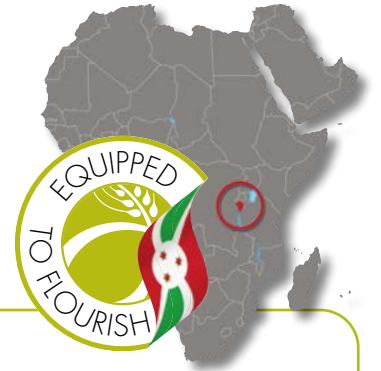




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Farmer training

45 model farmers from the 9 hills of the Mwumba zone were recently trained on good production practices and the benefits of food diversification, with a view to improving the health and nutritional



LEON TENDING HIS CROP OF BEANS

status of children and mothers in particular. The ultimate objective was to strengthen farming capacity, from the production of vegetable seedlings to sprouting and then transplanting in the fields.

Themes included the preparation of the germinator, the application of organic manure, the spacing and density of seedlings, the construction of a shade and the maintenance until the transplanting. This training also explained different techniques for setting up kitchen gardens and the nutritional importance of vegetables in households. The farmers will then use this knowledge to train their disciples (each model farmer has at least 12 disciples).



TAKING CARE OF THE KITCHEN GARDEN

Let's Learn to Read (LLR) project

Miburo Vincent recently had the opportunity to represent his school in the LLR project: "I attended the training organized by FH in partnership with the Ministry of Education. This training benefitted teachers who are teaching children from the first to the third grade. It has enhanced my capacity in executing appropriate methodologies that can stimulate children to read. I can apply the knowledge acquired and transfer it to other members of my team. I am very certain that this project will lead to expected change in which all the children in grades 1, 2 and 3 are able to read effectively. Due to FH's financial and logistics support, teachers and children are monitored and supervised regularly by the technical team of the Ministry. The entire teaching staff and children are thankful to FH.



GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS VISIT TO A LET'S LEARN TO READ PROJECT

Fruit tree seedlings distribution

Educational quality is not limited to the teaching or the cleanliness of the classrooms — it encompasses all the initiatives provided to make the child feel comfortable whether in or outside the class. Thus, FH is supporting partner schools in Mwumba area with seedlings of mango and passion fruit trees. The objective is to make fruit trees available to all partner schools in the Mwumba Zone to improve the school environment.

Nsaguye Asterie's story

Nsaguye Asterie is a member of a savings and credit group at Saramasaka hill. She takes an active interest in the development activities of her family by investing part of her income in the savings and credit group supervised by FH in Mwumba. Her main source of income is agriculture and livestock keeping.

"The low income we had affected our household such that we could not meet our essential needs like food, clothes and health services. My children's health was not good at all due to insufficient food and an inadequate place to sleep well at night. I was unable to do activities that could increase income in my household due to lack of money, and my children's school performance was poor. Socially, I discriminated myself from others because I looked at my life conditions and I found no importance in joining others in cooperatives or associations."

"Now, my living conditions have improved. I increased agricultural production from 63kg of maize grain to 327kg of maize grain and from 56kg of beans to 295kg. Having access to credit in the savings and credit group allowed me to buy 3 goats. It is now easy for me to have organic manure to fertilize my farm. Physically we look good because we have got enough to eat without



ASTERIE WITH HER CHILDREN

problem. My family members look healthy."

"We are now farming in a modern way and have improved livestock keeping. In the education sector, schools were built and our children do not travel long distances again. I would like to remain valued in the community and I hope it is possible when I work a lot. I would like to continue the savings and credit activity and to continue to serve as a good example."



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