the pigs I rear but because of the need to fence my garden, I had to use the November money to buy barbed wire and right now I'm fencing the garden. When the December payments come, I will use the money to buy a quality breed piglet and add to the stock I have.*

*I thank the government for remembering us in our old age. We are a tired and sick generation with many dependents. The grant will enable us to increase productivity and live out our days with some dignity and peace of mind.*



**Left:** Nathan talking to the technical officer on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 after receiving his 2<sup>nd</sup> payment at Kibiga sub county. **Right:** some of Nathan's pigs. (Photos by Julius Kwesiga).

### **Peruth**

*I plan and budget for my grant separately. For me my main concerns are improving food production and health care. The first grant I received, I used it to hire labour to dig a piece of land on which I planted beans. Right now I have just harvested the beans. I am suffering from chronic headache so I have used the October and November payments to get treatment from Kiboga town. Now I feel some relief on the headache. I will spend my December grant on buying items for christmas*

