



## EU AID WORKS

### Using Radio to Fight the Food Crisis

**Challenge:** World food prices increased dramatically in 2008, forcing the world's poorest people to cut back on the quantity and quality of their food.



**Impact of EU aid:** The EU and the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization funded a four-month radio show promoting better farming techniques amongst a dispersed rural population, including women and young people in Kenya. The radio training ran from 4th October 2010 to Saturday 8th February 2011. The series was a great success, with up to 1.2 million listeners each week. The project helped vulnerable communities cope by boosting local food production and enabling them to earn enough money to buy food and save for when times are tight.

### Access to Health Services in Tanzania

**Challenge:** 15 years ago, the only midwife of the village of Kware in the Hai District of Tanzania passed away. Since then, the area – with a population of some 11,000 people – has been covered by just one doctor. The situation was grave. In one tragic case, a woman lost twins whilst making the long journey to the district hospital.



**Impact of EU aid:** In March 2012, the EU-funded Healthy Action project which has been run since 2010 by DSW, an international organisation empowering young people and communities in low- and middle-income countries, brought together community representatives from three villages, including Kware, to discuss the dire situation with district health officials. As a result, 36 health service providers were deployed to the district.

### Helping African Farmers Fight Poverty

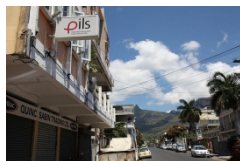
**Challenge:** More than two thirds of Kenya's population relies on the animals they own and food they grow to survive. A rise in droughts means that many people are struggling to grow enough food on their own land, especially in the 83% of Kenya that is arid or semi-arid.



**Impact of EU aid:** Over a two-year period, between January 2010 and October 2011, the organisation Farm Africa worked with smallholder farmers in Eastern Kenya to train them on improved techniques for raising dairy goats, water conservation methods, as well as improved methods for growing food in dry conditions. This EU-funded project directly benefitted 7,000 small-scale farmers, helping them work themselves out of poverty.

### Combatting HIV/ AIDS in Mauritius

**Challenge:** HIV/AIDS is on the rise in Mauritius and disproportionately affects the most vulnerable parts of the population, like drug users and sex workers. However, with a relatively low number of HIV cases, Mauritius is not an obvious priority for most AIDS donors and mechanisms.



**Impact of EU aid:** In 2009, the EU started funding the outreach project of a local organisation called Prévention Information Lutte contre le Sida (PILS), as well as its empowerment programme towards populations frequently excluded from testing and treatment. Between 2009 and 2011, 1103 HIV tests were carried out, and 302 commercial sex workers and 753 drug users were reached. PILS also offered workshops to help members of the community living with HIV/AIDS stabilize their income and be

better informed about HIV.

### Adapting to Climate Change in Tanzania

**Challenge:** Many of the world's poorest people are more vulnerable to the negative impacts of climate change because of their high dependence on natural resources and their limited capacity to cope with climate change challenges.



**Impact of EU aid:** Thanks to an EU-funded project launched in October 2011, the semi-arid village of Chololo in Tanzania is learning how to adapt. This two-year project has supported the village community in developing sustainable practices in the areas of agriculture, livestock, water, energy, and natural resources in order to cope with climate change. The project has considerably improved food security for the village and its achievements have made it to the floor of the Tanzanian Parliament. If the model is replicated

throughout the region, it could empower millions to cope with changing climatic conditions.

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