

Growing Food



Creativity and persistence are key to crop production

Many participants in World Renew's programs dream of being able to grow enough food to feed their families and maybe sell a little extra as well to help cover expenses. Poor soil quality, inefficient farming practices, pests, and unpredictable weather all make it difficult to see a way forward. But there are so many ways that you can help farmers dream big when it comes to their crops.

Variety seed packet: Variety is the key word here! Planting just one crop is a common practice, but when farmers can grow a variety of vegetables, then their income has some insurance against bad weather, pests, or oversaturated markets.

Plant a tree: Trees bear fruit, but not just the literal kind. A healthy tree provides shade, sustenance, and soil regeneration too. Planting trees is more helpful than ever as forests get depleted for firewood in countries around the world.

Agriculture training: Tried and tested techniques meet innovative initiatives! When agricultural experts or farmers who've already experimented with new methods can share what they learn, everyone wins.

Farmer Field School: When you visit a farmer field school, you feel like you're seeing the world as it should be. A community comes together and uses a bit of land to test alternatives to pesticides, test out unfamiliar crops, model irrigation techniques, and more.

Tools for farming: A few tools can enable individuals to choose meaningful, productive work that feeds a household and sometimes even a village.

Direct seeder: Tilling the soil sounds like important work, but we've learned that most farms actually do best with minimal tillage. A direct seeder helps seeds get planted deep in the earth with little disruption to the soil.

Greenhouse or shade net: Trees are disappearing, and even when new ones are planted, they take time to grow. A shade net can provide a terrific alternative for keeping gardens from drying up. They help keep pests away, too.



Shade net/greenhouse: Gardens need cover from the sun, especially during the dry season. This shade net in Malawi is one way to provide that.

Thank You!