

KOFI BOAKYE INVIGORATES PALM FARM WITH COMMON FUND

Emmanuel Kofi Boakye is a blind man who has been farming for the past 28 years in a small town of Ahamanso in the Volta region. He has been blind for 31 years and could not explain the cause of his blindness since the doctor's report could not give any specification. According to Mr. Boakye, he became blind at the age of 28 and had to lose his first wife who could not afford to live with a blind man.

Mr Boakye had a small oil palm farm which was almost turned to a fallow land due to his inability to weed under the palm trees for many years.

In the year 2012, Mr. Boakye applied for support from the common fund and received 800 cedis with which he invigorated the oil palm farm.

According to him, he employed labourers to work on the farm and also bought a spraying machine and some insecticides to spray the farm.

'I used the common fund to revamp my farm; the farm had been invaded by weeds for long time so when I received the common fund I was able to hire labourers to weed the farm and also cut down tree which were crowded in the farm'. Mr Boakye said.

With this support Mr Boakye is now independent; he is able to take care of his family of five. He is currently taking care of his three children in school; one in the university and the other two in the senior high school

"In 2012 when I received the common fund, I was able to invigorate my palm farm and expanded my store in a way. I won the overall disabled best farmer in the district in 2014". Mr Boakye has said I attributed it to the common fund.



Mr Boakye weeding,



Mr. Boakye harvesting oil palm