

Regenerative Farming for Refugee Communities in Uganda

Implementing sustainable food systems for improved food security, nutrition, climate adaptation and economic resilience for displaced persons.



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WHO WE CARE ABOUT



Meet Butimiriza aka RIZA



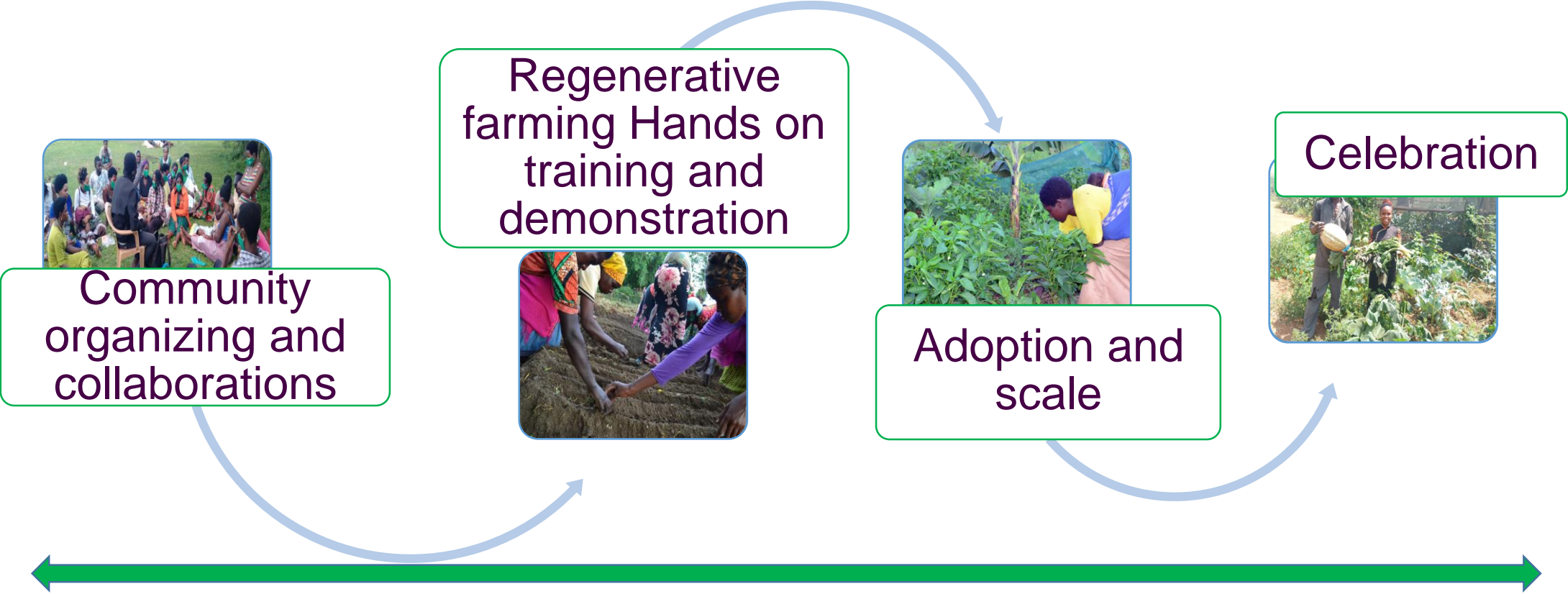
- ❑ Riza walked for over 200 Kms escaping war in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- ❑ She saw her husband and elder son massacred in Cold blood – before escaping with four of her surviving children
- ❑ Riza has been in Uganda for over 3 years, surviving on WFP’s food aid, that since 2020 has been cut by 70% due to financial constraints.
- ❑ Each of Riza’s family members receive food aid cash of \$0.12 daily. This can not buy a basic meal in Uganda. Riza’s children are susceptible to malnutrition and poor health.
- ❑ She is lucky the government of Uganda gave her a small piece of land, she can grow her own food – but lacks the practical knowledge and resources to! Even when she tries, climate change affects her crops and garden productivity is always poor.

OUR APPROACH



Riza’s story represents those of the over 1.5 million refugees in Uganda that.....

YICE seeks to impact through a community led food systems approach to sustainable food production and consumption.



Regenerative diaries, on garden Support, Provision of Mobile Drip Irrigation Services, water harvesting & organic fertilizer training and group savings training

EARLY WINS AND IMPACT

Already piloted the intervention and achieved tangible results for food security, incomes and climate adaptation for refugees.



Reached over 1500 households and Impacted 8540 Individuals. 81% of the impacted are females and children



Regenerated over 28 refugee and host communities



79% HHs reached have at least 2 meals per day



Established over 25 regenerative community learning gardens



Innovated a Mobile Drip Irrigation Kit – enable farmers produce food any time of the year



Planted Over 3068 fruit trees; reducing carbon emissions



35% Increase in farmer incomes by sell of food; earn \$2 - \$7 monthly



Created and strengthened partnerships including working with the government, donors and networks

OUR GOAL

We want to scale! Our goal over the next 5 years is to:

- Enable 100,000 refugee households acquire practical skills and knowledge to grow sustainable foods and build their resilience to food poverty and climate change.
- Train a network of 500 refugee regenerative farming agents tasked with delivering regenerative farming trainings, garden monitoring and on field support for all the farmers.
- Complete construction of the Regenerative Learning Center; First of its kind in Uganda offering practical Regenerative Learning Courses to young people and displaced persons.



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