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**A CASSAVA CO-OOPERATIVE IS OFFERING ZABULOONI THE CHANCE OF A PROSPEROUS FUTURE.**

Sarah, her husband, and their young family live in Bumyangubu, Uganda. Zabulooni, meaning “party of two” in Arabic, has been trying to build a successful cassava business to support the family for some time. But without the right knowledge, they can only sell their cassava for the basic price. Recently, Sarah and Zabulooni and 1,500 other members of a local cassava farmers’ association found the best cassava cultivation methods and have been trained in pest and disease management. And as you can see on the back of your newsletter, our local team have shown the co-operative will buy mangoes of any size for a good price, as they use the fruits that would otherwise be left to rot and help farmers like Sarah earn a living from crops that are clean and fetch a good price. They are clean and fetch a good price.

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Sarah is now able to harvest mangoes at different times, which means she can make even more money. But with only her limited farming knowledge and skills, it’s risky. And many other farmers growing bigger, better, and higher quality pineapples, Hamida struggled to sell her poor-quality fruit and sold them off at low prices. But the increase in profit has been far more significant for Sarah and her family. The quality of her pineapple improved, but Farm Africa has found that the farmers grow more of the better performing Kent and Apple varieties of the fruit. These cuttings have been grafted to a mature tree, the fruit will be ready to sell next year at a price of 350 Kenyan shillings. But the increase in profit has been far more significant for Sarah and her family. The quality of her pineapple improved, but Farm Africa has found that the farmers grow more of the better performing Kent and Apple varieties of the fruit. These cuttings have been grafted to a mature tree, the fruit will be ready to sell next year at a price of 350 Kenyan shillings. But the increase in profit has been far more significant for Sarah and her family. The quality of her pineapple improved, but Farm Africa has found that the farmers grow more of the better performing Kent and Apple varieties of the fruit. These cuttings have been grafted to a mature tree, the fruit will be ready to sell next year at a price of 350 Kenyan shillings.

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Sarah is now able to double the length of time, each year. And as she harvests at different times, which means different types of mango are ready for harvest at different times, this means they produce have large stones in them, very little income to cover the fruit to the co-operative that Farm Africa will buy mangoes of any quality, and they can safely and hygienically store their harvest. Our attentions have turned to helping the farmers who rely on producing mangoes for their families.

Kambua lives with her four children in Kanduthi, in Kiu’s Kitui district. Although she worked as a domestic cleaner much of the year Kambua left to manage the family’s farm on her own. As the family struggle to grow enough to cover their daily needs, Kambua’s husband works as a mason in Nairobi and sends money home to the farm only when there is no work available in the capital.

Kambua grows a small amount of sorghum and green beans, but as this is sold in the nearest town, she finds it hard to sell or to sell for household consumption. She had learnt about the benefits of cassava cultivation methods and the best ways to dry their cassava chips to ensure their produce is clean and fetch a good price. With member farmers harvesting, chipping and storing their cassava chips to ensure they are clean and fetch a good price. Farm Africa has constructed silos where they can safely and hygienically store their produce ready for sale. And now they can safely store their cassava in the co-operative’s warehouse, where they can harvest double the amount of cassava from each tree since they used to. And by following the best cassava cultivation methods and the best ways to dry their cassava chips to ensure their produce is clean and fetch a good price. Thus the benefits of cassava cultivation methods and the best ways to dry their cassava chips to ensure their produce is clean and fetch a good price.

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With our partner Farm Africa, farmers have been given cuttings of the NASE14 cassava variety and best cassava cultivation methods. It still takes around one year to grow. So, whilst he is waiting for his first harvest, Zabulooni has been learning how to prepare his cassava for sale. With your gift of £32, you could help provide another farmer like Hamida with the training they need to turn pineapple into a prosperous future.

Zabulooni and his family, with the cuttings and training they need to grow pineapples for their families.

A gift of £60 could help provide another farmer like Sarah with cuttings for improved varieties of mangoes and the training they need to help their mango trees thrive.

27-year-old Sarah lives with her husband, Mwalu, and their son, Jonas, in Ngang’ang’s village. Like many other smallholder farmers in the area, the family have struggled. They used to grow mangoes for some time. But without any training, they produced small, poor-quality mangoes. The group meets every fortnight for training and members contribute 20 Kenyan shillings to a group fund at each meeting. The group fund allows members to borrow money to invest in new equipment for production.

When Kambua joined a pineapple farmers’ association in 2013, she was able to increase the area of land allocated to pineapples by a quarter of an acre to 3¼ acres. The group meets every fortnight for training and members contribute 20 Kenyan shillings to a group fund at each meeting. The group fund allows members to borrow money to invest in new equipment for production.

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Since joining the co-operative in 2012 and becoming a member of the honey producers’ group that forms part of it, Kulitu has learnt how to improve the quality of her honey. And since her income has grown she has been investing in additional hives, in 2013 Kulitu produced plenty of high-quality honey, but by using Farm Africa’s Fair Trade methodology, Kulitu earned a good income from forest resources like honey, whilst protecting the area from deforestation for future generations.

It all started when Kulitu, who lives on the edge of Bonga Forest in Ethiopia, was introduced to farming. She was able to educate her children and buy medicines, clothing and household essentials. But still she still sugars to sell her business further and has used some of her income to buy two Kenyan top-bar hives that will generate larger quantities of top-quality honey. Kulitu’s bold plans for the future include doubling the amount of honey she is producing and permanently transforming her family’s lives.

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Peter lives in Arri village, on the edge of Tanzania’s Nou Forest. Like countless other farmers living in the area, despite his hard work he rarely managed to harvest enough maize to provide for all his family’s needs. Unable to earn a living from his farmland, Peter was forced to take timber from the forest and carry it on his back to market, where he could sell it as firewood. It wasn’t the only way he could provide his children with the food and uniforms they need to attend school.

Peter was desperate to use his farmland to earn a good living, and had heard about farmers in other villages making a profit from potatoes. But, as he told the project team, he had never grown potatoes before – “I decided to plant Irish potatoes because I knew they would fetch a good price, however I couldn’t plant them before because I didn’t have the seeds.”

So when the opportunity arose to join a group of farmers in his village who were trialing potato farming, he seized it with both hands.

Farm Africa provided Peter and the other group members with a new variety of seed that can produce twice as many potatoes as the traditional type. Peter allocated a quarter of an acre of land to his potatoes, and was recently delighted to harvest 140kg. He is hoping to sell them at local village markets for around £22 per 50kg bag, and has already planned how he will spend the income: “The money from selling potatoes will be used to pay school costs for my children.”

Peter isn’t the only potato farmer in Arri village to have had a good harvest, and the whole group are keen to work together to sell their potatoes in bulk for an even better price. Farm Africa will be with them every step of the way, providing them with the skills they need to earn as much money as possible from their potatoes.

By giving just £60 today, you could help Farm Africa set up another co-operative where farmers like Kulitu can get training and support to build their enterprises. By going just £6 today, you could help provide another farmer like Peter with the seeds they need to start growing crops like potatoes on their land.
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