



WITH ORANGE FLESHED SWEET POTATO, CRS AND PARTNERS ARE IMPROVING THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

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Introduction

Since its establishment in Rwanda in 1960, CRS has introduced and supported various initiatives aimed at improving food security and nutrition and reducing poverty among vulnerable Rwandans.



Introduction (cont'd)

To achieve its objectives, CRS uses integrated approach combining interventions related to:

- ✓ **Agriculture** (using Farmer Field School approach and Bio-intensive Agriculture system);
- ✓ **Nutrition and Sanitation** (using Positive Deviance Hearth approach);
- ✓ **And economic strengthening** (using Saving and Internal Lending Communities approach-SILC).

These combined interventions enable vulnerable people to have sustainable food security while increasing their resiliency to different shocks, including effects of HIV/AIDS, chronic malnutrition, poverty and other social challenges.

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Achievements

- Since 2008, CRS Rwanda has promoted OFSP through six different projects which supported 62,000 farmers.
- Currently CRS promotes OFSP in two districts (Karongi and Muhanga) through the project that provides support in reducing the stunting of children under two years, funded by the Dutch Government.
- In collaboration with MINAGRI/RAB Research Directorate, farmers are provided with seeds (vines) of OFSP.



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With partners, beneficiaries are educated through Village Nutrition Schools, a modified version of the PD/H approach, on how to prepare balanced diets using local foods, including OFSP rich in Vitamin A.



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Achievements (cont'd)

In collaboration with RAB, beneficiaries have been trained on processing technologies for incorporating OFSP into different products including **doughnuts, cake and biscuits.**



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Success stories

Fortunée Mukaberwa from Nyagatare district became a vendor of doughnuts processed from OFSP and generated income that allowed her to buy eight rice plots which produce 200 kilos of rice per harvest.

She has been paid 100,000 RwF by a local NGO to conduct a two-day food processing training for its volunteers.



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Chantal Bonane from Kamonyi district participated in food processing trainings in 2013. Putting these new skills to practice, she obtained a contract of 80,000 RwF per month with a mining corporation in her area to prepare tea breaks with OFSP doughnuts, soy milk tea and juice for its employees.

For a fee of 1,200 RwF per session, she provided food processing lessons upon request to interested members of her community.



Chantal providing training on OFSP processing to her neighbors



Conclusion

The promotion of OFSP in the community, in combination with bio-intensive agricultural support, nutrition education and economic strengthening interventions, has shown a positive effect on the living conditions of vulnerable populations in enhancing access to highly nutritious food and to the improvement of nutrition status.

Some beneficiaries have been able to increase household income from OFSP-processed products.



Thank you !

