

Farmer Story from our Uganda Program



Sarah Nakwanga, is a farmer from Nabwigulu parish, Kamuli district who enrolled with One Acre Fund in 2018 after a Field Officer in her site approached her, talked to her about the OAF program and how it helps smallholder farmers maximize the harvest from the small pieces of land they own.

Prior to joining OAF, Sarah used to rent 2 acres of land at Ugx 200,000 each season in order to grow food to feed her family and sell the surplus to support their basic needs. “Much as I would harvest 10 bags of maize from the 2 acres of land, the costs that I would incur when buying inputs and renting land were frustrating,” Sarah says.

In her first year with OAF, Sarah enrolled for inputs worth half an acre and harvested 13 bags of maize, compared to the 10 bags she was used to harvesting from 2 acres! From selling her surplus harvest that year, Sarah bought herself a plot of land. “I did not know that I would spend less and earn more from just a small piece of land,” she exclaims. “Farming with OAF has provided me with the knowledge on modern planting, harvesting and storage that enable me harvest more.”

Aside from her piece of land, Sarah uses the money she gets from selling the surplus to pay fees for her school going children, something she is very proud of.

Asked how she is coping with the COVID-19 pandemic, Sarah says she is pleased with the OAF field officers, who are out in the field teaching farmers like her, how to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19.

She appreciates the fact OAF customer service goes beyond agricultural products to caring for the health of farmers they serve.