

SEMIANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

October 2021 – March 2022 | Rwanda

SUMMARY

THRIVE changes lives. We praise God and thank our donors for the more than 60,000 lives touched by Rwanda THRIVE so far—lives like Jean’s, a farmer (pictured at right) who doubled his corn harvest after taking agricultural training through THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments). Or Baptiste and his wife Claudine, who used to worry about finances before they took a loan to start a successful pig farm. With their profits, they’ve installed running water in their home. Or ask Marcel, who grew his poultry business from 50 to 400 hens. “THRIVE opened my eyes to see that I can benefit from available opportunities to improve my livelihoods,” Marcel says.

Highlights from Rwanda THRIVE in the first half of FY22 include:

Savings for Transformation groups
In these groups, members save together and provide small loans to each other.

In FY22, 8,468 group members accessed \$238,267 of these loans to pay school fees and buy livestock. In addition, VisionFund (World Vision’s microfinance institution) connected groups with \$47,719 in additional loans to further invest in their businesses. Farmers have grown more confident in taking loans after seeing the success of their peers.

Profits from pig farming

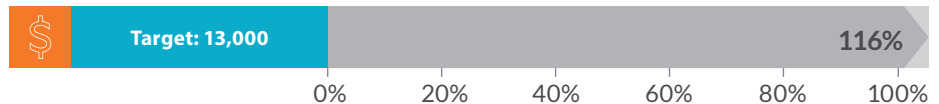
This period, THRIVE worked with local partners to provide boars to farmers to crossbreed their herds, improving meat quality and quantity. **As a result of training and wise investments, profits from pig farming, corn, and horticulture have more than doubled—from \$297,620 in the first quarter of the year to \$644,142 in the second quarter.** To protect these gains, THRIVE is helping farmers adopt recently introduced government livestock insurance.



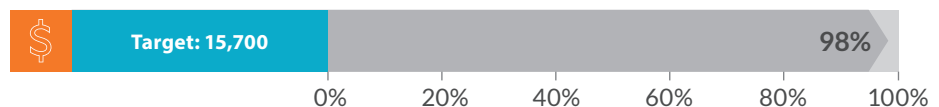
“It is better to learn to fish than to be given fish,” says Jean Damascene, pictured with his family. Jean joined THRIVE in 2017 and has watched his life transform. “My children get nutritious meals and all the required scholastic materials. ... I pay health insurance on time for the whole family and clothes are no longer an issue,” he says.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROJECT: FY17-FY23)

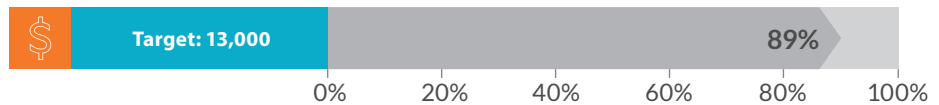
15,094 farmers using improved seeds for agriculture



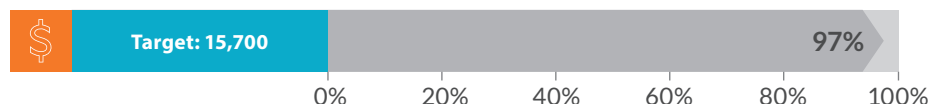
15,331 people participating in Savings for Transformation groups



11,524 producer group members selling value chain crops



15,225 participants trained in Biblical Empowered Worldview



PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

As THRIVE farmers experience greater success, the project team is focusing on increasing community ownership and sustainability so that individual success becomes generational change. Efforts are informed in part by the third-party midterm evaluation completed in FY21. Areas of greatest focus include:

- **Partnership with local government:** Partnership with national and district governments continues to yield positive results. Currently, THRIVE participants and districts are working together to construct new produce selling points, finalize an agreement for managing three new hillside irrigation systems (expected to be in use by summer 2022), and obtain legal recognition for producer groups (farmers who work together to buy and sell at scale) as cooperatives so they can have greater market access (expected spring of 2022).
- **Data gathering and monitoring:** In FY22, THRIVE adopted a digital data monitoring system called Last Mile Mobile Solutions (LMMS) that will increase data security and make it easier for staff to track participant progress over time.
- **Biblical Empowered Worldview (BEWW):** This foundational training empowers participants to recognize their God-given worth, and, [according to an independent study](#), move from dependence to active agency. To ensure these messages are lasting, community volunteers began leading BEWW refresher trainings in February 2022. So far in FY22, more than 10,000 people have received refresher training, and staff are using the LMMS data tool to identify who still needs this training.



Genevieve stands proudly in front of her new building, which she'll rent to shopkeepers. Genevieve joined THRIVE five years ago and took Biblical Empowered Worldview training, which inspired her to join a Savings for Transformation group and take out a small business loan. After years of working to grow her own businesses, she'll now rent to others, and she no longer worries about paying school fees for her four children.

LIFE-OF-PROJECT UPDATE (FY17-FY23)



THANK YOU

"I want to take this opportunity to convey thankfulness to you from the project beneficiaries, especially children who are enjoying improved livelihoods because of your financial support," says Dieudonne K. Safari, THRIVE Project Manager in Rwanda. All of us at World Vision join Dieudonne in heartfelt thanks for the hope and love you have shared with the people of Rwanda.

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FINANCIALS

THRIVE project-to-date spending by activity (October 2016 through March 2022)

Summary	Project-to-Date Funding Released to Project	Project-to-Date Spending	Project-to-Date Spending Rate
Increased household incomes and productive assets	\$ 3,792,004	\$ 2,849,188	75%
Households adopting an improved on-farm and off-farm natural resource base	1,872,345	1,849,547	99%
Increased resilience of community livelihood systems to shocks and disasters	31,547	32,236	102%
Smallholder farmers and their families transformed from dependence to a biblically empowered worldview	1,401,228	1,127,027	80%
Management and fundraising	3,028,107	2,499,413	83%
TOTAL	\$ 10,125,231	\$ 8,357,411	83%