

# Voices OF HOPE

## Tanzania

Laliya Atondo, a Congolese refugee living in Nyarugusu refugee camp in Tanzania, is the mother of eight children. She faces challenges of feeding her family every day. Rations from the World Food Programme are not enough.

But in 2021, a three-year project with Church World Service (CWS) began to make a difference to Atondo. PWRDF funds are providing seeds, agricultural supplies and training to refugees, teaching them to sustainably grow vegetables. In the first year, the project reached 300 households, followed by 510 households in the second year. In the third year, all 810 households will be supported with follow-up and monitoring.

Atondo joined the CWS project and received tools, seeds and training. “At the beginning I was afraid,” she said. “How will I manage to provide assistance to my community? We always think that leadership is for men.” Due to her passion and commitment to her work, her group members selected her as a lead farmer. Through additional training, Atondo has emerged as one of the champion lead farmers and is able to provide food for her family.




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