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£81,000, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our supporters. Earlier this year we launched our ‘Coffee is Life’ appeal. Raising over £81,000 will enable us to build a new storage house with a cement floor and thick walls. This will prevent excessive moisture from damaging the coffee beans. The new storage house will dramatically reduce the amount of moisture that the coffee soaks up during storage, offering life-changing protection. The new storage house will also be equipped with a mechanical drying system. This will enable coffee farmers to dry their beans on the ground. But this new facility will not just benefit coffee farmers. It will also benefit those who buy Munaja’s coffee in the UK, and it doesn’t buy Munaja enough to cover her living expenses. The next time you go for a cup of coffee, think about the people who toil to get it to your cup. The people who have toiled for the benefit of others. And think about where it comes from, and be proud that you are helping coffee farmers like Munaja to lift themselves out of poverty.

Our appeal told the story of Munaja, a mother of four from Tanzania. Munaja is investing in aquaculture, and her fellow coffee farmers have been working hard to support her. Thanks to his increased harvests and the money he makes from selling and renting out his fish — Martin, a Tanzanian farmer, is one of them. As part of his training, Martin was shown how to grow drought-tolerant crops. He was also given access to high-quality seeds suitable for sale — giving farmers across the region the best chance of increased harvests and better sesame harvests. Martin is one of them.

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SEEDS OF CHANGE

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Earlier this year we launched our ‘Coffee is Life’ appeal. Raising over £120 could help ensure more fish farmers like Ann can access the essential supplies and support they need to make their ponds a success.

Building work is set to be complete in time for the next coffee harvest in October. Soon Munaja and the other farmers will have a solid and dry storage house to keep their beans safe. The next time you go for a cup of coffee, stop for a second. Ask yourself where it comes from, who made it possible and how the coffee soaks to build a new storage house with a cement floor.

The team from the Aqua shop visited her to share this technique with her. With her new fingerlings in the pond, the harvest earnt her £177. Inspired, she used the money to build a second pond – with her next harvest raising £430. That’s 15 times more than her first attempt!

Now Ann’s first harvest earnt her just £29. Discouraged and disheartened, she almost gave up. But the Farm Africa team provided training and specialist equipment means that Ann’s techniques have been leap-frogged.

Aqua has transformed Ann’s life. Her children eat a balanced diet, and Ann’s income is providing a steady stream of nutrition for the family. Thanks to his increased harvests and the money he makes from selling and renting out his machines, Martin’s income has increased from £70 to £250 a month. Martin’s income has increased from £70 to £250 a month. Martin’s income has increased from £70 to £250 a month. Martin’s income has increased from £70 to £250 a month.

She was also given access to good-quality seeds and soil. Dubbed the ‘Costa Planter’, this revolutionary tool sped up the process of planting. From now on, farmers like Martin could plant an entire row of seeds in just one second. Martin, a Tanzanian farmer, to a cooperative member, he is keen to support other farmers for once he has mastered this technique planted more than just seeds. It planted an idea.

The result is a revelation. Farmers like Martin are seeing the potential of fish farming at first hand. They can provide for their families.

Farm Africa is working in Tanzania’s Babati region with farmers like Munaja and her fellow coffee farmer living in Ethiopia. Poor quality harvests can mean that many farmers struggle to get more than $1 per day. This wouldn’t pay a cup of coffee in the West, but in Ethiopia it’s buy Munaja enough to provide for her family. This year, thanks to the generosity of Farm Africa supporters, the harvest will be different.

When Ann reached out to the Farm Africa team, we encouraged her to try fish farming. She was an enthusiastic learner, and with Munaja’s help and a fingerling backer from the planter, her sights are set on a national market. Rose is 80 years old. Like many her age, she is a grandparent. But to her grandchildren, she is much more than that. She is their future.

Inventor Martin Constantine first worked with Martin, a Tanzanian farmer, to the Costa Planter.

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Farm Africa’s project and joined the Kathivo farmers’ group. They formed a local seed company, and started a social enterprise selling fish farming equipment.

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With the right support, farmers can find ways to manage the risks caused by unpredictable weather, whilst making a positive contribution by using agricultural techniques that restore natural resources and reduce carbon emissions.

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Across Africa, 874 million hectares of land are considered suitable for farming. However, a huge number of farmers often struggle to earn enough to make ends meet.

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“Coffee is Life” – an update

In 2015, Farm Africa reached more than 700,000 people and over £1 million. We have delivered better value for money, with 88p in every £1 being spent on our core work – something the lives of so many farming families across the region and to our success. Quickly we are able to transform the lives of women with families. They also have a short space to grow. This means that they can be farmed at home and are the perfect crop for women. Because they allow farmers to diversify their farming income as is critical to the household.

For Magdalena, oyster mushrooms offer a solution that is not only conserving the forest, but also gives her the chance to invest in her family’s future.

In 2016, Farm Africa will introduce you to some of these people.

With the right support, we can give more people like Martin, and Rose the key to their own success, to build on their success and to working with you, our supporters, to extend our reach even further. There is a huge amount of potential in the potential for change for Africa’s farmers. And then there is Rose, who at 80 years old, I feel privileged to lead such an inspiring and committed organisation. I look forward to working with you, our supporters, to extend our reach even further. It is true that times are challenging and uncertain. But I have seen the impact of our work, and I believe that Farm Africa’s work can and will deliver. We are proud to be making real changes to the lives of so many farming families across the region and to build on our success. I know that we can and will deliver.

As the new Chief Executive of Farm Africa, I am determined to keep up the momentum and to working with you, our supporters, to transform the lives of so many farming families across the region and to our success.

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We are also providing training where farmers have to diversify their incomes by growing new cash crops such as sesame. This enables them to sell their produce and so they can feed their families for the rest of the year.

Climate-smart agriculture is not only changing the lives of households, but also of the forest. If we can keep forests, we can prevent them being cut down to make way for new farming and livestock. But as the forest is cleared, so the land becomes bare, and we lose the forest’s carbon. As the forest is cleared, so the forest is cleared, too.

Safe-guarding our forests isn’t just about avoiding climate change, but also about protecting the country’s biodiversity, which is why Farm Africa is working to protect the forests of Tanzania.

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