African Farmer Lawrence - My story
My Mum gave birth to 11 children…
5th position but first university grad
All the children followed different paths!
I went to University in 2003 with the desire to get a good job upon graduation
November 17, 2006, I dropped out of Classes to STOP over 30 million highly skilled criminals in Nigeria in 2020.
An Idea that worked in 2008: The Youth Farm Project

- Nigeria spends over $6 billion annually importing food it can conveniently grow
- 84 million Hectares of Arable land; 40% utilization
- Water: 279 Billion cubic meters of surface water. Untapped irrigation potential with 3 of the 8 major rivers in Africa

I SAW A BIG OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE THE OVER 30 MILLION POTENTIAL CRIMINALS!
THE YOUTH FARM

...GIVING YOUTH RESPONSIBLE & MEANINGFUL WORK.
In 2012, we renamed the project
We are a platform of organic farmers. We are a network of producers and rural entrepreneurs.
got a Great Team

Currently over 20 staff on our payroll
The Model

Rural Women Enterprise  Organic Farm/Agro-forestry project  Cooperatives + Rural Micro Credit  Processing

With over 5000 beneficiaries
ORGANIC FARM TRAINING/START-UP

100-200 new & existing farmers yearly

Alhaja on her Seedling Farm
Dry Season farming...
Farmers learning how to use basic Weeding tool
Training session on the farm
Two Polish filmmakers were on our farm..
We set up several Cooperative Agribusinesses
RURAL WOMEN ENTERPRISE & COOPERATIVES

- 20 Cooperatives in over 10 Communities
- Over 500 members with micro businesses & micro loan from Springboard

Lawrence addressing rural coop set up by Springboard at Temidire Village
Revolutionizing beans production in South West
We also have a rural school for Farmers’ children to have brighter future
PROCESSING

We convert the Plantain grown by our farmers into Chips
Introduced Rural Banking to our communities
Replicated our programs in 5 additional States in the country.
Initiated the Farm To School project
In the last 3 years, we have received guests from over 5 countries including the US Embassy visiting us more than 3 times.
Matt in Africa: a book written in honour of Springboard by a Polish author to inspire children all over the world to make a change.
Do you have a dream pending? What are you waiting for?
THANK YOU!