

**Program 62: HOW ARE FAMILIES/COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER
USING RESOURCES AROUND THEM TO GROW THEIR INCOME AND SEND
THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL?**

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Welcome to our school, a program that talks about girl's education in South Sudan. In our program today we want to find out how families/communities are working together using resources around them to grow their income and send their children to school.

BBC 1:

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Why are some parents struggling for their children's education?

BBC 2:

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All these will come to you in our school program.

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Cue 1: (studio recording):

Welcome to our school:

My name is Florence Michael.

Some children stopped going to school because of poverty of the parents simply because they lack money to pay school fees, and buys other scholastic needs like school uniform, shoes and school bags. But is all what we can do is to sit and wait for miracles to happen? I think no. so how can families use resources around them to raise money for the education of their children?

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(Filed recording):

I am now in a garden and I am seeing people digging and also in the garden I am seeing a lot of things that are being planted. Ruba is one of the people in this place who is farming.

Q1; Ruba tell us, what are the things you planted in your garden?

A1: I am cultivating here and I am having okra, greens and also there is cassava, lemon, bananas.

Q2: Ruba, how do you think your farm work is helping your daughters in their education?

A2: the farming has really helped my daughters so much.in buying clothes, they need shoes, they need shocks, needs pads, needs school uniform, school fees, A lot of things that it really helped them.

Q3: we know that schools request for money after every three months, how does your farm make money to meet those terms?

A3: this farm will get for me that money and all these things can help me. How can it help me, with school fees, when you are also sick, and also with all my children these farm is the one that is helping me, If the garden is not there I don't have any work, I have not gone to school, the educated people can get a job but as for me I am not educated the garden is now my school, It is helping me so much with my children.

Q4: who gave you the idea to start digging?

A4: there is someone called Charles he is the one who gave me this idea. and also I captured these ideas because I have children if I don't help my children who will help them, there is no one.

Q5: Ruba, how did you get these place that you are now cultivating in it?

A5: ok this place I asked and I am also renting. Now I am renting two hectares and these two hectares I am renting at two thousand.

Q6: tell us, where do you get the seeds that you plant?

A6: these seeds I buy from the market; I buy the seeds at 50ssp in the small water bottle. and these seeds I planted and it came out many. The seeds came out two water bottles in the two bottles I planted again and it came out and I planted again it came out three from the three I planted again and I talk now I have five bottles that I planted in the two hectares.

Q7: what type of seeds did you buy in the bottles?

A7: it is the seeds of the okra that I bought them in the bottles and I bought a bottle at 50ssp.

Q8: I saw ladies finger in your garden, where do you get the seeds from?

A8: these seeds I bought them from the market and I bought them in kilogram. 1kgs is 30ssp and this one kg that I bought has planted a bit large portion.

Q9: when you plant these things like this, how long does it take for it to be harvested?

A9: for the ladies finger it takes three weeks then the fourth week it is going to the market; the okra takes three months then you take to the market. For the bananas and the lemons, it takes much time and the vegetables takes three weeks then you take to the market. These things are the ones that comes out quickly the ladies finger okra and vegetables.

Q10: if you take these things to the market, how much do you sell it?

A10: I sell them like this, if okra the sack sometimes the price goes up, sometimes it comes down. Sometimes I sell at four thousand and when the price comes down we sell at 2,500ssp, and for the bananas I sell at 1000ssp and sometimes its 700ssp, and the sack of lemon is at 5000ssp.

Q11: you said you take your things to the market in a sack, can you tell us what type of sack?

A11: these things I take to the market with the 50kgs sack. Okra I take with the 50kgs sack, and ladies finger also I take with the 50kgs sack.

Q12: Ruba tell me, what are the challenges you are facing in this work of yours of cultivation?

A12: this work is hard. This work sometimes when rain stopped you buy petrol. when you buy the petrol you do irrigation when you do the irrigation then the plants will come out well and it will not dry up when there is no rain. this work brings tiredness in the body and sometimes you find that sickness gets you,

Q13: Ruba, what do you do in dry season to ensure that your plants grow well?

A13: in the dry season I buy petrol and there is a river near me. if I buy the petrol then I will do irrigation so that my plants will grow

well. During the dry season it can help me. it will help with many things.

Q14: you said you buy petrol, how does this petrol help you?

A14: this petrol help me like this, it helps me in the generator. it pumps water from the river to the farm and it helps me in these plants not to dry up in times where there is no rain.it helps me in pumping water.

