



# SELF-HELP GROUPS

*Fatuma - a SHG beneficiary of Bubugo*

“ I joined the group in 2021 but by then, my life was quite miserable, because my husband had left me with 5 children (2 girls and 3 boys), whom I had to take care of. Now that I make more money and live a better life, he begs to return.



My life before joining the SHG in 2021 was very hard. I was a single mom of 2 girls and 3 boys and hardly made enough money for all of us. I was running a fish business and made about shs. 50,000 per week - not being enough to pay rent, school fees or even get enough food for my family.

Then I found out about the saving groups from FABIO and also joined the one in my village. I started learning some basic financial skills and continuously put some money aside. Through that, I was finally able to increase my business and weekly income. After selling my fish, I get shs 10,000 of my weekly earnings and save in my Self Help Group in Bubugo every Saturday. That made it possible for me to afford a better life, send my children to good schools and buy land. I am even planing to buy a house soon. Even my ex-husband is begging to come back now.



**Fatuma running her fish stall**