

## Wetlands and Poverty Reduction Demo Projects Stories

### How wetland utilization have changed some people's lives completely

#### MALI

During a joint field visit by Care and Wetlands International, villagers of Bogo have shown their enthusiasm about the WPRP project by these words:

#### WELCOME WORDS BY THE VILLAGE



#### *Welcome to Bogo Village*

*The people from Bogo village (Mali) are thankful to the WPRP Inner Niger Delta Project by constructing this garden for women groups funded from DGIS through Wetlands International in the frame of the partnership between CARE and Wetlands International in Mali. The Village people are saying thanks. By this activity, the project has contributed to the poverty reduction in this village.*

**Aminata Traore** and **Souadou Kelly** are two ladies belonging to women group named 'Kaoural-dental' of Wande Bouta village and 'Pinal' of M'Bouroye village. Both women are in business of rice marketing with fund receiving in the frame of bio-rights. They testify 'when we bought bag of paddy rice (80Kg) at €18, after steaming, shelling and marketing, we realize a profit of €3/bag which is lot of money to secure our children and our needs.

**Nana Sougoule**, a woman of Sabougnouma group of Konio Village testifies 'when I get a loan of €305 from Kondo Jigima, I split it into two parts: €229 have been used to buy two ox for fattening and the rest €76 for fish marketing. With the latter amount, I buy 36 Kg of fish, €2/Kg. After a while, each Kg of fish was at €3. During each round of this business, I made a profit of about €55. From February to May 2008, I made a total profit of €220.

**Seydou Dao**, a man of Sabougnouma group of Konio village testifies 'I get a loan of €76 from Kondo Jigima for fur and leather trade of small ruminants and cattle. During the period February to May, I made a profit of €57.

**Aissata Almamy Tamboura** a woman of Kaoural-Dental group of Wande-Bouta village testifies 'I get a loan of €305 from Kondo Jigima. After four months in young bull's trade, I have made a profit of €61.

## MALAWI

### **CASE OF CHANDA MARTIN**

Mpika North - Malawi

Wetland utilization has changed some people's lives completely. An example is that of Chanda Martin aged 24 of Chisengo village in Chief Mpepo's area. He is a farmer, a Catholic, and has been living in the area for 10 years. He is a grade 9 drop out. He opted to join the Wetland Club because his farming yields were not good.

The distance from social services are: 1 km from the service of water, 100m from Chikakala Clinic, 60 km from Mpika Boma, 3 km from Chikaka Basic School and transport is by motor vehicle with the fare being US\$ 2.

The yields before joining the club were: 5 boxes tomatoes worth US\$ 23, cabbage 5 x 50 Kg worth US\$ 29, Rape 2 x 50 Kg worth US\$ 14, squashed 5 x 50 Kg worth US\$ 14, pumpkins 4 x 50 Kg worth US\$ 9, maize 5 x 50Kg and beans 2 x 50 Kg worth US\$ 57.

Training attended include: Wetland utilization, household (HH) food security and income generation. Today his yield amount to: 50 boxes tomatoes, worth US\$ 143, cabbage 15 x 50 Kg worth US\$ 76, 25 x 5 Kg onion worth US \$ 86, okra worth US\$ 21, maize 15 x 50 Kg worth US\$ 143 and squashes 6 x 50 Kg worth US\$ 26.

The benefits from the project include: knowledge acquisition and assets such as a bicycle, 3 pigs, 10 plates, shoes and mattresses, a loan from the programme valued at US\$ 20 and 5 kg seed beans as a pass on gift.

Future plans are; getting back to school, purchase of herds of cattle, building a grocery and building a house.

## INDONESIA

**Mr. Hamdan** is originally from Aceh, Sumatra. He decided to move to Tanjung Jabung Barat on June 2007 to get a better life. He has no family, no money and no job. He then agreed to join in the community group, and submitted proposal for a Rp.500,000 (\$60) loan from WPRP. He used the loan to rent a land for vegetable planting. After the third-round loan, promising results are finally emerging, and significant economic wealth is coming closer. Good harvesting seasons enable him to buy his own 2 ha. land and a second hand motorcycle to travel from house to the field. In addition, a land has also been obtained to build a simple house, perhaps using the next harvest season.

**Mr. Ponijan** is an illiterate person without any formal education. Five years ago, at the beginning of WI-IP project (which then continued by WPRP) decided to participate on our bio-rights program with an Rp.500,000 (\$60) loan to use his 0.5 ha land for vegetable business. Due to his focus and tireless dedication, he is now very well known as one of the most successful farmers of the community. No less than 7 ha land and a motorcycle is a proof of his economic wealth improvement. In May 2 additional hectares were add on his list of land owned. He says "I have no difficulty to send money to cover my 2 sons education costs in Java. Thanks to WPRP and its *compensation* (i.e. bio-rights).

**Mr. Ali Sadikin** just bought a new motor cycle to find new market for his successful chicken farming. His old bicycle is currently serving him for a short distance ride only.

**Mr. Sewinarno** has a successful chicken farming and is currently setting up a larger farming.

**Mr. Usman** was a motorcycle rent driver. Due to the very low and uncertain income as a driver, he decided to submit a loan proposal from WPRP two years ago. Now, he decided to quit as a driver and decided to dedicate his time in his agriculture business, which provided his family a brighter hope for the future.