

Success Story

Small inputs, big outputs for Serafia

15 grams of seeds generates enough income to start small business.

Twelve-year old Serafia Neves is a member of the Mecubela Youth Farmer Club in Eráti. When Serafia was 3, she lost her mother due to complications during childbirth and went to live with her Aunt Marieta and Uncle Trindade. In 2010, Marieta was chosen by the Mecubela community to serve as the animadora for their area and benefited from trainings by both SCIP (Sexual and Reproductive Health) and SANA (Nutrition) in addition to other activities focusing on strengthening communities through integrated programming, education and health promotion.

Serafia joined the YFC in 2010 where she learned about conservation agriculture, nutrition, safe food handling and storage, sexual and reproductive health and the rights of the child. In June 2013, Serafia's family received 15 grams of seeds through the YFC: 5 of onion, 5 of cabbage and 5 of tomato. Serafia and her uncle prepared a small plot of land to plant the seeds, using the techniques she learned in her YFC – organizing the beds, the nurseries, watering, weeding, harvesting and selling the crops in Mecubela.

Having finished harvesting in October, the family was able to earn 800 meticaís. They decided to invest most of the profit into purchasing 15 liters of gasoline for local resale. Motorcyclists passing through Mecubela often seek out gasoline on their way to the capitol of Odinepa locality. Serafia was able to purchase school supplies with some of the balance. Their family business is still running, and the family has increased to purchasing 20 liters at a time.

The family has joined the 25 de Setembro Village Savings and Loans group where they save a portion of their profits (100 meticaís) monthly from their small business.



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Legenda : Marieta Raul e a pequena Serafina Neves

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