

LOKO DUBA'S STORY

SLIDE ONE

This is Loko Duba. She is 45, married and has nine children.

Her life has been transformed because of SCIAF's help. Loko and her family looked after cattle and had very little money to hand. They sold their cattle to pay for school fees and for food.

Climate change has impacted their lifestyle with levels of rain fall dropping and droughts occurring more often than they used to. This has resulted in the inability to grow grass for the cattle and provide water for them to drink. Loko and their family were in a desperate situation.

SLIDE TWO

SCIAF helped Loko and many others as part of a project that encourages business. SCIAF funds the project to give training in how to run a business co-operative where many individuals rely on each other and as a team the business grows. The project also gives small loans so that along with any money saved by individuals can help them to start their own business.

Loko started a tea shop.

SLIDE THREE

Loko bought flour and made cakes to sell too. The tea shop started as a shack made of sticks and tarpaulin but as Loko made more income, she invested that in better premises. It is now made of concrete and has a tin roof so is more inviting to customers. Loko has paid back her loan and business is strong.

SLIDE FOUR

So good in fact that Loko has expanded her business to include a small shop at the side of her tea shop.

Loko is a model for the co-op and an amazing story of how business can be used to develop people and communities. She encourages young people to join and says "This co-op has changed my life greatly". Loko looks after all her children and is proud to work hard.

SLIDE FIVE

"Please tell Scotland that SCIAF has changed my life, I went from nothing to something"