

SUCCESS STORIES

Success story 1.

Je m'appelle MUKABARAME Peruth âgée de 64 ans, j'habite à Rubavu secteur de Kanama, je n'ai pas eu la chance d'étudier depuis mon enfance. Quand j'avais 18 ans, j'avais un financé, lorsqu' il m'envoyait des lettres d'amour, je faisais recours à mon amie parceque je ne savais lire ni écrire. Elle lisait la lettre et la répondre. Quand je disais les mots à écrire, elle écrivait le contraire ce qui pouvait casser notre amitié. Au fir de temps, la courtoisie a été coupée suite a des reponses d'injures que mon amie repondait à ma place et je me suis rendu chez lui pour lui demander pourquoi et il m'a raconté tous que je lui envoyais des injures seulement. J'ai pris une décision de lui dire toute ma vérité que je suis analphabète depuis des



années que ce n'était pas moi qui écrivait ces messages, j'ai demandé pardon et il m'a pardonné et depuis cette date nous nous sommes convenus de se rencontrer chaque dimanche à la messe. Quand je voulais aller quelque part pour solliciter un service, je pouvais aller dans un sens contraire mais aujourd'hui, je suis fière de moi-meme car je peux lire ce qui écrit aux affiches. En concluant je remercie beaucoup tous ceux qui ont contribué pour nous aider à apprendre à lire et écrire et je vais sensibiliser tous mes collegues du quartier pour qu'ils puissent fréquenter les centres d'alphabetisations.

Success story 2.



A Partner called Bertilde Nyirankurikiyimana, mother of three children is living in Gishubi sector,

Nyakibungo cell, Banga village. Before joining Kira Wigire program, it was very difficult for her to respond to all their needs in the family where her children dropped out the school. After participating in the training on Kira Wigire program organized by ARTCF in partnership with World Vision she changed in her mind and think about how to change also in her pocket. She got a loan from S4T group and with her saving from her IGA built her own house. She received also the first grant from World Vision and used it to bought chickens and goats. Another grant used to buy the second rice plantation and also paid School fees of her Children.

Success story 3.



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Kankindi Beatrice, responsible of her family, is living in Gishubi Sector, Nyakibungo Cell, Rusasa Village.

By Kira Wigire program, Kankindi who was divorced with her husband, she is self-reliant she cannot ever beg to anyone. Kankindi bought many things after being trained and joined S4T group through kira wigire program. She bought a pig; she is able to cover all needs of her family and after she constructed her new own house. For the first photo she was with his son on their old house, on the second there is her pig and for the third photo she is on her new house.

Success story 4.



My name is Mukarugambwa Beatha, my residence is in Gisasagara cell, Ndora Sector, Gisagara District.

I do my business of a selling foodstuffs in Gisagara market.

Before participating in Kirawigire program, my business capital was only 30,000rwfs.

Encouraged by project staff and local community mobilizers, Madame Mukarugambwa Beatha joined in Kirawigire program, hoping that selling foodstuff would help boost his family's income and secure better her living conditions.

She said that (by quoting):" After joining Kirawigire program, my capital was increased to 150,000rwfs. This has increased my income where I gain a profit of 7,000rwfs on daily basis. Thus, I do my weekly saving of 3,000rwfrs".

I am thankful for World Vision and ARTCF for the continuous support, especially regarding our economic empowerment,

Success story 5.



Misago Daniel is a Kirawigire beneficiary living in Gisagara district, Gishubi sector, Nyabitare cell, Nyirakanywero village, married and father of 2 children, before joining the kirawigire program,



After participating in Kirawigire's program, she receives monthly trainings on Kirawigire, which he considered vital support. As he said, I quote: The first time I got RWF 30,000 from WVR financial support, I started to go to the S4T group and borrow and slowly pay until I borrow RWF 130,000 then buy and sell crops (maize and beans) during the harvest season, it reached the point where the S4T group gave me a credit of RWF 230,000 and then I started buying crops and selling them at high prices. WVR also supported RWF 15,000 to me in addition to the one I met. When the money started to rise, I thought of starting a shop, this business would be worth RWF 700,000 while still buying crops during the harvest season. I have small livestock, 5 goats.

