

## Vincent Namawa – A Private Service Provider



*Vincent Watching his digital TV in the Ranges of Mt. Elgon in Eastern Uganda*

My name is Vincent Namawa. I am a SILC Private Service Provider. I reside in Bukoboli Village, Bukoma Parish, Bukusu Subcounty, Manafwa District, Uganda. My journey started from a humble background with inconsistent sources of income that led to my 'graduation at senior four' from school. The introduction of SILC in my village began a new chapter in my life, a beaming Vincent says. I joined as a field agent and spent 8 months in training during which I mobilized 6 Savings and Internal Lending Community (SILC) groups at the monthly stipend of USD 16.

I was certified a Private Service Provider in March 2014 by Eastern Archdiocesan Development Network (EADEN) supported by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) with funding from The MasterCard Foundation under the Expanding Financial Inclusion in Africa Project. The project graduated me at my sub county headquarters with the local leaders, opinion leaders and religious leaders in attendance where some members from my SILC groups shared their moving success stories.

Word of mouth on the quality of my work spread like the harmattan wind throughout the sub county. This resulted in several community members inviting me to mobilize them and train them on the SILC methodology. Right now, I have 73 SILC groups paying for my services. Eight SILCs are in their first cycle

paying me an average of USD 10 (USD 80 from the 8 groups) monthly as I support them regularly, while the remaining 65 SILCs are in higher cycles and pay me on a quarterly basis depending on their need and demand for my services. Each group pays around USD 9.86 per quarter with a quarterly total of USD 641 for the 65 SILCs.



*Vincent tends to his 7 months old bull he is fattening due for sale at USD 548 in December 2019.*

“This steady income has enabled me to better my living conditions. I keep up with the latest global news on my satellite TV Zuku, run on my d.light solar charger, which also has 5 lights, a radio, a phone charger, and lantern! I have started on bull fattening, which I bought at USD 192 and hope to sell it at USD 548 come December 2019. All my 3 children are receiving quality education from the ‘first class’ private schools here in Manafwa and my family enjoys a quality life above average here in my village. I have in addition secured 3 land plots, worth USD 2,192 over the last 3 years. My dream is to make a decent home for my family. SILC and particularly PSP model is the cornerstone of my transformation.”