

I bought cows from Quality Declared Seed Business



Takia Nuwagaba (43 years) with her cows

Takia Nuwagaba is the Chairperson of Kalyamenvu Farmers group comprised of 22 members under Kyazanga Cooperative Local Seed Business (LSB) supported by the Integrated Seed Sector Development project.

On arrival at her homestead, we find Takia arriving from the garden with a heap of beans harvest - NARO bean 2 variety whilst her compound is filled with beans drying on tarpaulins.

“A group of middle men are always attracted by the drying beans in the compound and offer to buy my beans but I cannot sell my seed because I have a contract and ready market with Kyazanga Cooperative LSB. Kyazanga offers me better price and collective bulking services for me and the members of Kalyamenvu Farmer Group” notes a smiling Takia Nuwagaba.



Takia Further adds; “My allegiance is with the LSB because I have benefited so much such as:- loans to pay school fees for my children currently in A-Level and University, I have bought a plot of land

measuring 25ft by 100ft, I have renovated inside of my house and furnished it with sofa sets, I have bought solar that lights my home every night and charges phones for community members at a fee of 1,000 Ushs per phone per day, I have also bought sand and cement awaiting to renovate the outside of my house but above all; I have bought 2 cows which have reproduced four others ”.



Farmers such as Takia are empowered to improve household income in order to create resilience through ISSD-Plus project that aims at increasing smallholder farmers’ use of Quality Seed Declared seed (QDS) and influencing their communities towards willingness and ability to use it to enhance production and productivity.

“My life has changed financially, my social status is recognized at the County level and as a result am always called upon to inspire young women farmers through farming motivation talks. In short, QDS business is a blessing”. Takia says.

Through the funding from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Uganda, the ISSD-Plus Project implemented by Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation (CDI) contributes to increased income, improved household food and nutrition security; through access and use of quality seed of smallholder farmer households especially for women and youth in Uganda.

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