

## From Lawyer to Vegetable farmer



*George Lukakamwa at his vegetable farm in Mayuge District.*

While men of his age are in Courts of Law defending cases, 45-year-old George is farming in Mayuge District in Eastern Uganda and has become an inspiration for youth shying away from agriculture. George, who is into vegetable cultivation for the last 2 years, has made farming a lucrative affair and is reaping a profits.

George graduated in Bachelors of Law in United Kingdom and on return to Uganda, he decided to make good use of almost a square mile of family land that was idle thus creating the Mukobe Mixed Farm.

He previously cultivated annual and perennial crops but had never ventured into vegetables until he attended a Training of Trainers (ToT) organized by the ISSD Project that was held in Mukono District.



After the training he bought superior variety seeds of Cabbage Gloria FI which he first planted a half an acre of cabbage and earned over 1 Million Shillings. The next season he planted on over 3 acres of land and earned over 6 million shillings. George uses the farm land near the lake to cultivate vegetables for easy irrigation access

“when I tried farming, it was lucrative and I decided not to proceed with practicing law. It gives me motivation when I see the youth and women at the farm engaging in the good

agronomic practices and yielding profits” says 45-year-old George.

George faced a challenge of marketing his harvest but currently the buyers access his farm and harvest after paying.

As part of his sustainability effort, he trains over 10 youth and women who work on his farm and have now planted their own vegetables as a result of the hands-on inspiration of working on his farm.



George is one of the primary beneficiaries from the Training of Trainers services in Vegetable farming through the ISSD-Plus Project’ vegetable component that promotes the use of high yielding and pest resistance Dutch variety seeds. ISSD-Plus Project is implemented by Wageningen University Research (WUR) Centre for Development Innovation (CDI) and is funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Uganda.

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