

Tools

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Tools for Self Reliance in Tanzania

How tools and training are changing lives

Duluti Carpentry Group



Duluti Carpentry Group in Arusha, northern Tanzania received a furniture making kit from Tools for Self Reliance in 2006.

One of the Duluti carpenters is a young man called Paolo Mungure. Paolo's income has been boosted by 20% since his employer received tools from Tools for Self Reliance. There are now enough good quality tools to go round, allowing the group to make their furniture more efficiently.

The extra work is helping to pay school fees for Paolo's daughter. Paolo can also save towards the building materials he needs for a modest block-built house, to give his family the room they need to grow. It will replace the two-room timber house Paolo, his wife and two children currently live in.

GIG Tailoring Group

GIG Tailoring received business skills and networking training in October 2006 from Tools for Self Reliance.

Since then the group has opened a bank account and has started to keep basic cash flow records and an order book, which previously it didn't do. Since keeping records workload has increased and takings are up.

Their biggest challenges are limitations of space (8 people sharing a small workshop means that they don't have enough room for storing material or displaying products). By selling more products and increasing the types of garments sold the group hopes to raise capital to pay for a modest extension to the workshop.



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