

Hope In Action Success Stories

I used to walk from house to house begging for food and money from people along the roads. Now I have learned to work for food and money from a small vegetable garden. Thank you so much. **Kennedy, 15 years**

If it had not been for our orphanage, we would have been forced to live on the streets where life is really tough. Boys possibly manage to get by somehow begging for food but for us girls, it can be really dangerous. Some girls are forced to sexual abuse to get food. Thanks for the vegetable garden. I have learned that I'm capable of gardening. **Elizabeth, 15 years**

From our garden, we can sell vegetables and get money to buy school books and pens. **Fredrick, 13 years**

My dream is to become a farmer and live with my brothers and sisters again providing food. **Jemima, 14 years**

Our vegetable garden gives joy to my heart. I like eating food from my own work and garden. **Diana, 6 years**

Thank you for teaching me about farming. I can now work on my own garden of pumpkins. It tastes good. **Travolta, 7 years**

Vegetables from gardening project keep diseases away from our bodies. **Harriet, 5 years**

Our garden is a source of vitamins for our good growth. **Albert, 7 years**

Vegetables are important to correcting our sight. So, I am very thankful for our vegetable garden. **Daniel, 11 years**

My father died when I was in Standard four, I was nine years old. My mother died the following year. When my parents were alive, we used to go farming in the garden each morning together. I loved it. I miss my parents most of all when people are nasty to me. If I could tell my mother anything, it would be to ask her to come back and take care of me. My life would be a lot easier and more fun than it is now. Thanks for this farming project that helps me remember how hard working my parents were and we got food from it. **Winnie, 4 ½ years**

I have courage to garden. **Clement, 5 years**

My dad died when I was seven years old but I sometimes still cry when I look at his photo. I miss him terribly. I often used to help him plant maize, and water vegetables in the garden. We used to talk a lot while we worked. And if I had a problem, I'd tell him and he would make me feel better. It was great fun. I miss that. My dad and I were like best friends. My mum is still alive but she is often ill. I'm scared that she's going to die too leaving me and my brothers and sisters all on our own. I like working in the garden for food. **Otis, 15 years**

Seeds need good soil, water and protection. I want to do gardening when I grow up. **Tobias, 14 years**

Insects destroy vegetables, so I must keep them away from the vegetable garden. **Lean, 5 years**

Thanks for the seeds. I planted and harvested pumpkins, tomatoes, cowpeas and watermelon. **Sarah, 14 years**

From our work in the garden, we get vegetables that are used to make soup. **Paul, 15 years**