



Story of MUGALULA LAWRENCE

Capca Youth Project in Rakai District

Lawrence aged 22 from Matengeto Village, Katovu Parish, in Rakai District is one of the members of Katovu-Mayanja Agali-awamu Youth Group. Lawrence is a Senior Four drop out who stays with his parents currently in an extended family with other younger sisters and brothers plus children of his elder brothers/sisters. He could not meet the cost of his education at "A" level. He could not find formal employment. The household members have faced a number of hardships to meet the cost of the basic needs and other social services such as medical care, food security, school fees and scholastic materials to the young ones.

With the support from CIDI under CAPCA Youth Project, Lawrence has gradually started to set up independent horticulture gardens on small, growing non-traditional crops like Water melon, Tomatoes, Cabbage, Green Paper, among others. Lawrence recites how the organization had positively contributed to his current social and economic life and giving him hope for a better future. He had seen his capacity and skills strengthened in horticulture farming through participating in numerous exposure visits and trainings focusing majorly on Agronomic practices, Group dynamics, Farming as a business, Agro Produce Marketing strategies and information flow system among others organized by the Organization, provision of technical advice from the organization's Extension workers.

For the last two years, Lawrence has been opening up horticultural gardens of different crops and he has been earning some money that has helped him meet his personal needs and also help to buy scholastic materials for his young brothers and sisters. He has diversified his livelihood; he has bought a cow from the savings made from sale of tomatoes and green paper. He currently, he has opened up a Green paper garden of about two tins of 100 g, he has been supported by CIDI to set up a demonstration garden, three nursery beds for Tomatoes, Green Paper and Cabbages which will help him opening up more gardens soon.

"....i plan to make more savings to start up a saloon for daily income and diversified livelihood and also construct a permanent house to start living independently from my parents...." Lawrence.