

# ONE ACRE FUND UGANDA

PILOT LAUNCH: 2014 / STAFF: 66 / CLIENTS: 3,700



ROBERT TIGARYA, UGANDA

>> **UGANDA** is a landlocked country that is home to more than 34.9 million people, with 8 million in rural areas. One Acre Fund Uganda is headquartered in Jinja town, located in the Eastern Region of Uganda approximately 70 kilometers from Kampala, and currently operates in Jinja and Kamuli districts.

**FUN FACT:**  
Despite being landlocked, Uganda is home to both the world's longest river and Africa's largest lake.



KASAMBIRA, UGANDA

## SOFIA'S STORY

Each season, smallholder Sofia Katende from Kasambira, Uganda faced the same dilemma: store her maize after harvest and risk major losses from pests and rodents, or sell her maize immediately after harvest at a throw-away price.

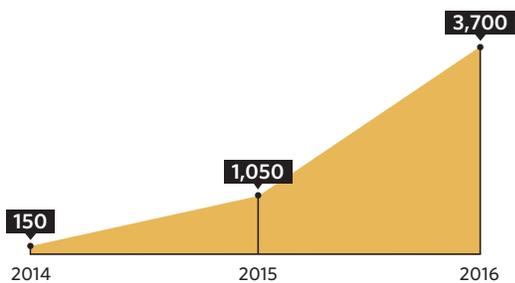
"I felt farming was a punishment. It was work for the poor people, those without any other alternative in life," Sofia says.

As a mother of four, Sofia depended on her harvest to support her family. Her eldest son, George Walangaire, was in his final years of high school and Sofia couldn't bear to watch him miss school when money was scarce.

Sofia enrolled with One Acre Fund in 2014 and harvested 350 kilograms of maize, more than three times her normal harvest. In 2015, Sofia enrolled again and harvested 1,600 kilograms from half an acre, twice as much as she had harvested from a full acre in the past.

Sofia also received One Acre Fund trainings on reducing post-harvest losses. She stored her 2015 harvest for five months using One Acre Fund techniques. She sold her surplus when prices were high, and used the money to pay for school fees and open a shop at her market.

### SCALE (farmers served)



### IMPACT

24% % gain in farm income  
\$41 \$ gain in farm income  
179% % return on investment

### PRODUCTS OFFERED

