

## **SUCCESS STORY OF MARY ALUTH AJITH - CCT FACILITATOR, MALUALBAAI PAYAM**

**Mary Aluth Ajith** who is a widow of about 30 years old whose husband died under unclear circumstances during the war but a strong Christian. She lives in Malualbaai Payam and is involved as a CCT facilitator. Mary did not know how to read and write, but because of her commendable work and commitment in her local church, leadership appointed her to be part of CCT Programme. Despite her not being able to read and write she got the CCT concept and processes through interpretation made by her colleagues.

During my visit to Malualbaai, she narrated that before she joined CCT Programme “ I was so much worried about the future of my young children especially Lual and Kiir whose father died at early age, their basic thing such as education and food, but miraculously I was nominated to be a facilitator, *I got the concept and processes, I started a small business as a local **groundnut paste seller** in the market and I'm now able to pay for my children's school fees*” Despite her being widowed, she has taken full responsibility of her family and personal development. Mary confidently said that CCT can bring desired transformation by changing their mindset as it will significantly alleviate the poverty and reduce dependency.

This success story of Mary Aluth and Achol are ones among successful stories we are seeing happening in our local churches as a result of CCT programme. Many young widows whose husbands perished either in national wars or ethnic conflicts are undergoing miserable life experience, some of them are forced into bad desperate living as a result of economic hardships, Mary is one the most luckiest women whose eyes have been opened by CCT programme and she now become not only bread winner as single-headed family, but she is able to pay for school fees

for her children striving to become a fully self-reliance woman, many young women in Malualbaai are inspired by her commitment and initiative.

**Achol Ajou Mawien's** shop got burn on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and she reconstructed it using money from her saving. Achol is student in Practice Church who started a small business, a restaurant where she sold food in Malualbaai immediately after she has undergone Training by CCT Facilitators. This structure which was made mainly of grass burned down. The positive part of this story is that Achol was able to reconstruct her restaurant from her saving. It would have been impossible if she had not received skills and knowledge from CCT Facilitators. Achol has put up another temporarily structure where she sells food and in return get some support for herself and family.

Here below are two pictures of Achol's restaurant which got burn to ashes and the one she reconstructed again.



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