

African Farmer Lawrence - My story





Mum & Dad



Lawrence

My Mum gave birth to 11 children...

5th 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



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





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In 2012, we renamed the project

Springboard

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 Springboard

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*



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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 fro



*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



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!