

For Kabahuma, grants helped offset the impact of the Banana Wilt

Eflazia Kabahuma stays in Igunda A, Migongwe parish Kakabara Sub county, Kyegegwa district. She is 76 years old. Kabahuma had a banana plantation from which she eked out a living. Unfortunately, the plantation was destroyed by the Banana Wilt disease. She also used to plant cassava and sugar cane but it was also being destroyed by animals.

And now she also has the responsibility to bring up her 12 year old granddaughter in Primary Four, whose father died.

So far, she uses the grant she gets to buy basic needs like salt, sugar, soap and scholastic materials. What is left, she uses for food, medical care and paraffin, she says.

She has also used part of the money to increase her capital for stocking salt that she sells to other women in the village. From the salt business, she earns between 5000/= to 10000/= shillings as profit monthly and she uses that profit to buy other household items.

She says, she is thankful to the Government and President Museveni for remembering the elderly because this grants gives old people some ground to start improving their livelihoods.

Below: Eflazia Kabahuma with her grand daughter in their compound in Igunda A-Migongwe Parish



