



Summer Appeal 2021: Funding storage silos for food security

At least one third of all food harvested in Uganda is lost, to fungus, insects and rodents, before it gets to the people it's meant to feed. In Namalu, northeast Uganda, this loss can be the difference between a family having enough to eat or going hungry.

It is a very solvable problem.

By improving post-harvest handling and providing adequate storage more people can be fed, and hunger can be beaten.

There are other benefits. When farmers retain more of their harvest, they can boost their income to pay for healthcare and education. Averting food loss also means precious water supplies and soil nutrients are not wasted on uneaten food.



Silo construction



Namalu children

That's why in 2016 we partnered with a local Ugandan NGO called CIRIDE to set up a Waste Less Food project in Namalu, a village in one of Uganda's most impoverished regions.

The project currently trains small-scale farmer families and supports a 30-ton community store to ensure food security in the region.

But now we want to do more.

For this year's Summer Appeal, we are expanding the project to co-fund the purchase of 75 metal silos for around 50 small-scale farmers to store food at their own homes. The additional silos will store a total of 70 tons of grain.

The farmers have already committed to pay 20% of the cost of their silos and with your help FOAG will fund the remaining 80%.

Our target is to raise £10,000 and we thank you for any contribution you can make as we tackle hunger and poverty together.



Farming in Namalu

News of last year's Summer Appeal

Thank you to all of you who so generously supported our 2020 Summer Appeal with donations to promote Conservation Agriculture to increase food security both for subsistence farmers and Children's Centres.

Conservation Agriculture, Regenerative Agriculture, Evergreen Agriculture - all embodying an agro ecological approach to farming - continue to be in the headlines both here in the UK and of course in Uganda and neighbouring countries. The emphasis is on the health of the soil so that crops can be grown sustainably again.

Steady progress has been achieved in our two Grow More projects the last year under the management of Patrick Walusansa, the enthusiastic and knowledgeable agriculturalist who is working with the Children's Centres and EADEN under Godfrey Muhwezi. The Sisters at the Children's Centres continue to show enthusiasm for growing as much of their own maize and beans as possible. Sadly their endeavours have been marred both by Covid and by two droughty seasons. The crops are becoming sturdier and more resilient as CA techniques become established and fortunately FOAG has supported them with crop insurance payouts which have helped with their food bills.

At EADEN the demonstration plots are beginning to get established and the process of rolling the CA approaches out to local farmers both at EADEN and around the Centres is starting in earnest. This is the development of FOAG's Grow More project which we had hoped for and delighted it is now happening. Maybe next Summer's Appeal....!

To support their cash incomes and improve nutrition, keeping Kuroiler chickens is being trialled at Budaka, chillies for export are being grown in Tororo and vegetables for market are being grown at St Francis school in Soroti, managed by the indomitable Sister Winifred with start-up loans from FOAG. We so hope these succeed as they have huge potential for so many farmers.

We would be very pleased to do a zoom presentation to any groups which would like to see and learn more about FOAG's Conservation Agriculture projects so do get in touch if interested, by emailing Chrissy Bentley christiana@castlefruitfarm.co.uk or our Administrator Robin Dean at robin.dean@foag.org

Supporting our Summer Appeal couldn't be simpler

You can find FOAG's donation pages at <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20023984>. Then simply choose 'GIVE ONE-OFF' and the amount you would like to donate. 3% Commission is charged to FOAG by Stewardship.

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Please click the buttons to share your contact details so we can acknowledge your donation, otherwise the donation is "Anonymous".

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If you have any queries about the appeal, please feel free to contact Robin at the address above or by email to info@foag.org.

Thank you!

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