



Dining for Women

Village Enterprise Fund: 2007



Mpunguzi Café, Tanzania

This group of five women received business training and a \$100 USD grant from Village Enterprise Fund to rent a small 8x10 foot room in the village and start a restaurant. They purchased one low table, two benches and serving dishes as well as charcoal cook stoves. The women cook outside while the restaurant patrons sit at the table inside the rented space. The café is doing so well that after only a few months, the women have been able to expand and have leveraged their profits to buy two rows of grapes to cultivate. Grapes are a good cash crop in Tanzania and are exported to other East African countries. In addition to expanding the business, the women use the profits to improve their families' housing, nutrition and education. The income generated by women-owned businesses in East Africa is more likely to be used to improve the health, nutrition, and education of the children in the family.

These women are breaking the mold for the traditional roles of women in their village. Typically, the women tend to the family and household needs by collecting firewood, getting water, cooking, and keeping the home while the men work outside of the home herding cattle or farming. Just like many women in the US, the women running the Mpunguzi Cafe juggle their careers and home life. The women work at the café on a rotating schedule so that they are able to keep the restaurant open and complete their tasks at home. They also

cook their families' meals on the restaurant stoves and take the meals home to their families. The women report that their husbands are very supportive of their business venture and that it is providing a healthy competition to encourage other women in the village to start businesses outside the home and improve their lives and the lives of their families. This group is truly an inspiring model of success for women in their village.

Grant

Grant Number	Name	Country	Business Name	Business Type
14025	Bertha Samsoni	Tanzania	Faraja Group	Vegetables
14027	Bertha Mboina	Tanzania	Patano Sellers	Used Clothes
14028	Rabeca Simon	Tanzania	Upendo Group	Grilled Groundnuts
14029	Jeremia Petro	Tanzania	Neema Group	Clothes
14030	Agnesi Festo	Tanzania	Amani Group	Making and Selling Food
14078	Dorcas Mokeira	Kenya	Mochando	Bananas
14079	Martha Mwendu	Kenya	Ne Ngai Grocery	Cereals
14080	Christine Kanini	Kenya	Wakwitu Kiosk	Assorted vegetables
14081	Njambi Kariuki	Kenya	Wega Nyeni	Eggs, vegetables and fruit
14320	Everline Auma	Kenya	Mayambo	Mats
14321	Beatrice Odenyo	Kenya	Mbee-Khube	Sheep rearing
14322	Idah Onyango	Kenya	Mbula Siosi	Sorghum and maize
14325	Frida Akinyi	Kenya	Namutsekhwa	Catering services
14329	Lillian Oduori	Kenya	Welinde	Cereals
14330	Beatrice Anyango	Kenya	Wesakulile	Dressmaking
14331	Christine Agola	Kenya	Wetike	Pig rearing
14332	Beatrice Oduori	Kenya	Weyandike	Horticulture
14334	Faith Muthoni	Kenya	Bidii Mitumba	Selling Mitumba (second-handclothes)
14336	Emily Amadi	Kenya	Githeri & Mandazi	Githeri (beans & corn) & Mandazi (doughnuts)
14337	Pauline Wanjiru	Kenya	Gokeno Tailoring	Uniforms
14338	Alice Kioko	Kenya	Makaa Sellers	Charcoal
14339	Christine Nyaboke	Kenya	Mandazi kwa Wingi Mwangi	Mandazi (doughnuts)
14341	Everlyne Cheptoo	Kenya	Dressmaking	Clothes repair and sewing a few new ones
14342	Jane Imali	Kenya	Mweteithia Grocery	Cereals
14343	Purity Natto	Kenya	Merchadizen Tailors	Uniforms and clothes repair
14468	Netty Makokha	Kenya	Fanya Bidii	Selling second hand clothes
14471	Petronila Onyango	Kenya	Siakhaba Satiti	Producing tomatoes
14474	Judith Wesonga	Kenya	Sisimukha	Making and selling pots
14475	Pauline Wandera	Kenya	Namenya	Producing and selling kale/tomatoes
14476	Jerusa Masinde	Kenya	Wekhonye	Producing and selling piglets
14479	Truphena Busienei	Kenya	Mali mali	Buying and selling of household products
14480	Stellah Agesa	Kenya	Tumaini	Selling vegetables and tomatoes
14481	Margaret Boen	Kenya	Upendo	Buying and selling of fruits and vegetables
14482	Joyce Yego	Kenya	Lagam Tree Nursery	Reproducing tree nursery and selling the seedlings

14483	Grace	Atim	Uganda	Amuria Charcoal	Selling charcoal
14484	Teresa	Amulo	Uganda	Oomai Goats Ayabu Chicken	Selling goats
14485	Norah	Atalo	Uganda	Sellers	Selling chicken
14486	Christine	Akodo	Uganda	Ogorai Goats Project	Selling goats
14492	Florence	Anged	Uganda	Cell K produce Aitetenno	Selling farm produce
14528	Sarah	Apio	Uganda	enterprise	Selling tomatoes