Q15: Ruba, you said you put petrol in the generator, is the generator yours or you are hiring?

A15: this generator I bought it long time I bought at the time when the money has not gone high I bought the generator at 1000ssp and it is mine.

Q16: what do you do to make sure that pests don't get your crops?

A16: these crops I see if it captures pests then I buy a medicine (pesticide) there is a medicine that we spray. We spray this medicine so that the pests will not get the okra and anything that is in the garden. this medicine is called Rocket.

Q17: How much do you buy this medicine?

A17: this medicine I buy at two thousand. this medicine you can spray it for four times.

Q18: you said you buy this medicine with two thousand and also you said you are renting this place for two thousand, will you get the money that you used for renting this place and also buying that medicine from the things you planted?

A18: I will get this money. If I get two sacks of okra, I know I have got money that will but the pesticide and also for renting this place.

Q19: and when your produce is ready, how do you get it to the market?

A19: when these things are out I hire a motorbike, boda boda is 100ssp up to the market. and if I give two sacks it takes 200ssp. when you sell in whole sale it can help. this money can help me a lot. I sell in wholesale.

Q20: and if you get that money, how do you keep it to help in your children's education?

A20: this money I send it to the bank and when I send it to the bank, I know it can stay. There is nothing that will happen to this money. If I want, I can go and withdraw and if I don't want it can stay.

Q21: how many children do you have that you are supporting with this work of farming?

A21: I have three children, but the two children are in Uganda one is here with me. And these children these farm work is the one helping them.

Q22: why do you believe so much in the education of your children in the rest of the competing demands like food, health and others?

A23: I want my children to study because I want them to stay good. anytime when I will not be there and if they study well then another time they will stay good. I put all my strength here so that my children will not get suffering also they should stay well. I have three children. even if this money is little I put my strength you see that your children should go to school. Even if the money is little it can help them. I put all my strength in cultivation because I want my children to go to school.

Thanks Ruba for sharing with us.

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But if I can get the land and don't have to capital to start a farm work like Ruba, what else can I do?

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Field recording:

I am now at the home of John, John is a parent who is curbing woods, and I am seeing different woods near him and also curbed remnants of woods in this place.

Q1: john what are these things you are doing?

A1: these are local seats ranging from seats for women, children and old men. So that they can help as seats for people at home. it helps the children in issues of their education, feeding and even their clothing's.

Q2: who gave you the idea that you should make these things?

A2: my elder brother, when I grew up I found that he is doing this work. I then copied from him and tried.

Q3: John tell me, where do you get the materials for making this local seats or the chairs?

A3: I get the woods from the bush or from the island that side of the river.

Q4: how will you know that this or that tree is good for making the chair?

A4: these things I saw when my brother was looking then I am also looking for the same type that my brother use to search for. Then I also cut them and use as my brother use to.

Q5: John we know that the forestry department don't allow deforestation, do you know that policy?

A5: I am not cutting big trees or important ones. if I get the big ones then I will cut the branches that are small then I will prune them then I use it. I don't cut big trees like the ones of the charcoal I don't cut.

Q6: If you make the chairs, where do you sell them?

A6: sometimes customers come to buy where I am making them. and if I get transport I can take to the market or to lologo.

Q7: how much do you sell each?

A7: the children's chair I sell at 350ssp, then the local seat for women I sell at 250ssp and the big chair for big people I sell at 650ssp.

Q8: John, tell me what are the challenges you are facing in this work?

A8: sometimes I will cut myself with the panga knife or I will hit myself with the harmer or I can cut myself in the leg. These are the things that affect me in my work.

Q9: why do you believe so much that your children should study?

A9: I did not go to school and I don't want my children to remain at home without education like me. The should study so that in future they will say that father is not educated but he educated us and also they will then educate their children. I will not accept that my child should be sent out of school. I will look for it.

Thanks so much John for sharing with us in our school program.

Closing ((STUDIO RECORDING))

This brings us to the end of our program today. We have been finding out what families are doing with resources around them to grow money to send their children to school.

We found out from Ruba who is farming to make sure that her children are staying well and also in school. She expressed that it is better to suffer now working in the farm so that her children prosper later in school. She is doing that by cultivating okra, ladies finger and which she takes for sale in the market and cash a good amount.

But other parents like John who can't hire a piece of land for cultivation like Ruba, are using their mind in make local wooden chairs which he sells in the market and get money for his children education.

How about you out there, what simple thing can you do to make money for the education of your children.

That all I have today in our school program. I'm Florence Michael

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