

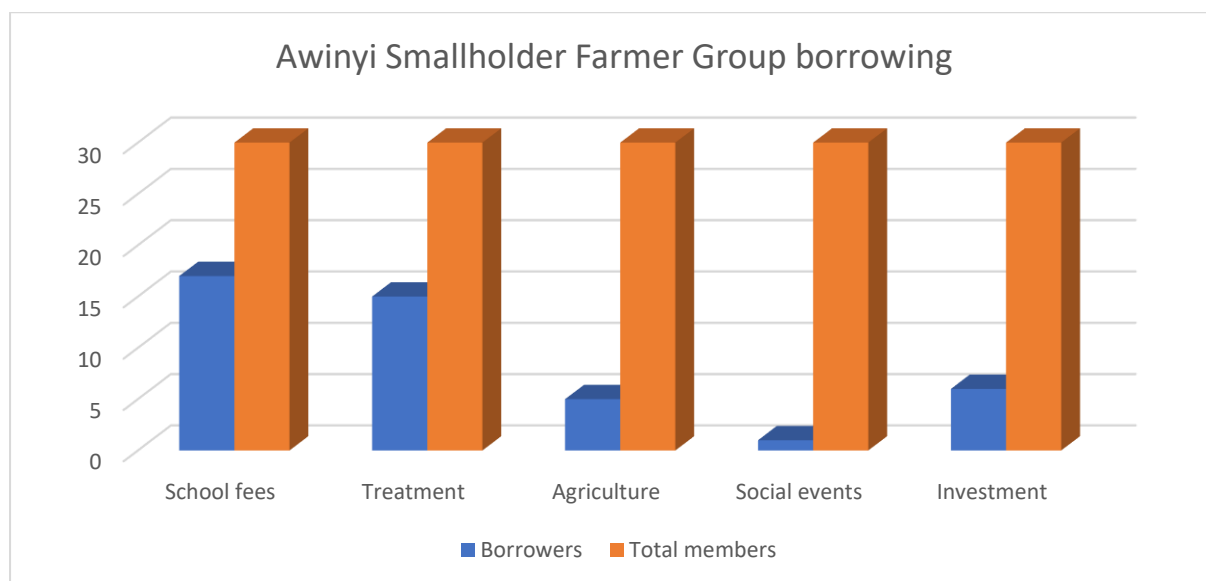
AWINYI SMALLHOLDERS' FARMER GROUP VSLA

Awinyi Smallholder Farmers Group is a six-year-old group found in Kamuda sub-county in Soroti District; having been stated in 2019. As of August 2024, the group had 30 members i.e. 20 women and 10 men. The group was started to promote the adoption of climate smart agricultural practices, local poultry rearing, saving and borrowing. The group has a leadership structure with an executive committee and various persons designated, trained and equipped by the "Community Empowerment Project" (CEP) with training manuals to oversee the adoption of appropriate agriculture, poultry, VSLA, water, hygiene and sanitation practices.

The Poultry agent reported of how his members are keenly vaccinating their chicken which saw the numbers increase from 45 to 812 in three vaccination cycles in 2024. The WASH agent also reported of how the group members have improved their sanitation status from 15 complete latrines to 20.

The group has adopted agronomic practices of intercropping, cover cropping, line planting, crop rotation, tree planting and use of organic pesticides. All the members have kitchen gardens.

The group started a savings cycle in August 2023 and completed it in September 2024 with the total savings of Ugx8,070,000. This was their third savings cycle which saw them increase the stamp fee from Ugx2,000 to Ugx3,000 and Ugx5,000 respectively. All the members borrowed and paid back such that the sharing during the end of the third cycle was Ugx14,137,500. The members variously borrowed money to handle household demands shown below: One of such a member is Awada Simon who has benefited from borrowing and savings found in the success stories.



In cycle 4, the group has

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The above story of change was compiled by Mr. Odeke Michael (Tel. 0772488001), the Director of Teso Initiative for Peace following an interview with the group on 2nd September, 2024