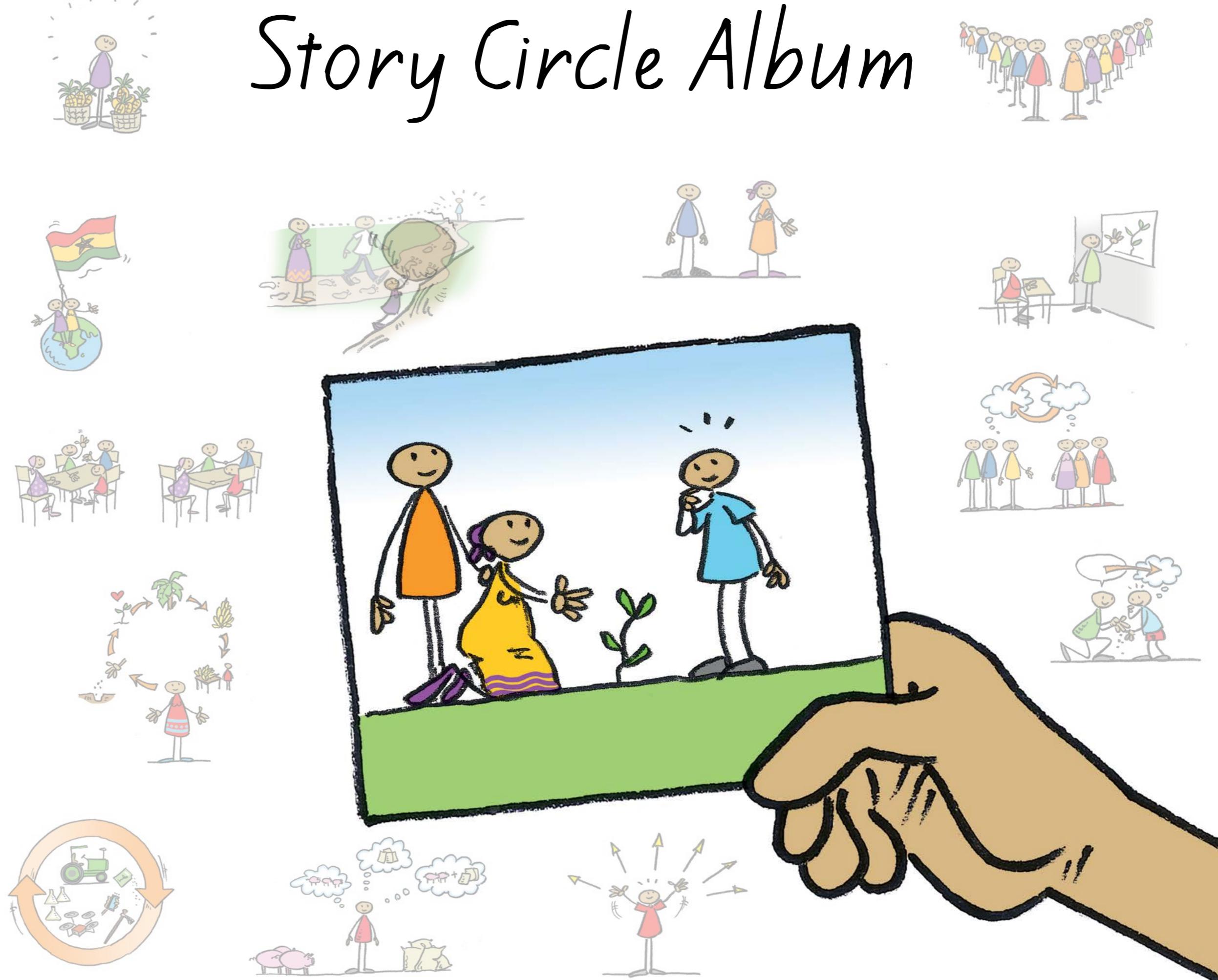


# Story Circle Album



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## Introduction

This Story Circle Album is about Ghanaian families in agriculture. These families have shared their thoughts and wisdom about agriculture and the role of women.

By taking in what women, men, young adults, and children have shared, we begin a conversation about the role of women in agriculture. This Story Circle Album visually captures the collection of experiences that were shared so that we can continue the conversation with more people.

Through the wisdom of community, we invited current and future agripreneurs to both consider and share what really mattered to them. As we communicate this information with a wider circle of people, and include their perspectives as well, the depth and richness of the conversation will grow and will be the foundation for real action and impact.

With each new voice, we will deepen our awareness and strengthen our resolve to empower women in agripreneurship in a way that benefits all. Time spent in heartfelt conversation will inform the path ahead.

As we bring increased focus to the empowerment of women agripreneurs in Ghana; we will discover how this work will uplift each one of us, our communities, and the earth.

The families who have started this conversation and KITA will be the care-takers of this growing wisdom and the work ahead.

## Nhyenmu

Saa Story Circle mfoni nhoma yi fa Ghana mmusua a wɔyε kua ho. Mmusua yimibinu yεn kye wɔm adwene ne wɔn nnimdees faa kuayε ho, εnε mmaa asεdees a εwɔ kuayε mu.

Yεrεsε yegyina nsem a yete firii mmaa, mmarima, mmaabunu, ne mmofra nkεn nso, na yεde firii yεn nkοmɔdie a εfa mmaa asεdees a εwɔ kuadwuma mu no ase.

Story Circle mfoni nhoma yi kyεrε suahunu ne adwenkyεrε ahodoɔ a yεrεsε yegyina so dεtεnkomɔdie no so na mpo afoforɔ pii nso atumi aka bi. Yε too nsa frεsε mprenpren ne dεtεkεrε kumofasε wɔn mmesusuw nsem bi ho, na wɔnfa wɔn ahiasem nso nto dwa.

Yegusu ara ne nnipa pii eedi nkɔmmɔ yi no, yebenya adwenkyεrε pii, na y'asne a do nεtεmɔnɔn aseka nε y'ate aseε yiye. Yε wɔ gyidie sε, nkɔmmɔ yi benyini ama abεyε fapem a εtεnarakεrε nεpεrε abrabo mu.

Adwene foforɔ biara ma yεn nhunummu, na εsan hyε yεn den ma yetumibοnɔmawɔ kuayεmu, sana abusuamu no nyinaa nsoanya wɔn so mfasoɔ. Adaagyεsε a yede bedi nkɔmmɔ yεtεkεrε kwaŋraa a yεbεfaso adi yεn dwuma.

Bere a yεstwe y'adwene asi mmaa denhyε so yi, ye behunu ɔkwān a dwunadi yεbεfaso yεn nyina a maako maako, yε mantam, ne wiase nyinaa.

Mmusua a yε no wɔn ahye nkɔmmɔ twetwe yi ase no ne KITAfɔɔ bεhwε dwunadi yεn nso aja a kɔ nɔm.

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Yede aseda a enni kabea ma nnipa a wohyia dii Story Circles yi ho dwuma\* na wɔsane de wɔn nnimdie ne nyansa boae. Yερε sε yεkyere yen anisɔ ne aseda ma KITA adwumayεfɔɔ a ɔde pεpa siesiee wɔn ho sane dii Story Circles no anim.

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15. Perick Tornyie
16. Promise Tornyie
17. Veronica Nyame
18. Josephina Owusu
19. Josephina Attah
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\*Story Circles were conducted at KITA on the 30-31 July 2019

