## **Project Update: September 2015**

During July-August 2015, we procured motorcycles to facilitate our anti-poisoning surveys around Bunyala Rice Scheme (and distribution of poultry products when the time comes). We have been conducting 3-4 foot surveys every week about the rice plantation in an attempt to assess the monthly bird poisoning frequency. We have also been conducting informal education sessions in the rice plantation talking to locals about birds and discouraging the poisoning and procurement of poisoned birds for human consumption. We are also in the process of putting up pens for our poultry farming venture and talking to the onlookers about our intention to sell the poultry products to them cheaply and persuade them to abandon consumption of poisoned birds.







Left: M. Odino rescuing a live Openbill decoy used as a lure to other Openbills during their poisoning. Middle: M. Odino talking to locals about birds and against poisoning and eating them. © J. Okumu. Right: Part of the scouting team-Joseph, Cyprian & Brian (from left to right) collecting bird monitoring data against poisoning. © M.odino.



Left: Poultry pen exterior under construction. © M. Odino. Right: Poultry pen interior under construction. © M. Odino.