

Tereza Nannyonga, Kiboga District

Tereza Nannyonga is 70 years old and a widow. She lives in Busakya L.C 1, Gogonya parish, Kiboga Sub County, Kiboga district, about 5 kilometers from Kiboga town. Tereza lives with a grand child whom she takes care of. This is her story as told to Cate Kivanyumya, Technical Officer, Kiboga District.

I am blessed to have been identified as a beneficiary for the Senior Citizens Grants. There are many people who would wish to get this small money.

My situation is unique. I was suffering from constant headache. When I went to the hospital, they told me I have brain tumor. Because I had no one to help me foot the treatment bills, I decided to start using local herbs. I have had this condition for more than 5 years. The local herbs give me some relief, but cannot take away the pain completely.

When I was told that I was one of the selected beneficiaries of the Senior Citizens Grants, I was so happy. I felt that I would buy medicine and other household needs, and also be assured of food. In September when I got the first money, I used it to hire people to dig a piece of my land, in order to help me to produce more food. I will use the subsequent grants to buy some medical treatment, and buy sugar and meat.

I also have two grandchildren who I look after. I buy scholastic materials and pay for their lunch at school.

I hope to meet President Museveni one day to thank him on behalf of the old people for this help that the government has given us. It is really helping us a lot in doing things we were not able to do for ourselves before.