



ECONOMY & LIVELIHOODS



DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 8

At 30, Lucy is a mother of seven children: four of her own and three she adopted following the death of her brother. "Life was hard, my children could not go to school because I could not pay the school-fees. I heard about Five Talents' Savings Group from my neighbour. He told me about the benefits of saving. So I joined."

Lucy's husband is much older than her and does not earn much - she is essentially the sole breadwinner. Following six-months of saving and learning, Lucy was able to borrow a loan and buy a cow and some ducks. "The main benefit of the group is the training. I know how to look after my cow and earn money from her." Lucy sells the milk from the cow and can earn up to 30,000TzS per week (the equivalent of just under £10 - a huge amount in local terms!) Her ducks are yet to yield any profit as they are too young, but she knows they are a good investment.

"I am now saving for my children's school fees for next year."

Joining a Five Talents' Savings Group has restored dignity and hope to Lucy's household as she is now able to provide for their needs. Her children are able to go to school and are not forced, like many children living in poverty, to stay at home to do household chores, be engaged in child labour or forced into early child marriage. Savings Groups further provide a platform for these issues to be discussed and addressed."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS OUR PROGRAMMES

170,313

jobs created through
our programmes

1.5 jobs

created on average for each
business we help develop

204,789

total loans taken by our members

Figures are accurate from April 2020.