

Disability is not an excuse to achieving your dreams!

Drapkga James 54 years old disabled man and a father of six has been a member of Amaseku SDC in Pamujo South Village, Aluru Parish, Aluru sub county previously Moyo Sub County for the last three years. He joined the SDC with objective of saving and borrowing loan to help him meet his house basic needs. In 2020, he managed to save Ugshs. 300,00/= and 230,000/= in 2021. Mr Drapakga raised money through blacksmith work and mending shoes. His savings was only meant for paying school fees and farming however his vision changed after participating in a training on action planning conducted by a Village Agent from RICE West Nile under the SUPREME project.



Photo showing Mr. James in front of his one iron roofed house after completion.

He came to know about RICE West Nile and SUPREME project in 2021 April when a Village Agent went to train the SDC members after selecting the SDC to benefit from the project. He picks interest in the training from that day and has been actively attending the trainings. The training on action planning under ERI model one touched his life and he realized how important it was to set a personal goal. During the training, he came up with one long term



goal of completing his one room house and shift from his small grass thatched hat commonly known as 'tukulu'. The focused man also wanted to embark on piggery as a short-term goal. After sharing out in August this year (2021), he managed to buy five (5)

iron sheets each at Ugshs. 30,000/= and roofed his one room house and shifted in it. He further bought one piglet at 80,000/= to add on the one he had before. The rearing of pigs will help him supplement the income base to be able to support his children for further studies.

“This training has brought my dreams into reality, me and my wife plan for our household needs together and work to achieve it...” He encouraged other Persons with Disability (PWDs) in the SDCs and other parts of the sub county or district not to undermine themselves.



Photo showing Mr. James with one of his children holding the piglet he bought to supplement his income base.