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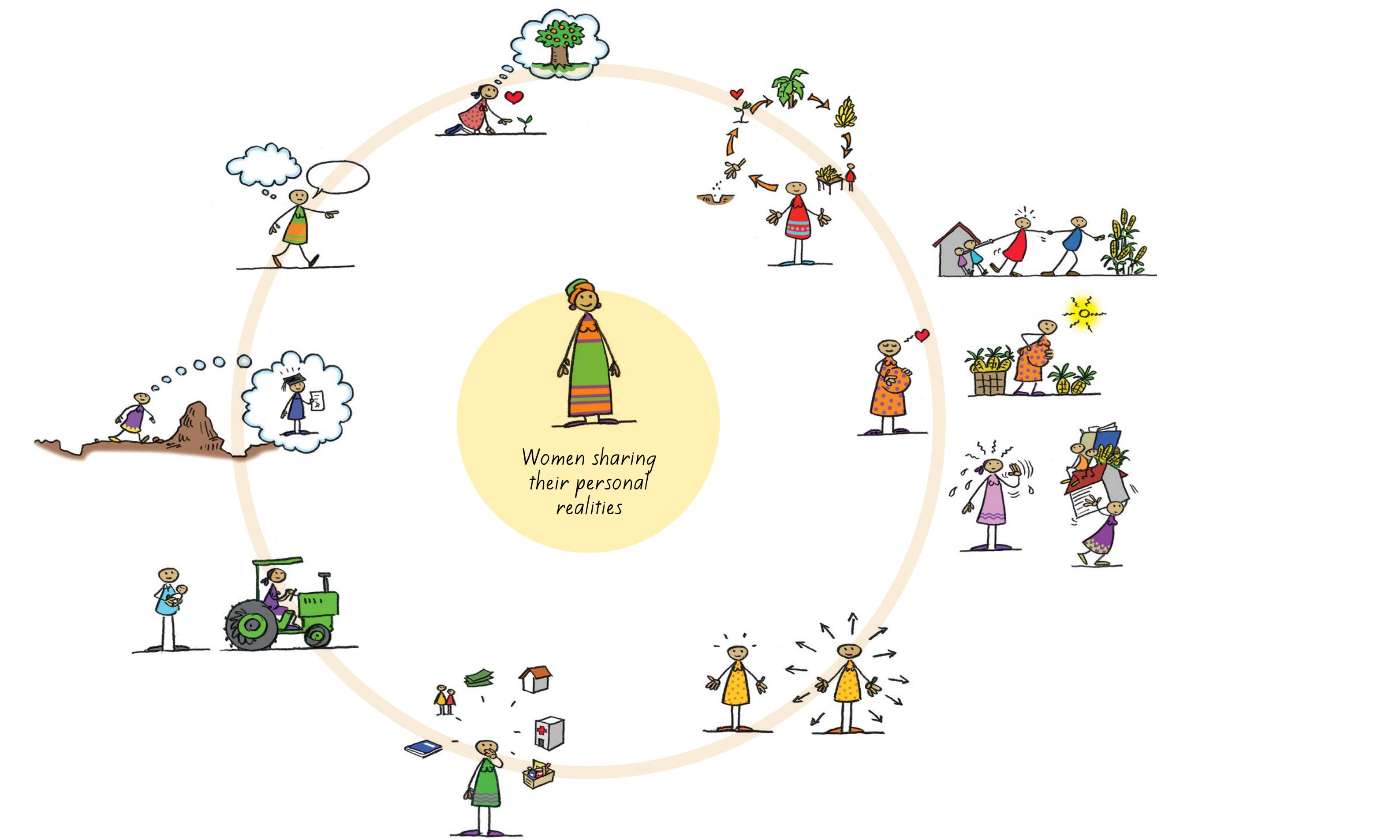


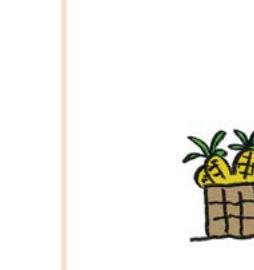
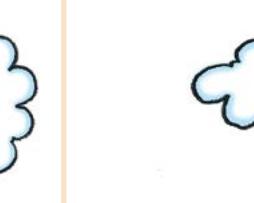


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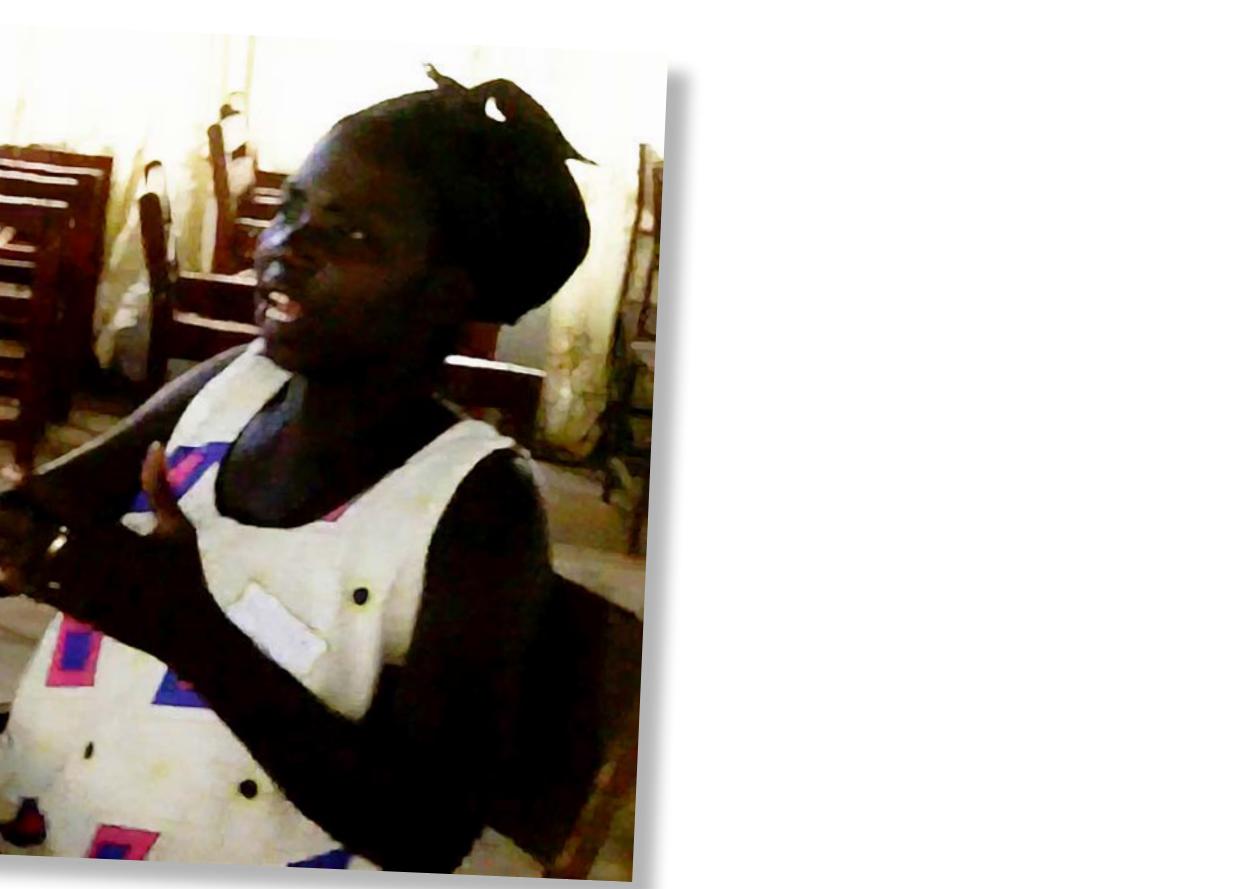
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Women sharing their personal realities.			
			
<p>Women are good at processes Mmaa tumi toto nnema yiye</p>	<p>Precious pregnancy Nyinsen a esom bo</p>	<p>Pregnancy challenging Nyinsen mu ateete</p>	<p>Energy depleted in meopu se Oinyi de dafommerewaa</p>
			
<p>Stretched y'atwe ne mu</p>	<p>Overloaded Abro ne so</p>	<p>When you live a good life, you are an example for others Wo bo bra pa a, wo ye nhwespa</p>	<p>Worries Awerewen</p>
			
<p>"I have four children and do a mix of jobs. I farm and I own a shop. I do both husband and wife roles. Whatever situation, we should do our part"</p> <p>Widening personal responsibilities and roles Tre w'asodie ne wo nnwuma mu</p>	<p>"I grew our food on the farm so that the money we would have spent on food, we saved for my son's education. He is now at second year university"</p> <p>Women have a "never-give-up" spirit Mmaa wo 'ye koduru' honhom</p>	<p>When I start, I finish... Mehye asees a, mede ko aiwye ...</p>	<p>Patience A botre</p>

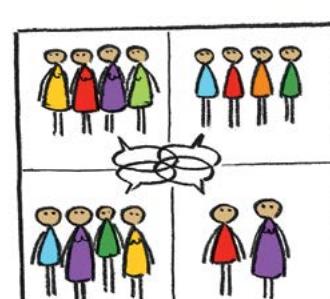
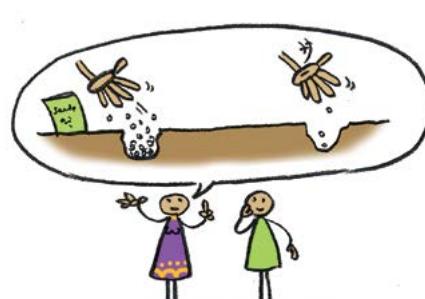


