



Medhina Dit Destin Jean Mestène

Attends Our Lady of Assumption Church

Has 6 children

Has been in the Agriculture Program for 1 and a half years

Before learning about how to grow other crops, he grew only rice and beans on his farm. Now he has added peppers and cabbage.

Now he has enough good results that he is able to pay for tuition as well as for medical care.

Question for Medhina

How does the program help you? Answer: The program helps me very much because I find a lot of accompaniment where I receive a lot of trainings and it is thanks to the trainings I was received I can realize those nurseries where I planted peppers.

Before receiving the trainings in the Ag program, what did you plant? Answer: Before the trainings from the agriculture program, I used to plant only corn and beans.

What did you plant after the training? Answer: After the trainings, I plant peppers and cabbage.

When you sell your product in the market, does that allow you to earn some money? Answer: When I sell my products in the market, I earn some money.

You are in the Ag program, how does that help you to support your family? Answer: The program helps to support my family. There are some products when we need them we don't have to go to the market to buy them and with the money I can pay tuition for my kids, when they are sick I take care of them I send them to hospital. As I have said earlier, the food is in the top position, there are some things I don't have to buy in the market. For example if I have to yam, I don't have to buy yam in the market, if I have cabbage, I don't have to buy cabbage in the market, if I have spinach, I don't have to buy spinach in the market, I have peppers, I don't have to buy it in the market.

What do you like in the Ag Program you belong too? Answer: What I love in the agriculture program that I belong to is that when I am making gardens, I am using some other techniques in comparison of how I used to do them before. It is from the trainings I received the techniques that allow me to move to another form.

What is important to be improved? Answer: What I would like to see improved in the program is that some time we have a lack of seeds, we would like to have more seeds that will allow us to plant more. If we used to plant one garden, we can plant more.

How do you see yourself in comparison with before? Answer: If I have to evaluate myself, in comparison with before, I can say I am more successful. for example, I didn't know when a banana tree bears, after the last paw we must cut the tail. I didn't know that. Once you cut it, the bananas will be bigger.

Thanks to the program that SMM implemented in the parish, how do you see the community of OLA? The Our Lady of Assumption community is more alive. that is to say the folks are more active. There are a lot of people who didn't come to church who come now, frankly we must congratulate that. And there are a lot of activities too. There are many groups and each group is doing an activity. it is very interesting.

Do you have a special word for SMM parish? Answer: I am thanking the SMM community that is helping the parish to move ahead because with SMM we are in the education domain, agriculture. We are thanking SMM too we would like them to continue coming because they must see with their two eyes how the parish in moving ahead.

Thank you!