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I have four kids.

Women's Empowerment Bank

### **Interview with Lucene Dorestant**

**How does the Women's Empowerment Bank help you? Answer:** They gave us the money since October. I started paying in January. It helps me. I took the principal, I go to buy stuff and when I come back. I sell and the profit I got I can share it: I increase my business and if I can buy for example a chicken, I buy it. If my business goes down, I can sell the chicken to increase my business again..

**Did you have a business before getting into the program? Is it the same business that you had before? Answer:** Yes I had a business before getting into the program. Yes it is the same. But I buy more stuff to increase it.

**Those products you're selling you went to buy them, where did you go to buy them? Answer:** I went to buy them in Leogane. And I come back to sell in the community.

**How are things for you? How does that work for you? Answer:** Yes, that works good for me. Even though there isn't enough activities, but you know when things are good it is good. When things are not good, their goods are not sold as fast.

**The fact that you're part in one of the program of Saint Margaret Mary, does that help you to take very good care of your family? Answer:** Yes, I take very good care of my family. The kids, they go to school, they eat well. If they have a problem I can go to the health center to take care of them.

**What is good in the Women's Bank? Answer:** Because if you're in the program nobody will know your affairs. If you're hungry, you are able to eat something; if you're thirsty, you will drink water; if your clothes are dirty, you will be able to wash them. Your neighbors won't know when you're hungry.

**Why would you like to be done in it so that the program can be improved? Answer:** So, if what you buy is low, if they could increase what they had given to you, it will be better for you. You will have more credit and you will be able to buy more stuff.

**Compared to your business, do you feel that you get success in it? Answer:** Yes I'm successful in it.

**What plan have you done to get the most success? Answer:** I may go to buy, when I come back if I have bought for 5000, when I come back if I sell for 6000s, I can take out 250 gouds and save them and if each time I put 250 in place, after, if I can buy a goat with the money I will buy goat with it.

**How do you see the community now? Answer:** The community is better than it was before because there are people that you used to see in the street you just had a little simple greetings with them but now when we are in the program we can sit together and share ideas together.

**How can you help the community? Answer:** If somebody needs something and does not have the full amount; I can sell at a deficit. If he/she find it here, it is better for him or her so they will not lose a leg or an eye traveling to another place.

**If there is something you would like to say to SMM community, those who allow you to get the money to do the business what would you say to them? Answer:** I would just say to them thanks a million and be encouraged with the program. I'm going to pray so that God can put in their hands to help those who cannot.