I thank God for his grace through WVR and ARTCF program, it made me who I am today

Success story 6



We SIBOMUREMYI Onesphore and MUKAKALISA Thacienne. were living in extreme poverty because of conflict in our family; we cannot found basic needs for satisfying our family and our Children were affected in convenience lacking their right, because conflict between me and my wife .After reaching by World Vision in partnership with ARTCF, Inshuti z'umuryango (IZU) and local authorities after participating in different trainings our mind set changed and now we are be able to solve our problems which can came in our family and then we are exemplary in our community because of Celebrating family sessions

Success story 7.

UWINEZA Celleline, 43 years old and married to MATABARO David and residing in Rutonde village, Gisagara cell, Ndora sector, Gisagara district, I would like to share my hygiene and the overall cleanliness of my living environment journey toward improving life.

Before World Vision interventions, we had difficulties accessing water, because our source was located in a valley, which required walking up to four kilometers and climbing mountains. World Vision provided a critical intervention by installing a pipe that brought water directly from the AKABIRA source to my home and now, it is no longer needed to endure long journey to collect water.



By having water at home, it is easy to prevent diseases and stunting and malnutrition by using fruit as a remedy. Now, I have planted orange, avocado, and mango trees, and I also have a kitchen

garden, and my cows have a constant supply of water so they never run dry. The area is always lush because of the regular watering.



To conclude, I thank World Vision very much for their continuing support. Their training and guidance on health care, as well as essential resources like water filters and the SATO smart flush toilet, which enabled the entire family to enjoy clean water and better sanitation at home.

Success story 8.

Havugimana Jean Paul is 43 years old and married to Umambaye Beatha, 44 years old, I has been married at 18 years. We live in Kigozi village, Gabiro cell, Gishubi sector, our marriage was filled with all categories of conflict, such as property, polygamy, and general family disputes. These constant problems kept us living in poverty.

By February 2022, the situation had become serious. Their home was marked by regular arguments, and the stress affected the whole family, including their children. That's when they were selected to take part in a training program run by ARTCF in partnership with World Vision. The program was designed to help families in conflict rebuild their relationships and improve their lives.

After completing the training, we made the decision to change our behavior and now we are working together peacefully, and our home life is improved. Our children noticed the positive

change where there is no conflict, and our family's financial situation started to improve, so, we are living in harmony.



Today, our couple is seen as a positive example in our village and we use our experience to help other families who are living through similar problems.

We are very thankful to ARTCF and World Vision for starting this program and helping us to change our lives. We hope the program will continue so that more families in conflict can receive the same support and become part of building stronger, happier communities.

Success story 9.

IMBEREHEZAGATOBOTOBO: A Model of Cooperative Success in Gatobotobo Village

Located in Gatobotobo village, Ndora Sector, Gisagara District, Itsinda IMBEREHEZA GATOBOTOBO is transforming lives through vegetable farming. What began as a small initiative has grown into a Cooperative specializing in cabbage and eggplant production.

With determination and teamwork, the group embraced modern farming techniques, maximizing productivity and ensuring high-quality yields. Their produce quickly gained recognition, attracting buyers from local markets and beyond. As profits increased, members improved their livelihoods, supported their families, and reinvested in their farms.

Beyond financial success, IMBEREHEZA GATOBOTOBO has become a beacon of hope, inspiring

others in the community to pursue agriculture as a sustainable path to prosperity. Their journey is a testament to the power of hard work, unity, and innovation in transforming lives.



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Success story 10.

The Inspiring Story of Ngeze Daniel and Mukakinani Delphine

At Gishubi sector, within the peaceful village of Nyundo, a family once struggled to meet even their most basic needs. Ngeze Daniel and his wife, Mukakinani Delphine, along with their young child, lived in extreme poverty, where securing a daily meal was an ongoing challenge. Their future seemed uncertain, overshadowed by the weight of hardship and a lack of awareness about the opportunities around them.

