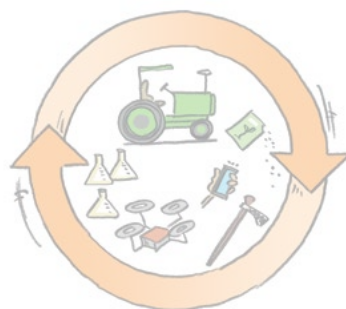


# Story Circle Album





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# Introduction

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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.

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# Nhyɛnmu

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Saa Story Ɔirlɔe mfonɪ nhoma yi fa Ghana mmusua a wɔyɛ kua ho. Mmusua yi mu bi ne yen kyɛɛ wɔn adwene ne wɔn nnimdee faa kuayɔ ho, ɛnɛ mmaa asɛdee a ɛwɔ kuayɔ mu.

Yɛpɛsɛ yegyina nsɛm a yete firii mmaa, mmarima, mmaabunu, ne mmofra nkyɛn no so, na yɛde firi yen nkomɔdie a ɛfa mmaa asɛdee a ɛwɔ kuadwuma mu no ase.

Story Ɔirɔle mfonɪ nhoma yi kyere suahunu ne adwenkyere ahodoɔ a yɛpɛ sɛ yegyina so de toa nkomodie no so na mpo aforoɔ pii nso atumi aka bi. Yɛ too nsa frɛɛ mprenpren ne daakye akuafɔɔ sɛ wɔn mmesusuw nsɛm bi ho, na wɔnfa wɔn ahiasɛm nso nto dwa.

Yegusu ara ne nnipa pii eedi nkɔmmɔ yi no, yebenya adwenkyere pii, na y’asane adɔ nsɛm no mu asukɔ na y’ate aseɛ yiye. Yɛ wɔ gyidie sɛ, nkɔmmɔ yi benyini ama abɛyɛ fapɛm a ɛde nsakraɛɛ mapa bɛba nnipa abrabɔ mu.

Adwene foforo biara ma yen nhunummu, na ɛsan hyɛ yen den ma yetumi boa mmaa wɔ kuayɔ mu, ama abusuamu no nyinaa nso anya wɔn so mfasoɔ. Adaagyɛɛ a yede bedi nkɔmmɔ yi bɛkyere kwan pa a yɛbɛfaso adi yen dwuma.

Bere a yɛɛtwe y’adwene asi mmaa denhyɛ so yi, ye behunu ɔkwan a dwumadie yi bepegya yen nyinaa maako maako, yɛ mantam, ne wiase nyinaa.

Mmusua a yɛ no wɔn ahyɛ nkɔmmɔ twetwe yi ase no ne KITAfɔɔ bɛhwɛ dwumadie yi so apia ako n’anim.



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## Story Circle Participants

Story Circle mu nnipa

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| 1. Clement Duku                 | 17. Veronica Nyame      |
| 2. Mercy Duku                   | 18. Josephina Owusu     |
| 3. Justina Abenaa Serwaah Duku, | 19. Josephina Attah     |
| 4. Evans Debrah Duku            | 20. Isaac Owusu         |
| 5. Agnes Asare Akoto            | 21. Yaw Danso           |
| 6. Joseph Kwame Buabeng         | 22. Afia Nzema          |
| 7. Marian Owusu                 | 23. Emmanuel Danso      |
| 8. Ebenezer Kusi Jumah          | 24. Augustine Danso     |
| 9. Elizabeth Owusu Ansah        | 25. Okpei Jagri         |
| 10. Benjamin Owusu Ansah        | 26. Jagri Agnes         |
| 11. Vida Owusu Asantewaah       | 27. Jagri Waka          |
| 12. Benedicta Owusu Tiwaah      | 28. Peter Merry         |
| 13. Armooh Zealous Nichodemus   | 29. Peter Albert        |
| 14. Patrina Tornye              | 30. Francisca Appiah    |
| 15. Perick Tornye               | 31. Shadow Enoch Detlef |
| 16. Promise Tonyie              |                         |

