

Voices OF HOPE

Uganda

In Uganda's Masaka district, a groundbreaking farming initiative led by Alongside Hope partner St. Jude Family Projects has brought about profound positive change in the lives of local families.

Through training and support, farmers are learning innovative, eco-friendly techniques such as using natural fertilizers and cultivating diverse crops. This expertise has equipped them to significantly boost their banana yields, increasing production from 80 to 150 bunches per acre. Families have gained the skills to store grains and legumes for extended periods, ensuring a reliable food supply throughout the year.

The project also introduced energy-saving stoves, which reduced firewood consumption and helped minimize environmental degradation. Most remarkably, the initiative empowered families to increase their average monthly incomes from less than \$30 to a life-changing \$150. This substantial rise in income has opened doors to new opportunities, equipping families to invest in education, healthcare, and economic development, ultimately breaking the cycle of poverty and building a brighter future.



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