However, their lives took a transformative turn when they became beneficiaries of the Ultra-Poor Graduation (UPG) program, supported by World Vision. Through this initiative, they received essential EVV training aimed at shifting their mindset toward self-reliance and economic empowerment. These sessions enlightened them about the resources within their reach and how to utilize them effectively to improve their livelihood.

Empowered with newfound knowledge and motivation, the family was granted an initial capital of 95,000 Rwandan Francs. With determination and strategic planning, they invested this seed funding wisely. They purchased a healthy cow, which not only provided them with milk for consumption and sale but also contributed to their agricultural productivity through organic manure. In addition, they cultivated their land, growing crops that further strengthened their food security and financial stability.

Beyond just financial gains, this transformation brought them renewed confidence and a sense of dignity. The ability to provide for their child, secure nutritious meals, and plan for the future has instilled hope in their household. Today, Ngeze Daniel and Mukakinani Delphine proudly celebrate their achievements. Their once dire situation has transformed into one of hope and progress. They have not only secured their basic needs but have also set a strong foundation for a brighter future.

Their story stands as a beacon of inspiration to many others facing similar struggles, proving that with the right guidance, determination, and resources, lasting change is possible. They now actively share their experiences with neighbors, encouraging others to embrace opportunities for growth and transformation.

Their journey is a testament to resilience, the power of knowledge, and the impact of targeted support. It showcases how a shift in perspective, coupled with an opportunity, can lead to sustainable growth and prosperity, ultimately breaking the cycle of poverty for future generations.



Photos Success Story of Ngeze Daniel and Mukakinani Delphine

Success story II.

Success Story: ABUNZUBUMWE Gishubi Cooperative

The **ABUNZUBUMWE Gishubi Cooperative** has become a beacon of hope and a shining example of how collective effort and innovation in agriculture can transform lives. Based in the **Gishubi Sector**, the cooperative of 50 Members focuses on cultivating high-value crops and other agricultural activities particularly **Hot Pepper**. Through dedication, teamwork, and a strong desire for progress, the members have turned their shared vision into a thriving enterprise.

The journey of ABUNZUBUMWE began with participation in the **THRIVE Project**, which introduced members to training on self-development and innovative approaches to creating income within their families. Before joining the project, most members struggled to provide for their families and lacked direction. However, through ongoing training and mentorship provided by **THRIVE Project**, they gained the knowledge and motivation to take charge of their futures.

With this newfound inspiration, the members decided to form the **ABUNZUBUMWE Cooperative**, with the primary goal of enhancing development and improving livelihoods. The cooperative's focus on cultivating **Hot Pepper** and other agricultural activities has proven highly successful, generating significant income for members and ensuring food security within their households. In addition to pepper farming, they have diversified into other agricultural activities, further strengthening their resilience and sustainability.

One cooperative member shared their experience: *"Before joining THRIVE, I had no steady income to support my family. Now, through ABUNZUBUMWE Cooperative, I not only earn enough to meet our needs but also have the skills to sustain our progress. This cooperative has truly changed our lives."*

The ABUNZUBUMWE Gishubi Cooperative continues to grow, serving as a model for other communities in the region. It is not just about farming, it is about innovation, empowerment, and a commitment to collective success. The cooperative is a testament to the power of teamwork and the impact of targeted training programs like THRIVE in creating sustainable development.



Success story 12.

Rc called Akariza laissa daughter of Muhire Emmanuel and Benimana Tharicille living in Ndora sector, cell Mukande, Bugarama village Rc no 1404

When we visited her, she began to give us an overview of his journey to clean up his living space and his body

She told us that World Vision has not yet completed its activities in the Mukande village, the local people were not clean in their homes and their bodies were very poor, because they got water in a complicated and difficult way.

she shared a story with us that they used to find water in the valley and walk four kilometers, and she climbed the mountain and rested at least twice to get home.