Women sharing thoughts about what their inclusion could bring		
Receptive not defensive ɔhyε ne ho so	All groups have a powerful perspective Kuo biara wɔ senea chunu nneema fa	Withdrawing personal responsibility and roles Trε 'sədine e o nnuwuna mu
We understand the market but are not always listened to Yete dwadie ase, nanso wɔnom ntie yεn		
Lack of forgiveness ɔnfa bɔne nkye	To thrive men and women must share what they know with each other Sε yεbεkɔ y'anim a, ehia sε mmaa ne mmarima toatoa adwene.	
"If I had the means to make products, I know I could employ many people" "Meenya akwannya aye biribi atɔn a, me nim sε anka metumi ama afoforo adwuma aye"		





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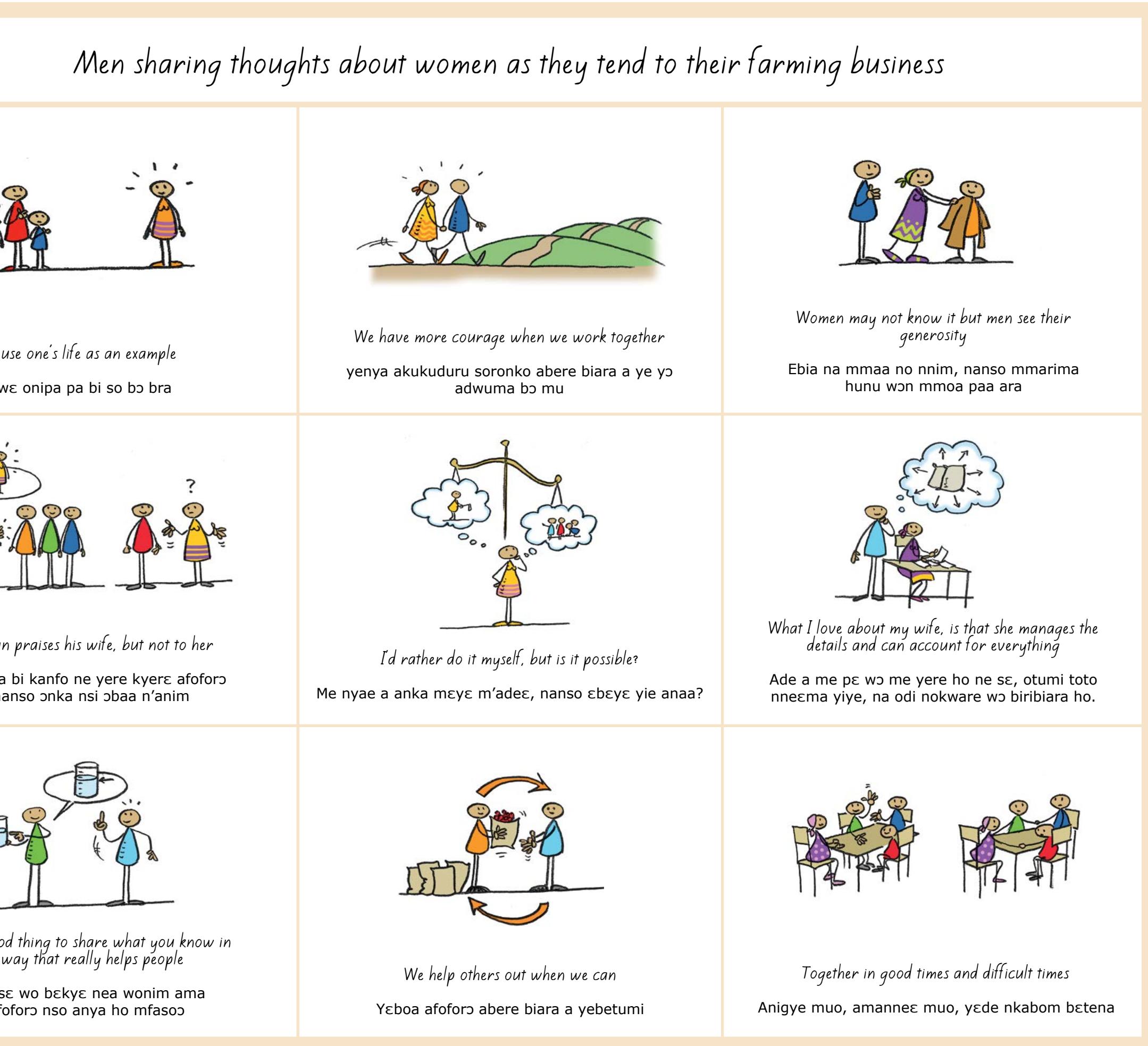
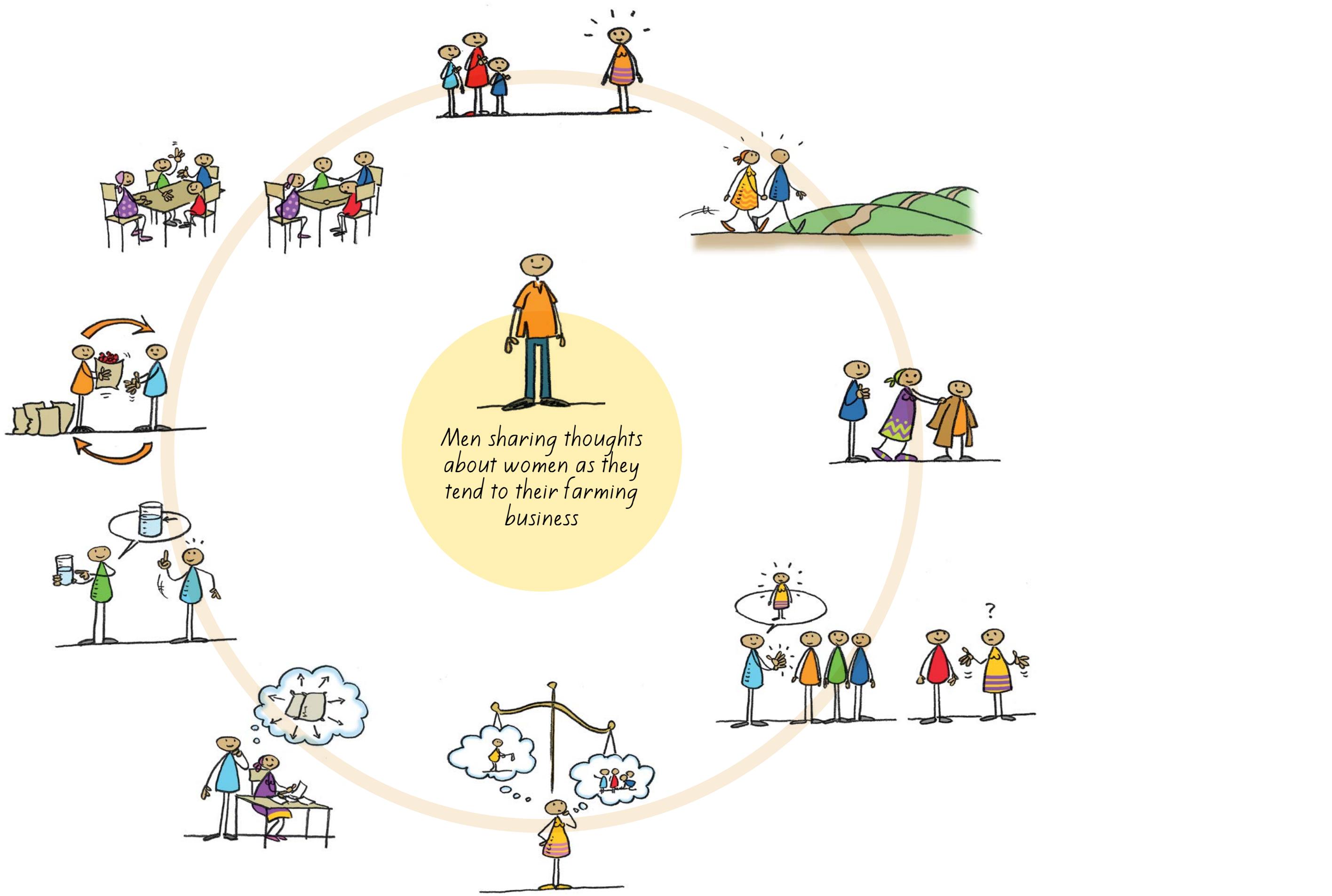
 <p>questioned customs a yemmis ho asem</p>	 <p>In our society men do the financial transactions like securing a loan or getting more land</p> <p>Y'ekuro mu ha dee, mmarima n'edi sikasem ho dwuma bi te se bosea bɔ ne nsaase to.</p>	 <p>My thoughts are not considered when business decisions are made</p> <p>Eba sikasem ne adwumamu nhyeheyɛ a, yentie m'adwene</p>	 <p>Men discuss business with other men, rather than their wives</p> <p>Mmarima ne wɔn nnamfo taa di adwuma ne sikasem ho nkommɔ kyɛn wɔn yeronom</p>	 <p>To thrive men and women must share what they know with each other</p> <p>Se yεbɛkɔ y'anim a, ehia se mmaa ne mmarima toatoa adwene.</p>
 <p>Be truthful to customers okware kyere wo kɔstɔma</p>	 <p>Generosity and gratitude lead to good relationships</p> <p>Papayɛ ne anisɔ bue kwan ma aycnkofo papa</p>	 <p>All groups have a powerful perspective</p> <p>Kuo biara wɔ senea ɔhunu nneɛma fa</p>	 <p>Learning from past mistakes (More seeds do not mean more plants)</p> <p>Sua biribi firi w'ahweaseɛ mu (dua mma bebree nnkyere nnɔbae bebree)</p>	
 <p>Plan for the life ahead hyε w'abrabɔ ma daakye</p>	 <p>Shared plan for the future</p> <p>Yɛn nyinaa daakye nhyeheyɛ</p>	 <p>"If I had the means to make products, I know I could employ many people"</p> <p>"Meenya akwannya aye biribi atɔn a, me nim se anka metumi ama afoforɔ adwuma aye"</p>	 <p>We can be leaders</p> <p>Yebetumi aye akandifoo</p>	

