

Success Story writing template

- 1) **Contact details of person gathering info** in case they need to provide further information.

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- 2) **Contact details of story subject** where appropriate, in case we need further information or involvement.

Name	Enamu James
Age	55 years
Village, location	Ongoratok Village, Olio parish, Kamuda Subcounty, Soroti District.
Professions	Farmer

- 3) **Date** of Interview: 12|9|2025

- 4) **Title:** A compelling title that captures the essence of the story.

“Empowering a local community leader: a journey from rudimentary agriculture to self-reliance farming.

- 5) **Introduction:** Briefly introduce the main character(s)/the subject and provide context.

Mr. Enamu James is a 55-year-old man living with his wife and six children. He is a member of the local community security council of Ongoratok village, Olio Parish, Kamuda subcounty Soroti District. Enamu James struggled to pay the school fees of his children, maintain the food that could take him and the family from January to December. His chicken could die during dry season leaving him with limited income to meet the basic needs. Mr. Enamu James testified that “he had no training in site selection, seed selection, spacing of crops, planting depths, control of pests and diseases, weeding, timing of harvesting operations, post-harvest handling, poultry management and saving in VSLA. With limited hope, he was living in poor conditions of malnutrition, poverty till 2023 when he linked up with the Commniy Empowerment Project when Teso Initiative for Peace was enlisting groups.

- 6) **Challenge/Problem:** Describe the specific issue or problem that the character(s) encountered.

Mr. Enamu James had poor agronomic practices like management of pests and diseases, poor spacing and therefore low agricultural yields, death of chicken as the dry season approached, he was often susceptible to human diseases like diarrhea and his children were nt frequent at school. This was compounded by limited income since he had no income generating activity to supplement the meagre resources from poultry and agriculture.

- 7) **Solution/approach:** Explain the intervention or approach/solution provided by your organization.

Teso Initiative for Peace through the Community Empowerment Project supported by Suyana provided Agroecological, Kitchen Gardening, Safe nutrition, Farmland use planning, Postharvest Handling, Poultry management and collective marketing training and Community Led Total Sanitation. The organization also provided agro-inputs like maize, cow peas, Beans, eggplants, tree seedlings, striker chemicals and hermetic storage bags which enabled Enamu James to establish kitchen gardens and other gardens too. The setting of VSLA models and encouragement of business was a turning point to very many aspects of his family life.

- 8) **Impact:** Highlight the positive outcomes and changes resulting from the intervention.

The knowledge in agro-ecological training enabled Mr. Enamu James to increase the yield of his maize where he harvested 13 bags @100 kgs in 2024; he sold part of the maize and earned UGX480,000; while he used the other part for home consumption. He used the earning to buy 6 iron sheets to roof his shop and repair a grinding mill. During the first season 2025, he harvested 9 bags of maize which he used for food and plans to sell the surplus. His eggplant did well and he harvested it for home consumption. In 2024, he got UGX480,000 which he used for stocking the shop. At the time of compiling the story, Mr. Enamu James had an acre of maize, an acre of cowpeas and 100 chicken. He plans to hire more land to expand his farm and shop.

- 9) **Quotes and Testimonials:** Include quotes from those directly affected.

“Teso Initiative for Peace has really helped us. If you follow TIPs training and guidance you will never go wrong”.

- 10) **Multimedia Elements:** share 5 best pictures for this story separately via email attachment or We Transfer. Indicate the name of the person, the name of the community, the kind of activity seen on the photo(s) either as the title of the photo or in the space below.



Mr. Enamu James happily shows his bags of maize



Mr. Enamu demonstrates addition of organic fertilizer.

11) **Consent:** have you received consent to you use information and photos from subjects?

☐ Yes ☒ No

ENAMU JAMES

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