When world vision provided a pipe from the source of AKABIRRA, his parents did not take long to get water from that pipe, so that until now they are clean both in their living community and they clean household utensils without difficulty and water is available in abundance.



She shared with us how it was useful for her as a twelve-year-old child. She told us that it prevented him from traveling far away to draw water. He told us that at school he was taught how to prevent diseases by using the fruit. Now he planted orange trees so that they don't dry out. it is watered so it is always lush. She ended by thanking World Vision for the continuous helpers and giving them training to take care of the people's health and giving them the basics so that they can maintain it, and he also told us that even at school all the children drink clean water thanks to the filters given to them by World Vision.



Success story 13.

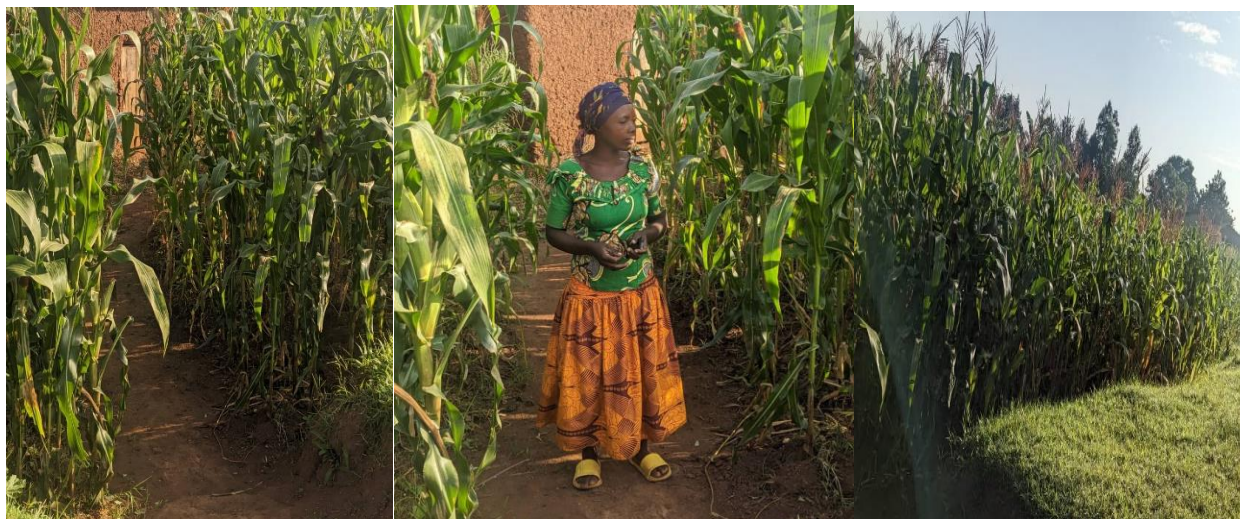
In Gishubi, Gabiro village, INGABIRE Marie Jeanne, who lives in the village of Tamba.

She began by telling us about her journey of self-development. She said that before joining the KIRAWIGIRE program, she had been trained on how to change her mindset and become self-reliant.

These trainings helped her understand the importance of working hard to achieve her goals for sustainable development and fight against poverty. She received thirty-five thousand RWF (35,000 RWF) from the KIRAWIGIRE program, which she used to rent a small piece of land and start a tomato-growing project. After a certain period, she sold the tomatoes and began generating income.

She didn't stop there; she thought about how she could get fertilizer easily. She approached her neighbor and asked if it was possible to borrow a cow to produce fertilizer.

Today, she lives happily. She has started selling her tomatoes in the market and earning money.



I'm MARIE GORETTE NIBISHAKA.

Before joining the program, her life was miserable. After participating in the KIRAWIGIRE program, she received a total of ninety-five thousand (95,000) RWF in three installments. She used this support to rent a small piece of land and start growing maize.

