



Projects in Development

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Growing Gifts: Ilambilole and Bomalang'ombe Villages, Iringa Province

Repair broken food value chain and double an entire community's income forever!



Impact: Works on solving broken food chains while expecting to nearly double the income of over 1000 poor farm families with a population exceeding 6000. Provides a model for addressing the broken food value chain and reduce the problem of hunger.

Objectives: Part of the "Growing Gifts" program that seeks to create permanent change in a third world village through economic development. The effort is built around a five year plan conceived by villagers themselves that includes establishing a cooperative, contract farming and aggregating farm production (maize,

millet, sunflower oil and eventually pork.) The plan addresses a key broken link in the food value chain to connect farm production from villages into the food value chain.

Investment: To provide an investment in a grain and potato warehouses and related equipment (solar power, fans, engine driven grain loaders, maize sheller, scale) for both maize and millet, provide a filter for sunflower oil, and operational capital to get purchase about 20% of the harvest. Investment required about \$325,000 each, including about \$75,000 in Cheetah support expenses. We expect about a 2 year investment recovery.

DIRECTLY CHANGES THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 20,000 PEOPLE.

Assistance Sought: Sponsor a family's share in the cooperative for \$325 (1000 shares needed).

Other: Part of an effort that also establishes other investment and opportunities in the village, including microfinance, biogas, opportunities for women, sustainable healthcare and needed small businesses.



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