



POVERTY



ENDING POVERTY: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 1

Globally, over 600 million people live below the international extreme poverty line of \$1.90 a day. In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), more than 61 million people live below that line - that's over 10% of the world's poor in one country!

The situation is bleak, but not hopeless.

Meet Lily. Displaced by ongoing conflict in the DRC, Lily is a single-mother of two children. Through Five Talents' programme, Lily has just passed her literacy exams and is currently learning financial literacy and business skills:

"Customers give me their telephone number so I can follow-up on orders. Now I know how to read their numbers and road signs to deliver cassava to them." Lily has improved customer relations and has since doubled her daily profits. As incomes increase, so too does household expenditure; Lily can now invest in her children's education (and her own), in healthcare and sanitation (home improvements). "My business prevents me from begging. With more income I am able to pay fees now. I can take my children to school, a government school. I want all of my children to learn until the end of high school. My daughter Sarah helps me learn and study. Sarah is in Primary 2."

Five Talents provide a hand-up, rather than a hand-out; equipping members with the skills, tools and knowledge to become self-sustaining and make their hopes and ambitions a reality.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS OUR PROGRAMMES

81%

of members reported increased household expenditure

170,313

jobs created through our programmes

£4,976,655

total savings deposited by members

Figures are accurate from April 2020.