

# Voices OF HOPE

## Kenya

In the drought-stricken region of Marsabit County, Kenya, the Early Recovery Project, supported by PWRDF and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank through Church World Service (CWS), is transforming lives by empowering women farmers through initiatives like Cash for Work, crop production, and Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs).

Serima Samira Galmagale, a mother of six, leads a cluster of 86 women farmers in Ngurunit. “We are happy because CWS gave us an opportunity to reap from our hard work through farming skills and the VSLA. We can access loans to take our children to school,” she says. The project has also given her the confidence to mobilize women in her community. “I am grateful to CWS for helping me realize my vision and abilities. I look forward to leading my community to greater heights.”

For Ntaato Lepurote, 49, the project has brought renewed hope after droughts devastated her family’s livelihood. “God remembered us when CWS brought food from Canada, and our hope was revived. Then they came back to teach us how to produce our own food,” she shares. Ntaato now grows green grams and cow peas, something she once thought impossible. “I don’t have to wait for relief food anymore.”

Through the voices of women like Serima and Ntaato, the project is planting seeds of resilience and hope, proving that lasting change starts within the community.



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