

Shambani, Kenya
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Mama Akiru's "hotel" business took her from desperation to now helping others in her village.

Mama Akiru is a middle aged mother who lives with her seven children. Her extreme poverty put her in a life of isolation. After long years of struggle, she felt happy when we reached her, among many others who had problems like hers. We worked with Shambani to identify womens groups. Then we brought them together and taught them business and basic financial management.

Mama Ekiru is one of the women in a group. She received her share, and decided to open up a small "hotel" where she began by selling soup, camel, goat, and even intestines. Her business picked up, and all of a sudden began generating money beyond expectation. And as the saying goes, little by little fills an ocean. She expanded her business to an extent that she even employed other people to assist her in her hotel operation.

Mama Ekiru's hand-to-mouth life changed drastically. This was noticed when she was able personally to provide basic needs to her family and also further extended her generosity to other needy people within the village. She's now an important lady in Shambani village.

Mama Ekiru is thankful to us for having elevated her from her prior poverty to where she is today. She has gone from dependence to independence, and is a resourceful lady in the society.

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