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MEASURING RESULTS: HIV and Food Security – The Larger Context

The link between HIV and food security is often overlooked. Food security relates to the access, availability, utilization and stability of food, which all contribute to a household's livelihood and health. The progression of HIV/AIDS is directly affected by nutrition; limited access to healthy food exacerbates the effects of the illness on the individual. Concurrently, food security is undermined by HIV/AIDS through the reduced work capacity and productivity of a population. The connection between HIV and food security provides a larger context in understanding communities' needs and learning how to support improving their socioeconomic status, health and access to food.

Nutrition is the link between HIV/AIDS and Food Security

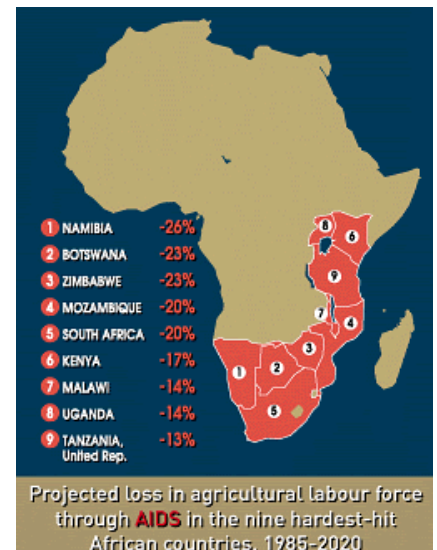
This particular connection resonated with Samuel Kizito, the HIV/AIDS Director at the Ugandan Union of Seventh Day Adventist church, who after learning more about food security from Africa Lead's Module I course in September 2011, decided to

incorporate this linkage into his work. Mr. Kizito is a leader in HIV advocacy and has been working in health for the last 10 years, including nutrition. He felt empowered after the training which he felt helped to put HIV and food security into a larger context.

"When you are dealing with health, you are dealing with HIV, and there in no way that you cannot talk about nutrition and the need for food."
-Samuel Kizito

Farmers are a key constituency

The majority of Mr. Kizito's church members are farmers, which emphasized to him the value of addressing food security in his work, not only to assist his members, but also to have a stronger understanding of their communities' challenges and situation. This outreach to his members on ways to improve food security created a new bridge of understanding. The farmers were unaccustomed to having such understanding of their circumstances.

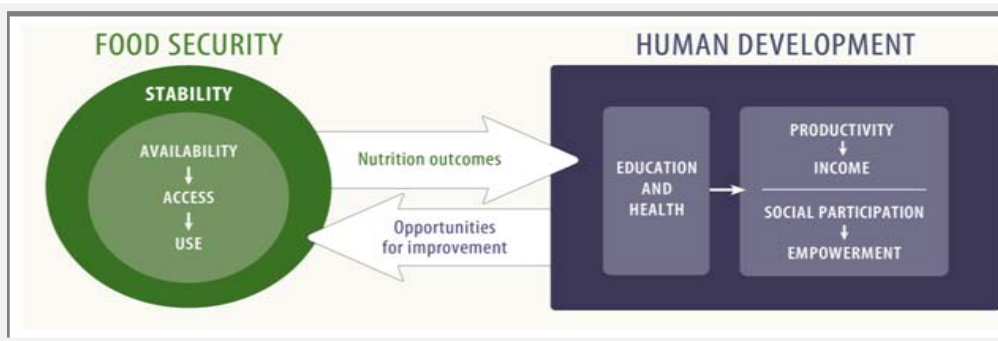


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Mr. Kizito further identified with his parishioners by purchasing 5 acres of land so that he could live among his members and be a model leader.

Mobilizing faith networks

Part of Mr. Kizito's action plan from the Africa Lead training was to mobilize fellow church leaders and promote food security, both within the church and the community. He has incorporated a component about food security into his trainings of other church leaders, talking about its importance and relevance to HIV/AIDS.



Mr. Kizito hopes that through integrating food security issues into their training and day to day work; they will tie together two fundamental issues that directly affect all their communities.

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Mr. Kizito has also raised the need with different church networks to address ways of raising awareness about food security. Currently, the church does not have a department responsible for agriculture, however most Members' incomes come from agriculture. Because of this, Mr. Kizito has advocated for a high level agriculture advisor who can work with parishioners in the same way as his HIV/AIDS department. This department can also serve to work with the government and support food security in getting the attention it needs.

Mr. Kizito hopes to continue to gain more knowledge on food

security and to promote it through his HIV/AIDS work, while encouraging the increased role of the church and other organizations.

"I would like to add that one of the lessons that I learned as a religious leader is it is important to have some basic knowledge and skills in food security because it helps you in your leadership role, as you move around, as you really guide your people as a leader, you cannot be a leader in Uganda, an agricultural country, without knowledge in food security."
- Samuel Kizito

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What is Africa Lead?

A USAID-funded program – and part of the Feed the Future global food security initiative – that builds the capacity of African agriculture professionals to lead change in food security

Africa Lead supports the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) by providing 4 main services to participating countries and regions:

- Developing and delivering **training modules**:

CAADP Champions for Change: a 5 day course about CAADP and leading change, **Module 1**

A second 4 or 5 day course, tailored to each country, has been developed to equip CAADP leaders to operationalize investment plans, **Module 2**

- Providing logistical and financial support for other trainings and **innovative learning partnerships** that connect participants with institutional hosts, such as the *International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)*, the *World Food Programme*, and private sector agribusinesses.
- **Assessing capacity needs** of national and regional institutions, CAADP Country Teams, and National Agriculture Investment Plan implementation.
- Developing an **online database** of short courses relevant to African agriculture professionals.

RESULTS TO DATE

- ✓ **1,310** trained CAADP "Champions" from 29 countries (Module 1):
 - 545 in East Africa
 - 375 in West Africa
 - 390 in Southern Africa
- ✓ **273** trained in Module 2 from 3 countries
 - 73 in East Africa
 - 200 West Africa
- ✓ **73** trained in short courses from CORAF and CILSS and **10** professional Interns
- ✓ **8** professional interns trained in agribusiness management
- ✓ **12** national non-state actor workshops held to mobilize NGOs and private sector actors to participate in CAADP –with **546** participants
- ✓ Facilitation and logistics preparation for various conferences and meetings
- ✓ **43** institutional capacity assessments
- ✓ **2** assessments of CAADP Country Team processes ; **2** CAADP/NAIPs implementation case studies: Ethiopia and Rwanda
- ✓ A short course database featuring over 480 upcoming offerings relevant to African