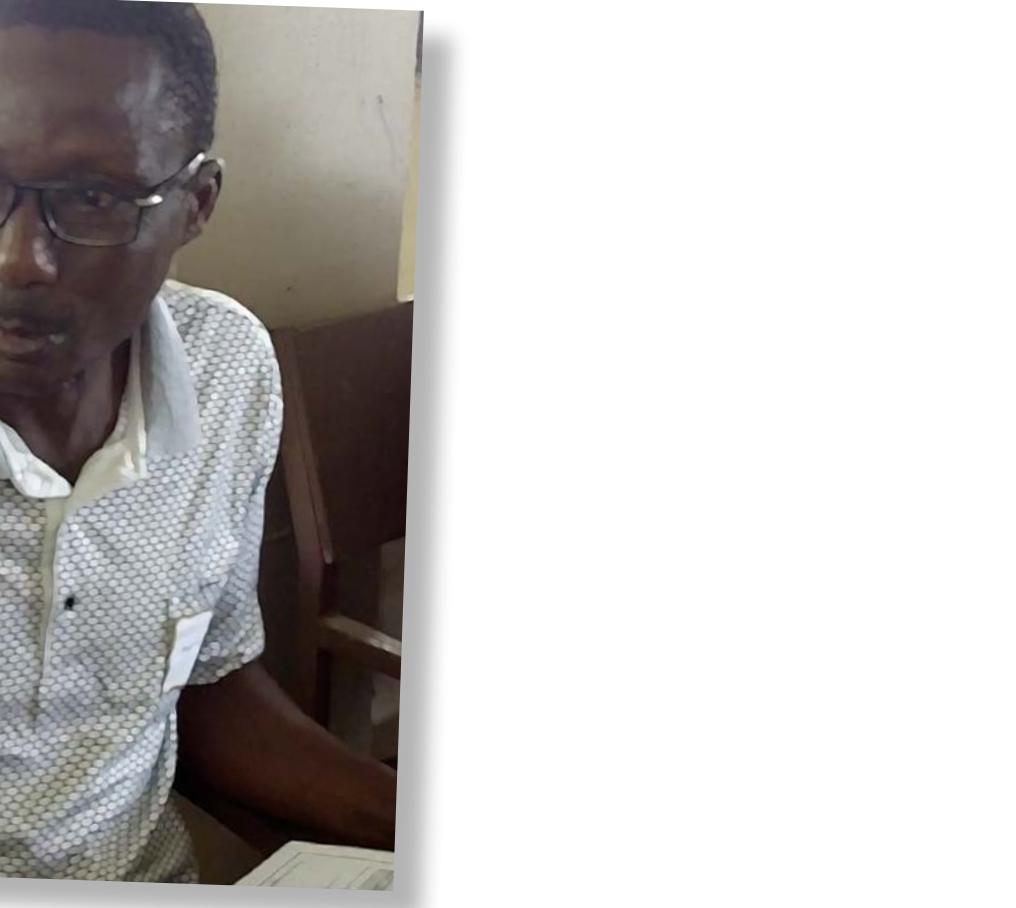


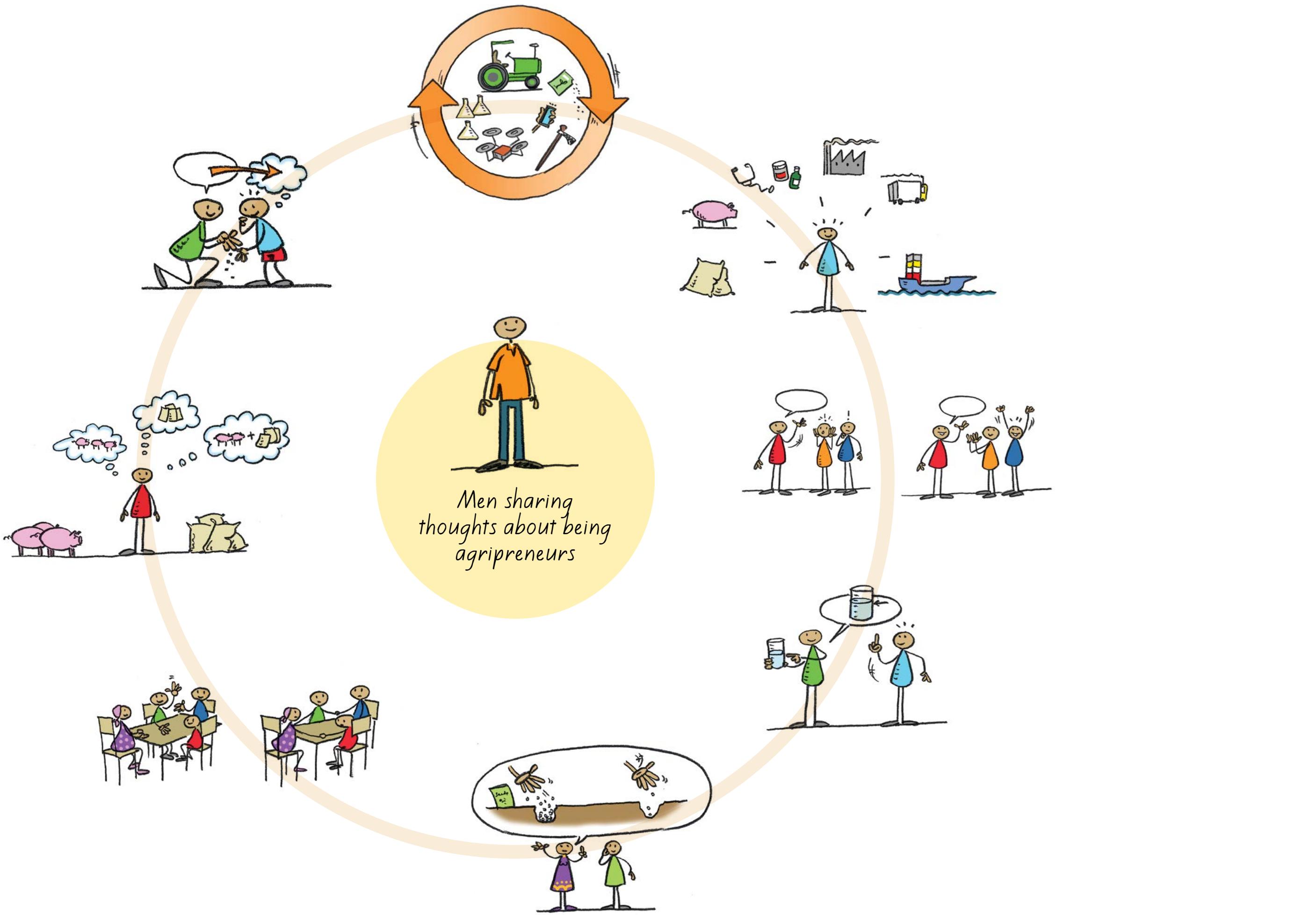
*"I would have never gone into cocoa farming, if it wasn't for my wife's persistent."*  
– Story Circle Participant









