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Traditional gender roles limit and prevent women from accessing their right to education, land and employment. In the regions where Five Talents works, this is further reflected in the prevalence of practices such as FGC (Female Genital Cutting), GBV (Gender-Based Violence) and ECM (Early child marriage.) Five Talents work with both men and women and is changing this narrative.

Peter lives in Burundi. His story is of transformation. “My wife wanted to join a Group to learn literacy. I said why at this age and told her if she went she couldn’t come back. But she went and came back anyway. I sent her away and she stayed with neighbours who told me to let her join. I kept saying no. I was worried the Group would take our land. She joined a Savings Group anyway and worked for other people in the community to make money to save.

After a while, she took a loan and started to sell vegetables to repay the loan. That’s when I got interested and I asked to join too as I saw the benefits. Now we save together. Because of this, we now have a cow so we have manure for our land. We can now grow maize and soya. We can afford to send our children to school.”

Through Five Talents, Peter has learnt the value of saving, marital collaboration and education (for both his wife and children). Peter’s wife has further been given a voice in family decision-making, a right that is often denied to women in Burundi and across many of the countries Five Talents works in.

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WHAT’S HAPPENING ACROSS OUR PROGRAMMES

84%

of female members in Kenya reported positive changes in household relationships.

83%

of groups in Burundi have engaged in discussions and advocated to reduce the incidence of Gender-based violence and child marriage.

1,382

women Group leaders emerged across 3 years in Burundi

Figures are accurate from April 2020.