

Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday

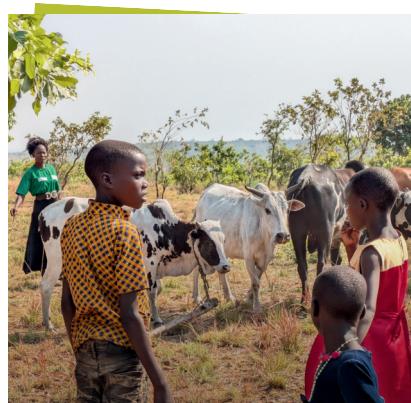
Working together to end hunger



Gladys, Dickson, and their family (pictured here with World Renew staff and partners) are “more than food secure”

More than enough

Gladys, 38, her husband, Dickson, 41, and their children were struggling. The family could not afford three meals a day and often went hungry. Gladys was ashamed of her family's situation. "Life was very hard when I started the project," she says. A lack of both rain and resources meant that growing enough food for the family seemed impossible.



Through a Farmer-Managed Natural Regeneration training program, Dickson was selected to become a community facilitator. He was able to, in turn, train farmers in methods intended to rebuild dry soil by using mulch and crop diversification. One of the students in this training program just happened to be his wife!

Taking what she learned from her husband, Gladys first set out to acquire land. She asked her father for support and while he allowed her to begin farming on some of his land, he encouraged her to purchase land of her own for long-term security. Setting aside some of her profits, Gladys was eventually able to buy a plot.

Today, Gladys owns 26 acres where she grows a variety of crops, including sugarcane, fruit trees, soy, and cassava. She also breeds goats, chickens, and cows, and has several beehives. In addition, she has another 3.25 acres that she rents out. Like her husband, Gladys has shared what she learned and her experiences within her community and her own family. "I want to educate my children so that in the future, they give. So that when I grow old, I can leave a legacy behind."



We are beyond food secure. We have more than enough.
I am grateful to God for sending World Renew to us.



- Dickson, farmer and trainer