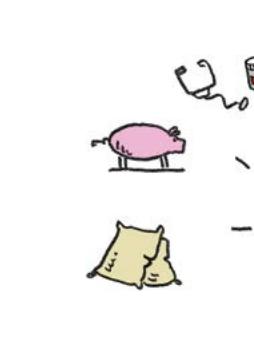


## Men sharing thoughts about being



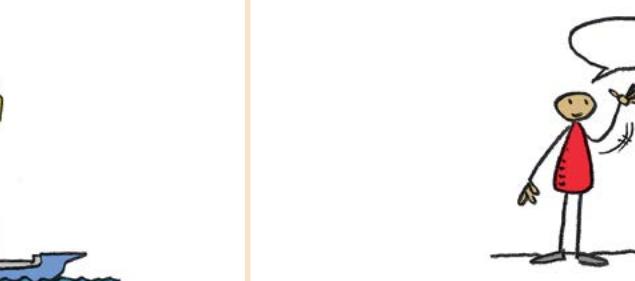
and to value indigenous knowledge as well as new knowledge

• tete nyansa ne abεεfo nnimdeε mu yiye



Agricult

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When you are looking for support for your farm plans, you may get discouragement from others.



may only get the support you want,  
after you have shown success

wo kɔ w'anim kakra wɔ w'adwuma  
mu a, mboa tumi ba

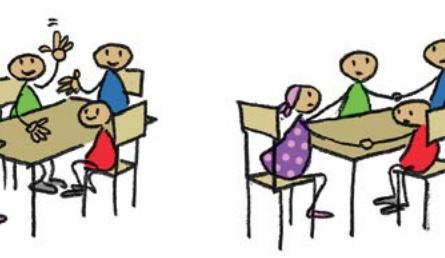


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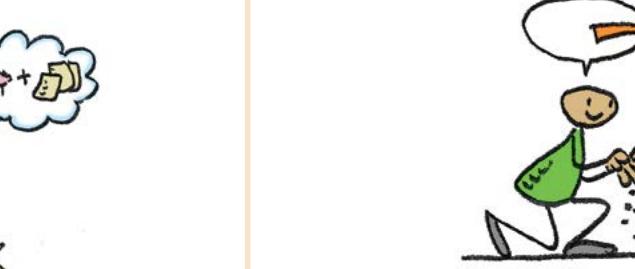
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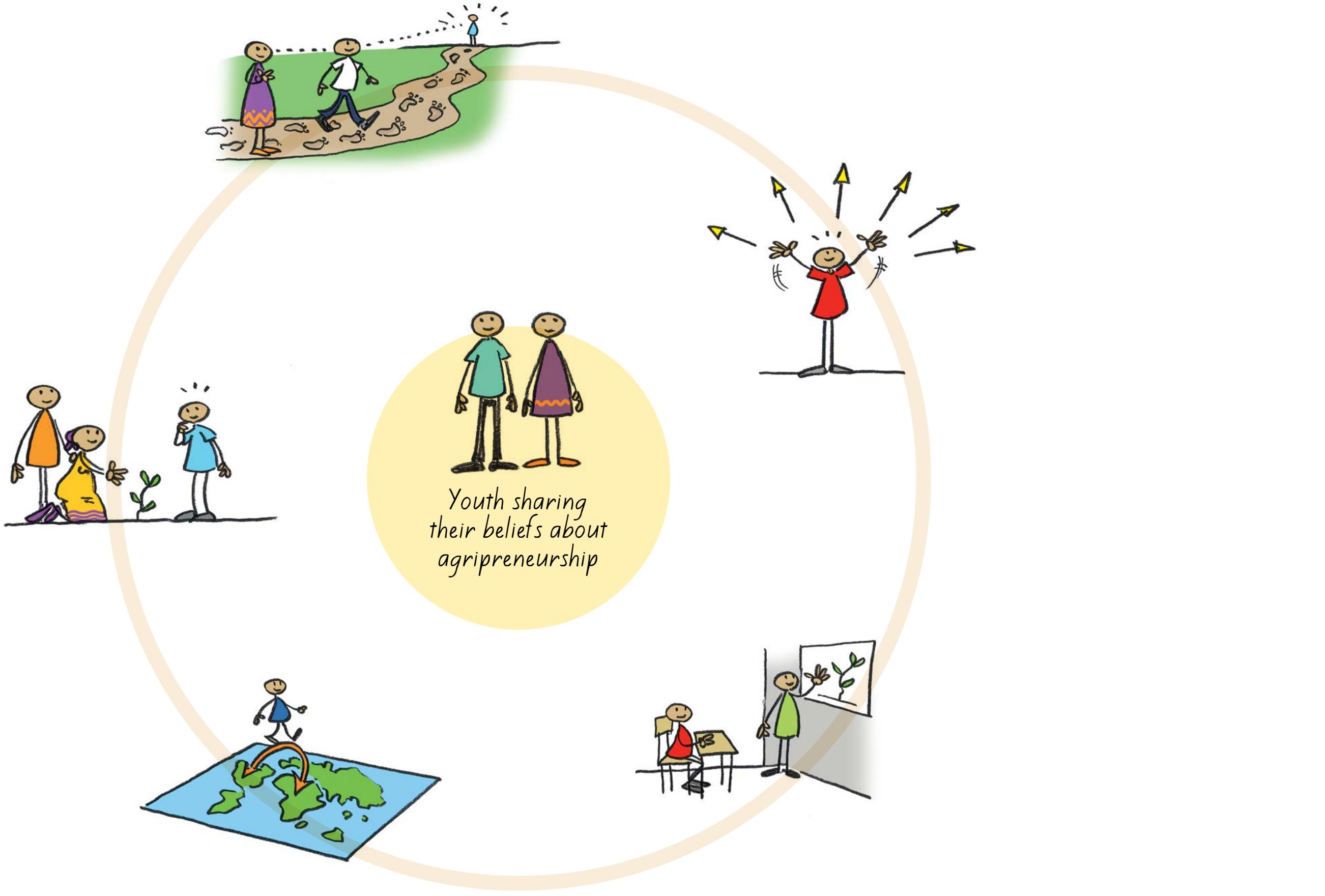
We preserve our knowledge by teaching  
our children



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Youth sharing their beliefs about agripreneurship

The value of a role-model is not just knowing where they arrived, but also knowing how they got there

Abrabo mu kwankyerεfо ho mfaso titiriw nnyε ne yiε die no, na mmom, ɔkwan a ofaa so dii yiε

Some people don't think it is attractive to go into farming. But it is my passion. I want to farm big so that I can help others.

Nnipa bi ani nnye kuayε ho. Na medεε, m'ani gye ho. Mεpε sε meyε afuo kεsεε na medε boa nkurofоo

