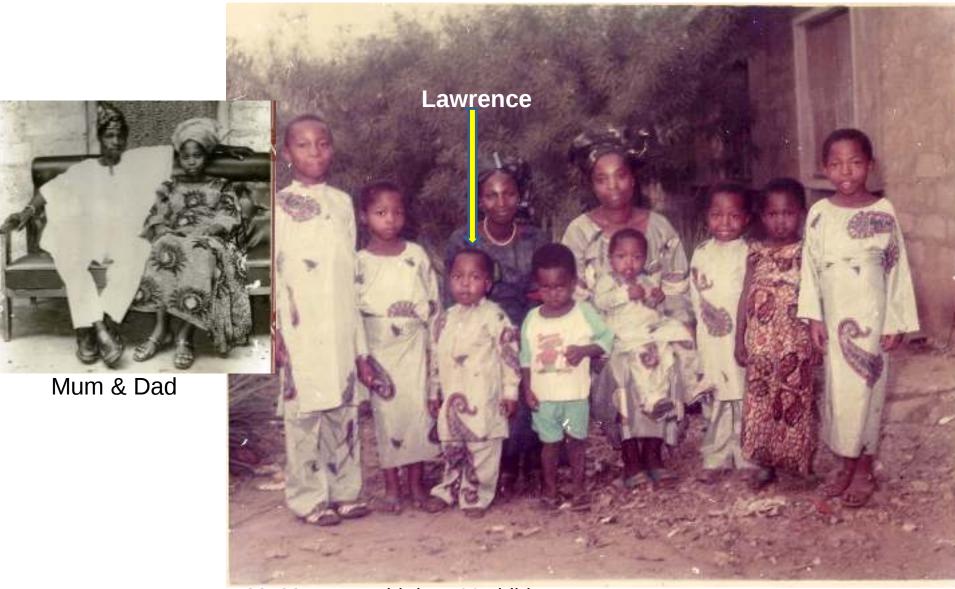
## African Farmer Lawrence - My story





My Mum gave birth to 11 children...

5<sup>th</sup> position but first university grad

All the children followed dfft paths!

I went to University in 2003 with the desire to get a good job upon graduation



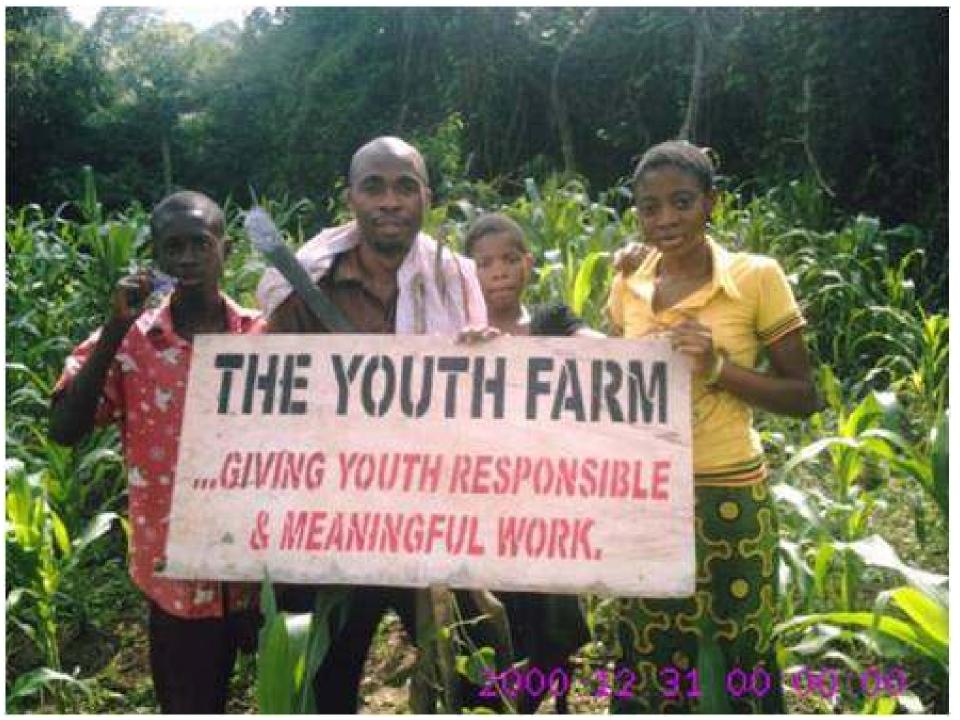
November 17, 2006, I dropped out of Classes to **STOP** over 30 million highly skilled criminals in Nigeria in 2020

### An Idea that worked in 2008: The Youth Farm Project

- Nigeria spends over \$6billion annually importing food it can conveniently grow
- 84million 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







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



### Model



Rural Women Enterprise



Organic Farm/ C 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



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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



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

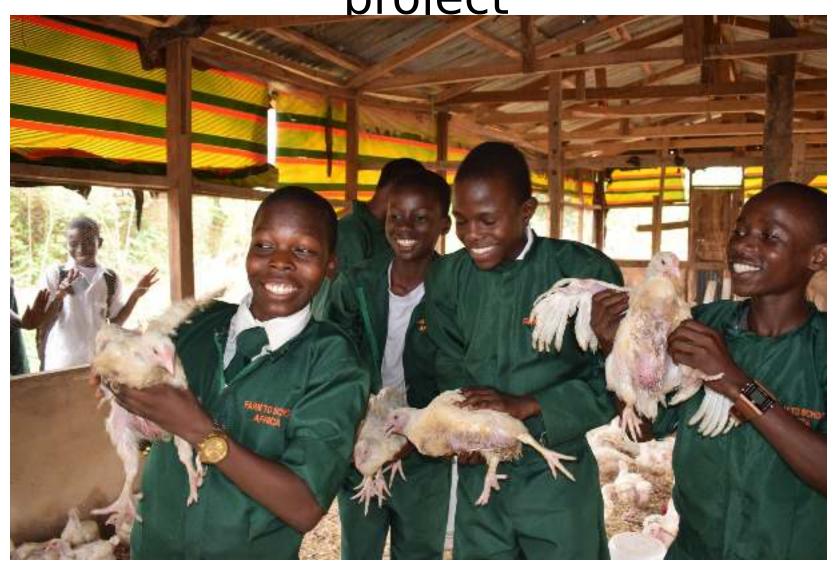




Replicated our programs in 5 additional States in the country



Initiated the Farm To School project







In the last 3 years, we have received guests from over 5 countries including the US Embassy visiting



**Current US Ambassador to Nigeria** 

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!