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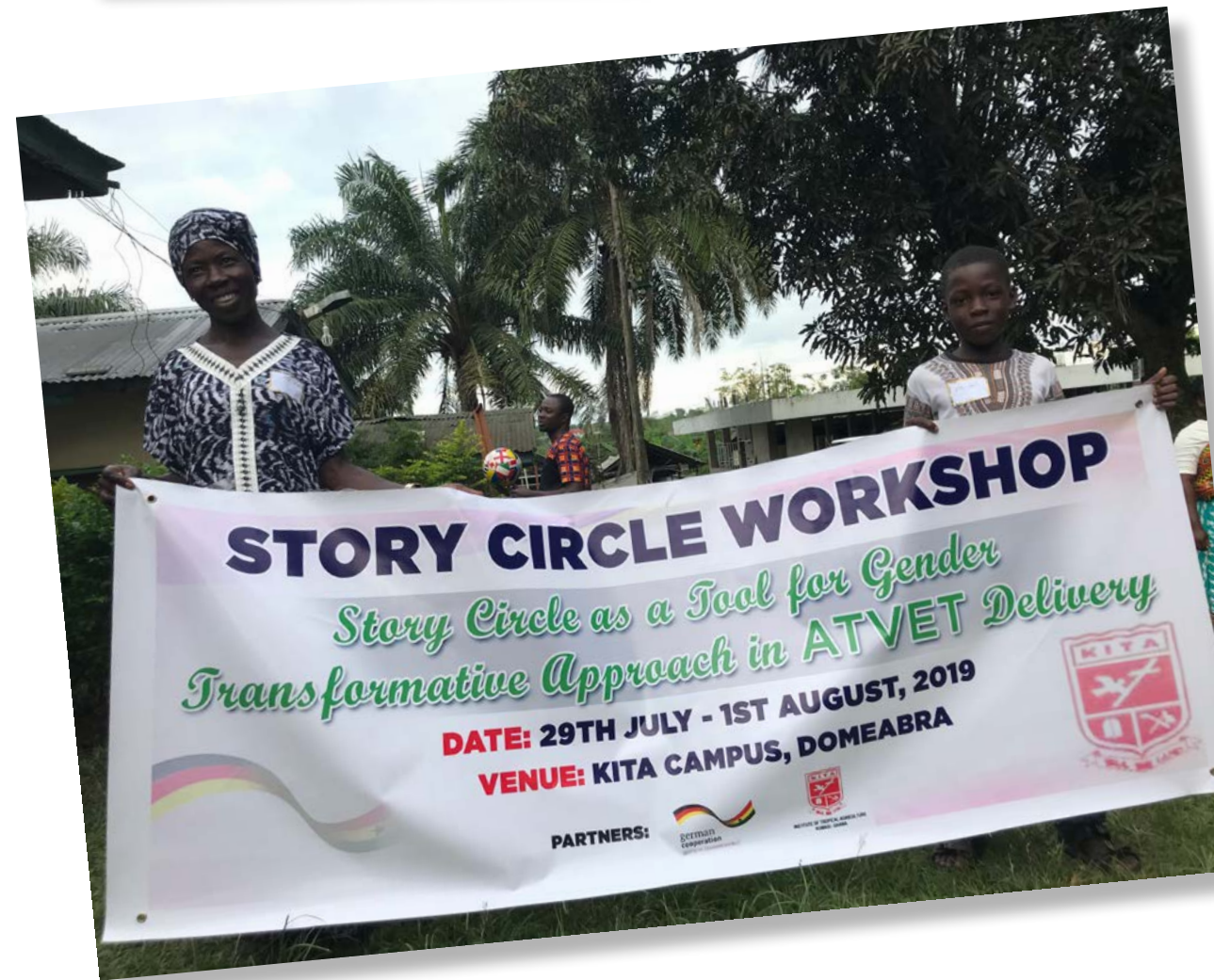
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| 2. Ellison Owusu Fordjour |
| 3. Samuel Owusu-Takyi     |
| 4. Richard Antwi-Tuffour  |
| 5. Yirbeen Arcadius       |
| 6. Jacqueline Baidoo      |
| 7. Owusu Vandyck          |
| 8. Tweneboah Koduah       |
| 9. Emmanuel Klutse        |
| 10. Kwadwo Fosu           |
| 11. Amadu Helin           |
| 12. Charlotte Appiah      |
| 13. Richard Ulf Gyamfi    |
| 14. Emmanuel Benyin       |
| 15. Andrews Opoku Adjare  |
| 16. Dickson Owusu Poku    |

