

EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

Enterprise Uganda (EUg) joins the world in celebrating International Women's day 2016, in recognition of the key contribution women make towards national development. **STRENGTHENING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS' PROGRAM (SWEP II)** is a 3-Year program (2013-16) funded by Government of Norway to economically empower **5,000 rural and semi-rural women** in agribusiness in Northern and Eastern Uganda (The Greater North). To date, **5,133** beneficiaries belonging to **67** women groups have been trained and supported. The incomes and savings of beneficiaries has increased by about **58%** and **107%** respectively since 2014. One of the beneficiaries shares her story below;



Acheng and her daughter at their farm



Acheng and her husband

Acheng Doreen is a coffee farmer belonging to Pit OdongKimon Group in Amuru. She started coffee farming in 2012, after getting seedlings from the district. Her farm was however struggling with very low yields due to poor management. Through SWEP interventions like farming as a business, farm exposure visits and business counseling/mentoring, she has been able to turn her farm around. She takes better care of her coffee which has boosted productivity and has expanded her coffee seedling giving her an annual income of shs15, 000,000. She has also become more involved in family decision making especially with regard to finances.