I can be a farmer and a teacher of agriculture

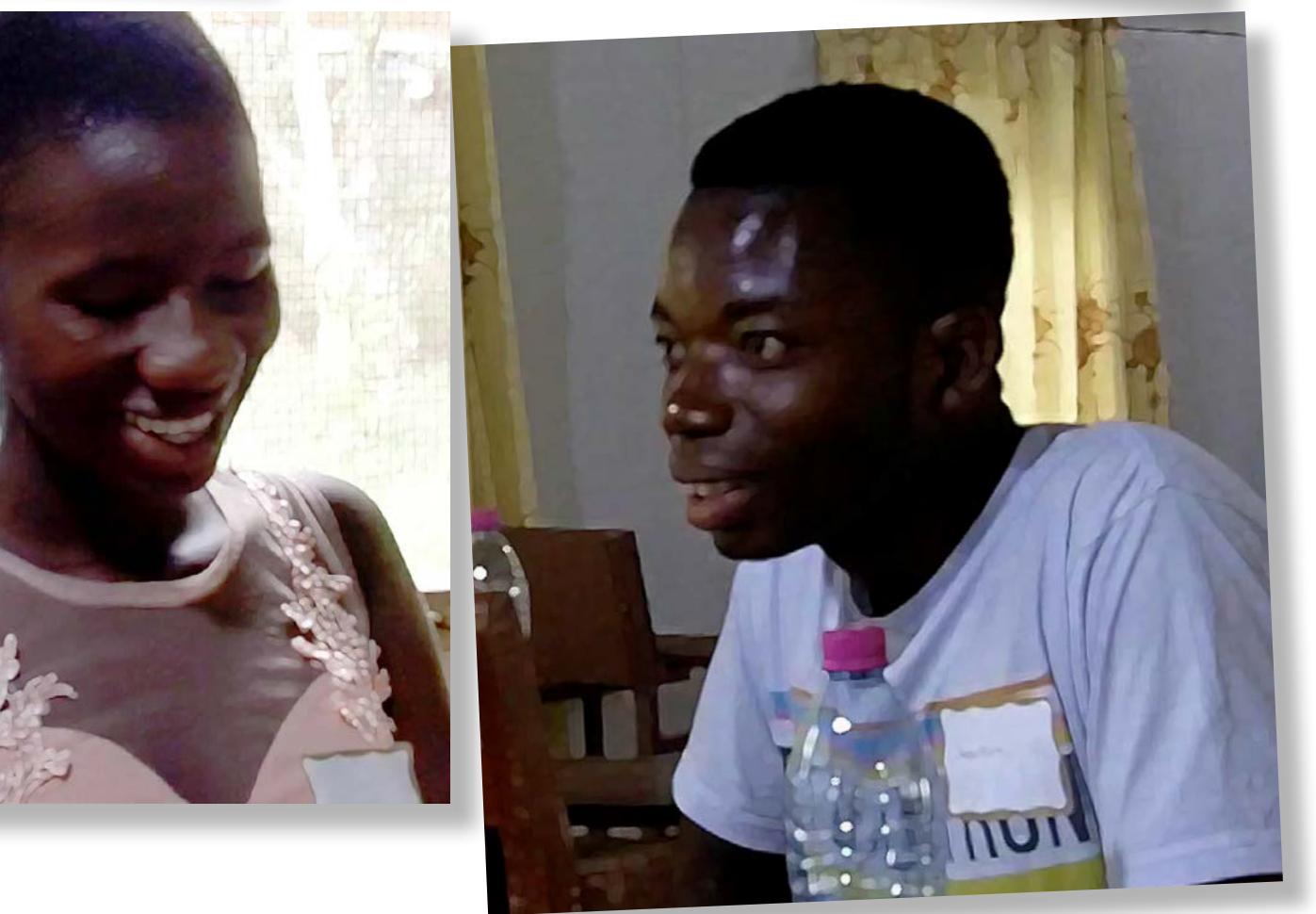
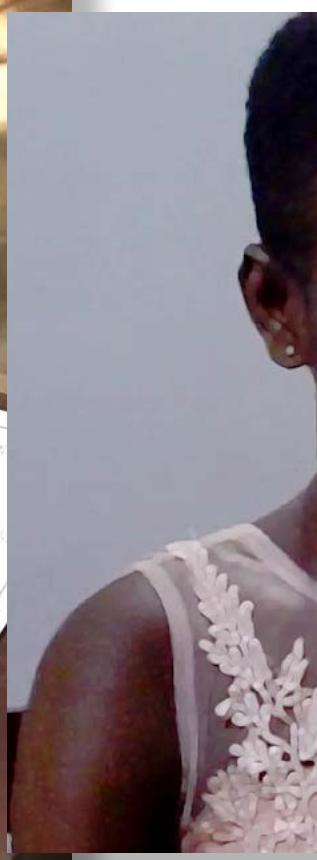
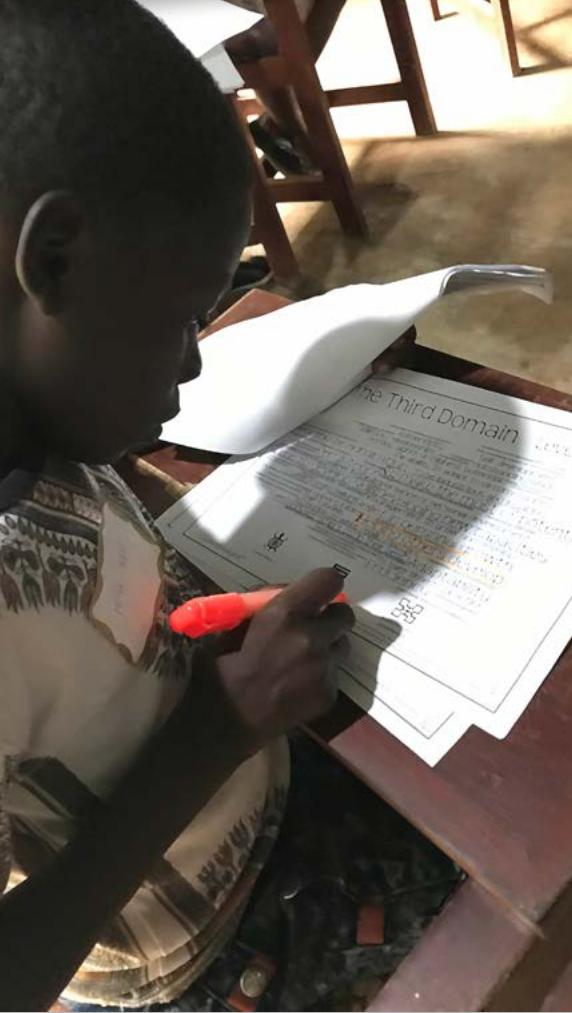
Mεnunyε sε ka asaa nsa akyεε kuayε cωnkuuksa

