

# Update for Corteva

August 2020



Progress so far:

11 projects identified

5 fully implemented

3 partially implemented

3 delayed due to COVID or lack of funds

# 1. Expanding farmer training and loan scheme

- Trained 372 farmers in better agriculture
- 206 farmers to get loans in September



## 2. Greenhouse Construction

- Built 2 16m x 30m polytunnels with tanks and irrigation
- Tomatoes harvested end of October



# 3. Expanded Welding Workshop

- Purchased machinery and raw materials
- Employed 2 more staff
- Enabled us to construct infrastructure for electricity installation



## 4. Expanded microfinance scheme

- Additional 402 women & men trained & given loans
- Additional 290 businesses started



## 5. Constructing irrigation scheme

- This will irrigate 10 acres via 5 small ponds filled by pipes from bore hole via tank.
- Borehole dug and tanks in place, awaiting government certificates.



## 6. Constructing Fish Pond

- Additional pond at MVG site
- Capacity of 10,000 big fish,
- Will bring in income and improve nutrition.
- Completion October 2020



## 7. Planting 200,000 trees in 6 villages

- Villages identified
- Environmental champions recruited and trained
- Seedlings grown in nursery



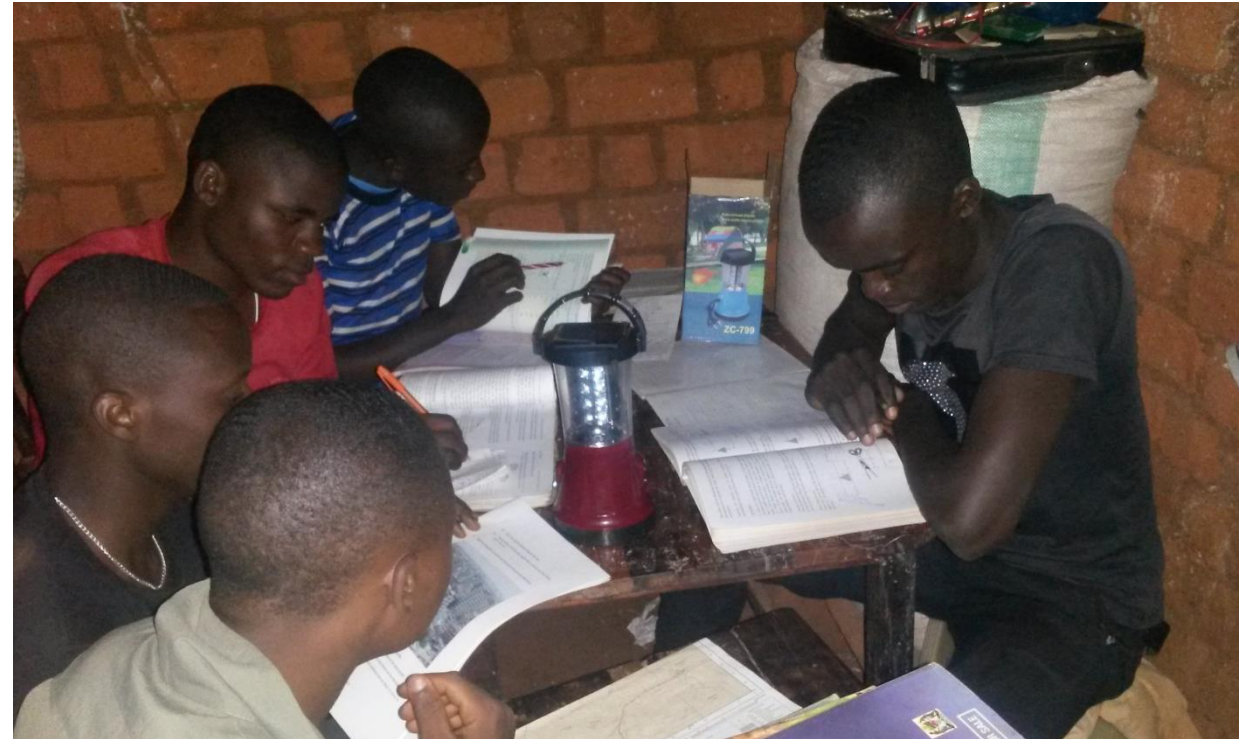
## 8. Bought vehicle

- First ever vehicle purchased, enabling transport of produce and equipment.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> hand pickup transported from Dar.
- Benedicto learnt to drive and got licence.



# 9. School vegetable gardens

- Sites and champion teachers identified in 3 schools
- Delayed by COVID closure of schools until end June, and current extended timetable making clubs impossible.
- On hold until new school year in January 2021.



# 10. School kitchen

- Site identified to serve 2 schools and costings done.
- On hold until have government permission, after election.



# 11. Cold Storage

- Site identified to store tomatoes and other crops before transportation.
- Costings done and foundations built.
- On hold until have raised sufficient funds.



# Challenges

- COVID resulted in difficulties accessing materials and delayed all projects.
- Electricity has been connected but not yet switched on, delaying food processing operation.
- Election in October distracts government officials from other work.



# Next Steps

- Sep Farmers training and loans, setting up new accounting system, household survey.
- Oct Tomatoes from greenhouses harvested, election
- Nov Fish farm completed and trees planted



**Thank you for your support enabling us to start to transform our community!**

