

Impact Stories

With wages earned working on Ikirezi geranium farm sites, many farmers have been able to improve their livelihood and have a more dignified life they could not have afforded otherwise due to scarcity of jobs in the country side .

Some of their stories told here below are a reminder that no work is negligible and that even through work on a farming site like those of Ikirezi, one cannot only earn a living but register remarkable developmental progress.

Below stated are some of the stories of how their lives changed:

Jean Pierre TUYISABE a 29 years old man, has worked with Ikirezi's farm at Gahara for the last 3 years.

He was so destitute that before he joined Ikirezi he never hoped to be able to build a house in his lifetime. Since working with Ikirezi he has managed to make some savings, acquire land at Gahara, and has now just completed building a 6mx7m iron roofed house at Gahara

Gertrude DUSABIMANA a 26 years old widow, has worked with Ikirezi since 2008.

Over the 5 years of working with Ikirezi, she was able to acquire a farm land and also to build a 6mx7m iron roofed house.

Success Stories

Many stories are told of farmers who after working in Ikirezi geranium farm sites have been able to save some money to start businesses or moved from subsistence farming to commercial farming.

Below stated are some of these farmers:

- 1. Edith MUKAMANA** a 24 years old woman , she worked with IKIREZI for 5 years during which she got a start up capital of 200,000 RWF(\$350) to start trading in different goods such as rice and small fish known as indagara. Her business has now grown and is worth about 350,000 RWF (\$550).
- 2. Alexis NSANZUMUHIRE** a 38 years old man, he worked for Ikirezi for 2 years from where he got a start up capital of about 400,000 RWF (\$610) and has now started selling cows.
- 3. Léonille MUKABAGENI** a 28 years old single woman, she worked for Ikirezi for 5 years and was able to pay school fees for her brother to complete secondary school. From her earnings with Ikirezi, she managed to save 600,000 RWF (\$910) and buy herself 10 shares each worth 50,000 RWF (\$76) from a local rice farming cooperative. In spite not being able to work due to an incurable injury, she is able to support herself and to hire 10 casual laborers to farm for her and supervise them.