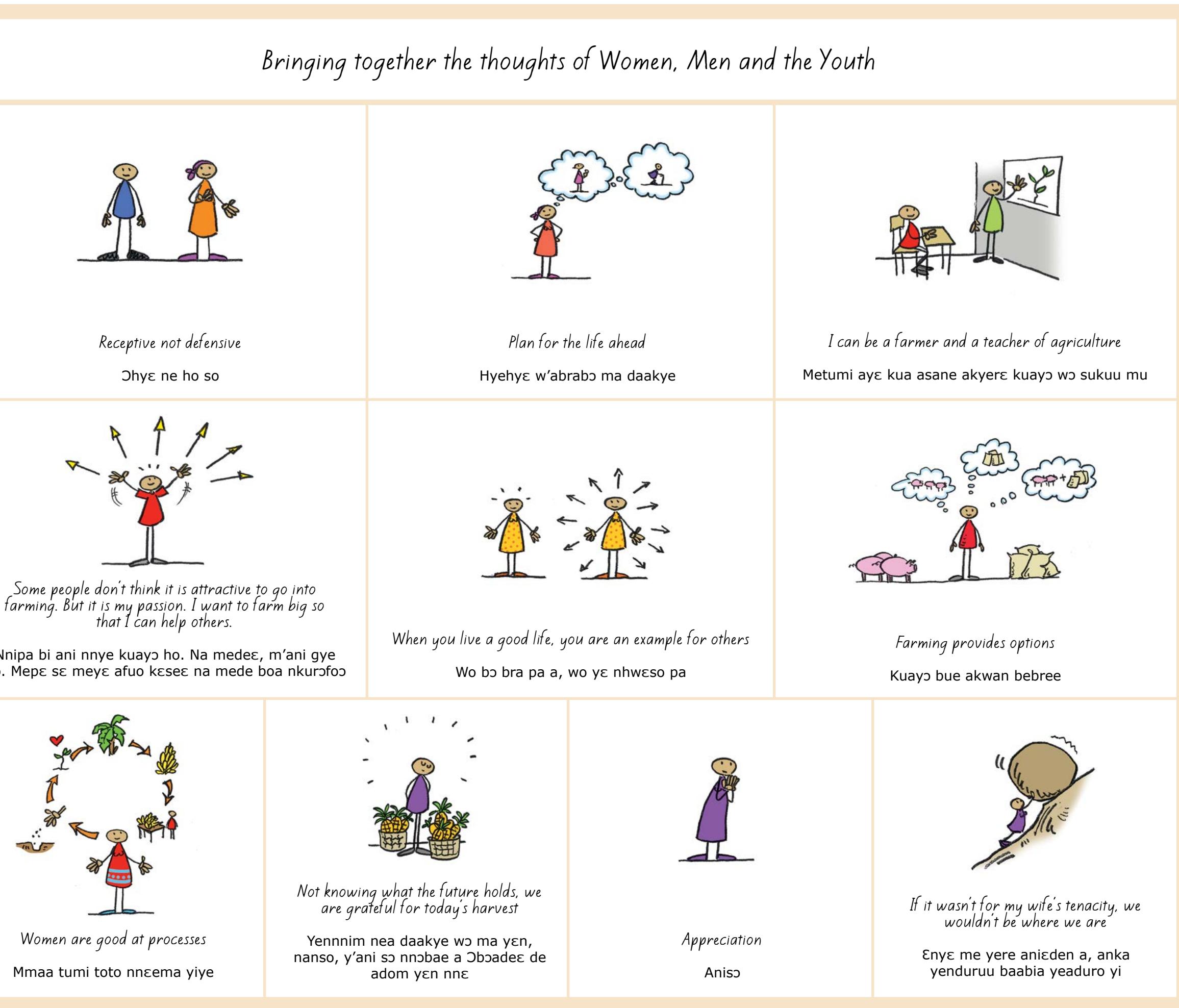
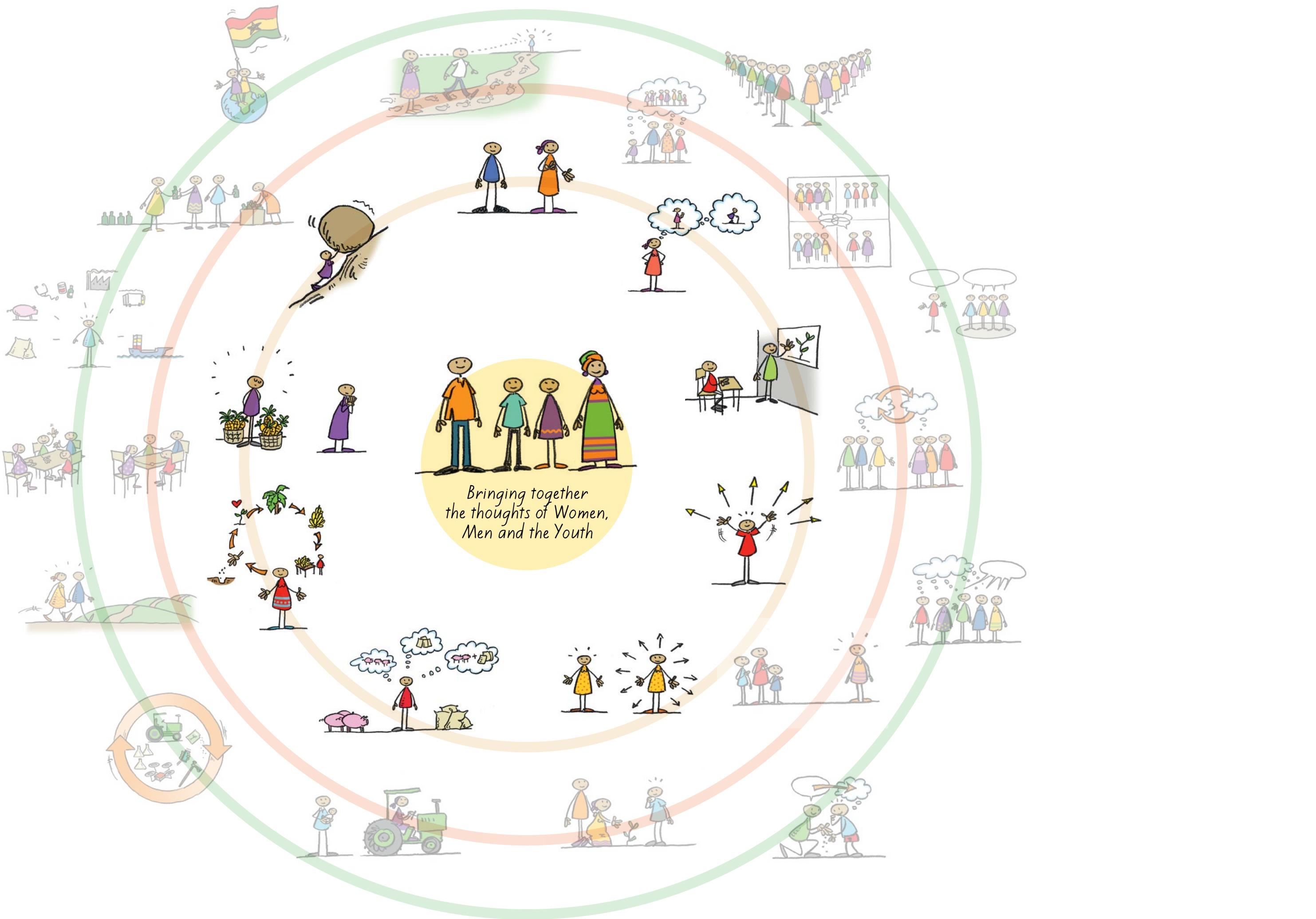
It is good to bring in global knowledge to uplift Ghana. (New perspectives are good)

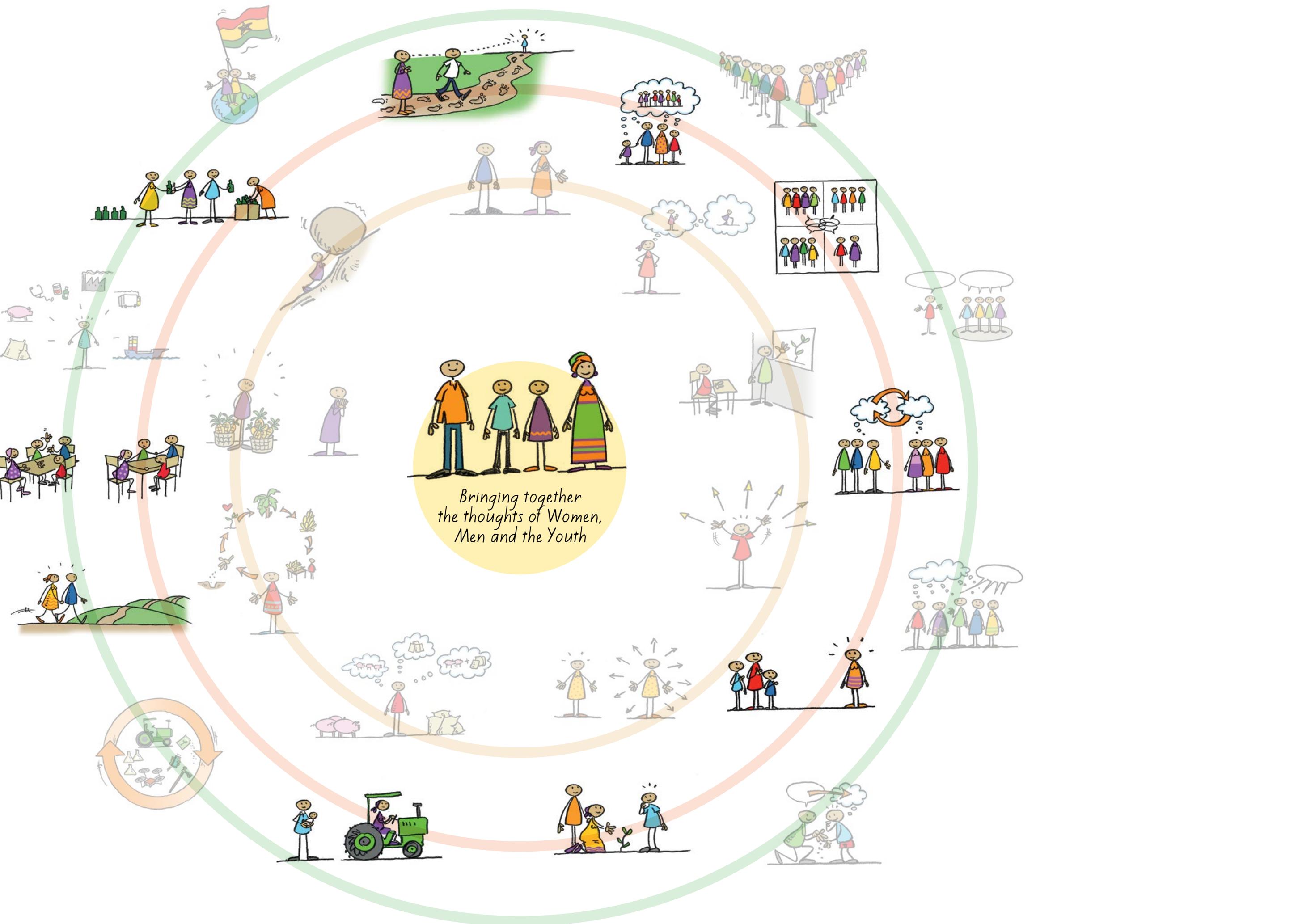
εyε sε yεde nnimdeε fofoε boa pegya Ghana. (Adwene fofoε ye)

My mom and dad taught me everything I know about farming.

