

RIWA Farmers SHG, Homa Bay County (Project Intervention: 2016-2017)

I joined the group in late 2017. I was doing vegetable farming but the yields were extremely low and marketing was a problem as I would produce without knowing exactly where to sell. I could toil in the farm whole season with no tangible outcome.

My living quarters were poor, meals few & substandard with difficulties in paying school fees for my children. In short-" I looked like poverty". I later saw members of this group earning good income from farming hence decided to join.

I started attending the trainings conducted by the area agriculture staff. I seriously took the training advice and put them into practice, mainly, market survey, crop selection, supplementing soil nutrients by fertilizer, pest & disease control, post harvest handling & record keeping. I later learnt that the staff had been using an extension methodology called the SHEP Approach.

My income improved to an average of over Kshs 113,000/= from a paltry 10,000/=.

I improved my living house, diversified to other business-fish selling and bought a motor cycle to transport my produce & fish to market. This has also employed my son.

I saw poverty leave my life. Glory to God for the knowledge.



Ms. Monica's old house



Ms. Monica's newly built house



--- Ms. Monica Odhiambo, Member

The lady farmer had the resources necessary to get her breakthrough but a veil blocked her vision. By seeing a model group practicing, the opaque veil was cleared off her eyes and she was able to see and achieve her vision. Knowledge is power.

--Mr. Omijah, SCAO, Rachuonyo North Sub County

