

Share. Get Inspired. Develop. Empower.

"I came back inspired. I no longer saw myself as a refugee."

Amin Francis, South Sudan



Due to the recurring insurgency in South Sudan, Amin Francis, then 25 years old, was among the refugees who walked from Yei (in South Sudan) to seek asylum in Uganda in October 2016. The refugees were received at the Ugandan border at Oraba by UNHCR and assigned to different refugee settlements in Uganda. Since then, Amin Francis has lived in Ocea C in Rhino Camp refugee settlement in West Nile, Uganda.

2016



2017

In 2017, PALM Corps enrolled Amin as a refugee youth beneficiary in the Secure Livelihoods for Refugees and Host Communities (ADA Migration) project to undertake horticulture to supplement the food ratio and for business although this was mostly rain-fed. In the project, Amin was trained in the concepts of climate resilient agriculture and farming as a business. Additionally, he was supported with assorted vegetable seeds, tools for farming and water tanks to harvest rain water for simple irrigation.

Amin was among the refugee beneficiaries with visible stories of change in the ADA Migration project.

The sharing event in North-Uganda

In November 2019, the two days sharing event organized by PALM Corps, AFARD and HORIZONT3000 in Arua created a forum to exhibit outstanding beneficiary products and stories. Amin's story of reaping from climate resilient agriculture (horticulture) was featured in the event. The event was a remarkable turning point in Amin's life.



"This Sharing Event created a space for people from different walks of life to come together, to share their knowledge and experiences and to learn from each other. A sharing event is a tool of knowledge management that appreciates the fact that people are important sources of knowledge and that knowledge flows best when people get connected."

Annika Witte, Technical Advisor HORIZONT3000

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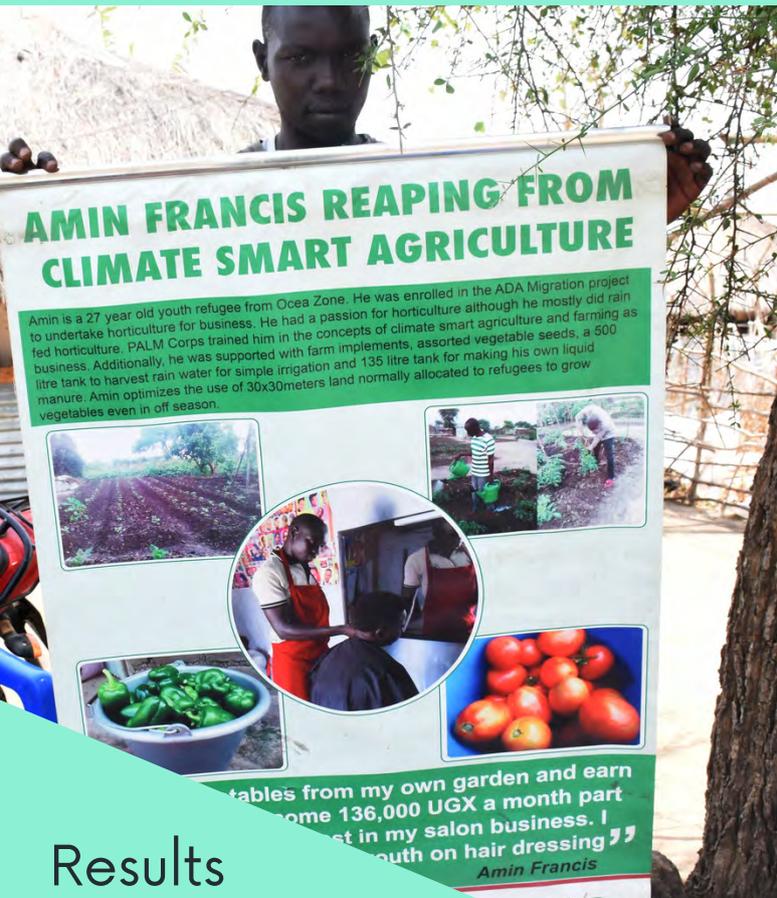


Like the majority of the participants of the sharing event, Amin learned something new that he took back home to enhance his work. After the event on realizing the benefits of economies of scale, he has stepped up the use of better technology of shade net (greenhouse) and expanded farmland by renting 0.5 acre for vegetable production.



"As a refugee I could not reach such a place; indeed, vegetable production took me there. I talked to, ate and took photos with people of high positions including ministers. I became popular, I came back inspired. I no longer saw myself as a refugee."

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Being a progressive role model, Amin is regularly hired as a resource person by three (3) organizations (Youth Camp Africa, Scripture Union and Adraa Agricultural College) to train farmers in vegetable growing and poultry keeping. Amin's earnings have increased from the initial UGX 136,000 (34EUR) to UGX 700,000 (175 EUR) per month.



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“PALM Corps has supported me enough. Without such support, I would have gone back to South Sudan. Now I have got hope, that there is light again”.