

LOCAL POULTRY FARMING CHANGES AWALO'S OUTLOOK TO LIFE

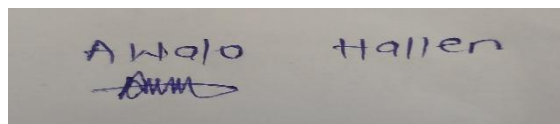
Awalo Hellen is a 58-year-old mother of 8 children from Omukura village-Gwetom parish-Lalle sub-county-Soroti District. Omukura is a village with more peasants and a few elites. Most of the people therefore eke a living from subsistence farming which most often leaves them predisposed to low income. Being a typical smallholder farmer, her major source of income was agriculture contributing to 85% with seasonal fishing contributing 15%.

At the onset of the “Community Empowerment Project”, Awalo had only 5 chicken; she was not housing them, she was neither giving them any supplementary feeding, treatment nor vaccination. Her home had no sanitary facilities; her agronomic practices were rudimentary and her home had no deliberate income generating activity.

She joined the group in her village and when the Community Empowerment Project trained them in local poultry rearing, WASH activities, village saving and lending association and smart climate agricultural practices, she became innovative. She set up a poultry house and followed up the other activities of maintaining poultry hygiene, providing supplementary feeding, vaccination and treatment.

“My chicken numbers increased from 5 to 98. With these, I am able to pay the fees of my last-born daughter and offset daily family demands like salt and health bills. I can earn income of Ugx15,000 to Ugx25,000 at any time of need. Also, my poultry earnings have relieved me from being exploited as laborer in people’s gardens for Ugx4000” said Awalo.

With this experience, I intend to expand my poultry production to the capacity of 380 to 400 local chicken. She encourages her fellow women to manage their families by being innovative and following training given by such organizations like TIP.

A photograph of a piece of paper with the name 'Awalo Hellen' handwritten in blue ink. Below the name is a stylized signature or scribble.



Awalo's flock after one year of project implementation



Awalo in front of her poultry house



Awalo Hallen washing her poultry drinker to prevent bacterial poultry diseases



Awalo giving supplementary feeds to her chicken



Awalo Hellen showing her flock of chicken to the TIP AHO during poultry disease surveillance



Awalo Hellen showing her son how to feed, water and keep poultry hygiene