M'awofоo kεyεε mε bεiβεra a mεenin fakуε ho







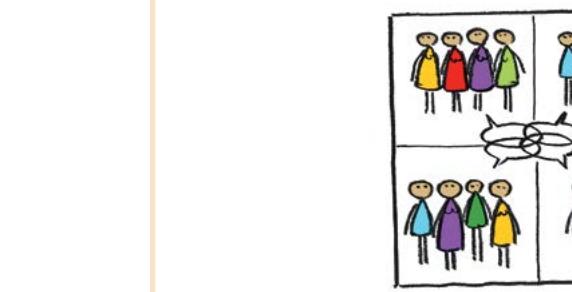
# *Bringing together the thoughts of Women, Men*



The value of a role-model is not just knowing they arrived, but also knowing how they got there.

Abrabɔ mu kwankyerɛfoo ho mfaso titi  
yiye die no, na mmom, ɔkwan a ɔfaa

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All groups have a powerful pers  
Kuo biara wɔ senea ɔhunu nne



To thrive men and women must share what they know with each other

Sε yεbεkɔ y'anim a, ehia sε mmaa ne  
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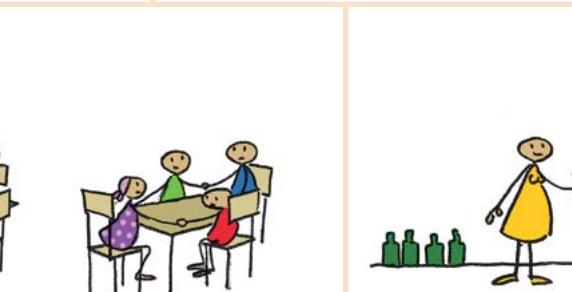


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## Widening personal responsibilities and roles

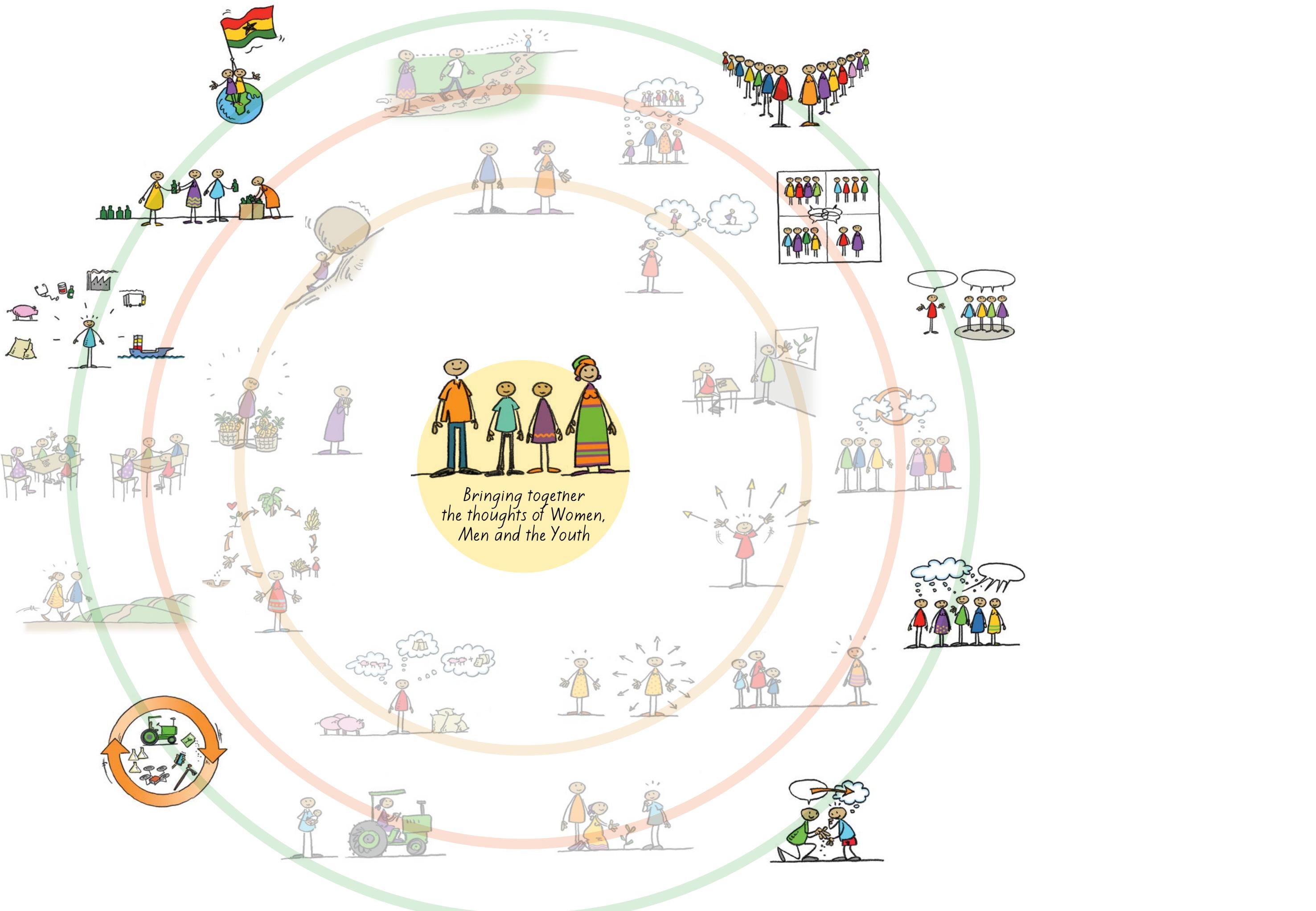


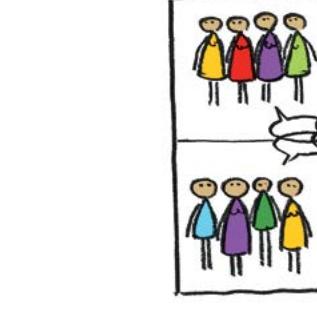
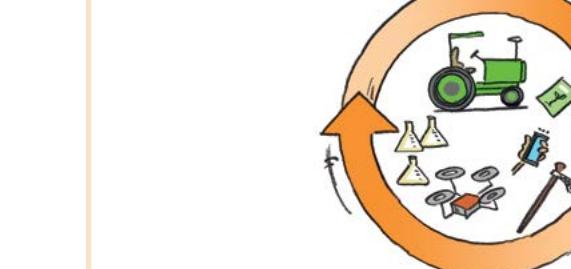
We have more courage when we work together  
yenza akukuduru soronko abere biara  
a ye yę adwuma mu bę



“If I had the means to make products, I know I could employ many people”

“Meenya akwannya aye biribi atɔn a, nimir se anka metumi ama afoforɔ adwuma aye”



Bringing together the thoughts of Women, Men and the Youth		
 <p>Unquestioned customs Amammeres a yemmis a ho asem</p>	 <p>All groups have a powerful perspective Kuo biara wo senea chunu nneema fa</p>	 <p>What is in for me right now? What is in for us in the future? What is in for our community? What is in for our nation? What is in for our country?</p>
 <p>It is good to think together and decide together Eye se mo bedwene abomu na moasi gyinae abo mu</p>	 <p>We preserve our knowledge by teaching our children Yeekyerkyere yen mma no, ne erebo yen nnimde ho ban ama daakye</p>	 <p>The need to value indigenous knowledge as well as new knowledge Ese se yeekyerkyere na abomu na maa maa yee</p>
 <p>Agriculture has so many choices Kua yu wo nkorabata bebree</p>	 <p>"If I had the means to make products, I know I could employ many people" Meenya akwannya aye biribi aton a, me nim se anka metumi ama afofor adwuma aye"</p>	 <p>We are leaders Yebetum a yekani</p>



*"I want to be a photographer."*

– Story Circle Participant



*"I want to be a soldier."*

– Story Circle Participant



*"I want to be a farmer."*

– Story Circle Participant



*"I want to be a nurse."*

– Story Circle Participant