During our visit, we observed that she is now waiting for the harvesting period. She mentioned that part of the harvest will be sold, while the rest will be stored for difficult times to fight hunger and poverty.

She expressed her gratitude to WORLD VISION and their partner at ARTCF for helping her build a brighter future.

Success story 14:

A mother called Kamanzi Alphomsina who has a child named UWIJURU Fabrice, we visited her at Cyamukuza cell Sagahungu village and talked about story about her child's life before and after she was in Reading Camp. Kamanzi Alphonsina told us her child was crying in the street, He was dirty, it was very difficult to take care of my child.



Because of World Vision, many have changed especially in education because my child when he started studying at Reading Camp made me realize that there are changes in life, behavior and love of learning, so we thank World Vision for the role he played to make our child change and now we have him as a good model child.

I'Kamanzi Alphomsina I am very grateful for all help that WV gives us in particular in general Because of WV we see the future of my children who will benefit of my family and our Country

Success story 15:

Called Thacienne MUKANDESHYO from Gishubi sector, Gabiro cell

Thacienne MUKANDESHYO, who lives in Kigozi Village. She shared her success story with us.

She explained that before joining the KIRAWIGIRE program, she was living in extremely difficult conditions. She often struggled to have enough food, and even finding clothes was a challenge. Her living situation was truly harsh.

After joining the KIRAWIGIRE program, she received training on changing her mindset and becoming self-reliant. These trainings helped her realize the importance of working hard to achieve her goals, focusing on sustainable development and fighting against poverty.

Thacienne joined others in a small savings cooperative, where members save money for the future. Anytime she faces a problem, she can access a loan from the cooperative, proportional to the amount she has saved.

In the first round, she received fifteen thousand Rwandan francs (15,000 RWF) from the KIRAWIGIRE program, which she used to rent a small plot of land to cultivate beans. She obtained a good harvest from this investment.

In the second round, she received thirty-five thousand Rwandan francs (35,000 RWF) from the program and used it to rent another piece of land to cultivate rice, again yielding a good harvest.



Success story 16:

AN S4T” ABISHYZEHAMWE NKUNAMO “s DEVELOPMENT STORY AS THE UPG AND SPONSORSHIP BENEFICIARY IN GISHUBI SECTOR, NYAKIBUNGO CELL, NKUNAMO VILLAGE.

Prior to be a UPG beneficiaries of an **S4T” ABISHYZEHAMWE NKUNAMO** “member’s life was very dependent for others because they worked for others who did not pay hem enough

money to support their families as they did traditional agriculture that did not produce enough yield for Their family survival due to lack of needed skills to exploit it and they thought that they could not do anything without the help of others because they were belonged in vulnerable community.

Imagl.It shows the products of maizes they are engaging in



But the things started to change when they became together as beneficiaries of the program because their participated in all designed project activities including saving groups, attended monthly training of Empowered world view and they got financial support of 95,000Rwf per each in different branches and involved in other activities such as rising of both small and large animals. Which help to get organic fertilize used in modern farming that increase agriculture production.

S4T” ABISHYZEHAMWE NKUNAMO “members by attend the all planned empowered world view and technical training, starts to join credit and saving group where they got a capital for modern Farming where they managed to own a cow for milking, small animals which helps the family to live in arranging earnings between 3,000frw and 6000frw per day, And also all of that help to engage in the plantation of Potatoes where they manage to feed a primary schools for Lunch as the to expand the income generation of the members of the Groups.

The pictures below show us the current results of their daily engagement activities which the S4T” ABISHYZEHAMWE NKUNAMO “members perform.



Now they are standing firm as and continued to step forward where they are visionary members of cooperative whose dreams to achieve on more through hard work and self-response as well helping their children to get a very good education at schools and free from family conflict.

Finally, they thank world vision Rwanda in partnership with **Association Rwandaise des Travailleurs Chrétiens Féminins** for brought the project in their community, thanks go to facilitator and beneficiary colleague for keep watching and collaborating with them.

God bless you all!