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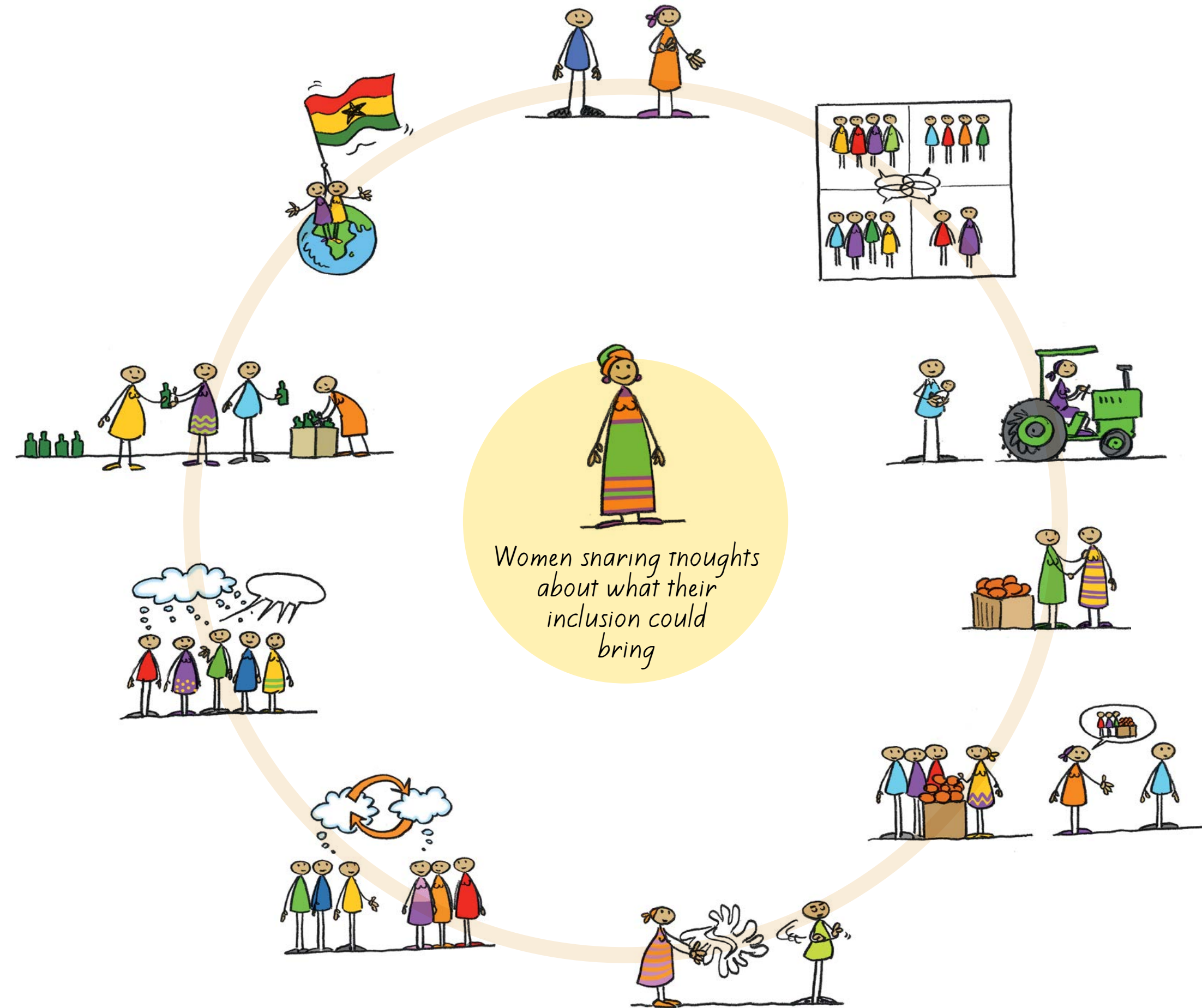








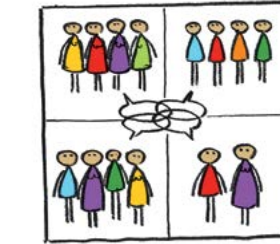




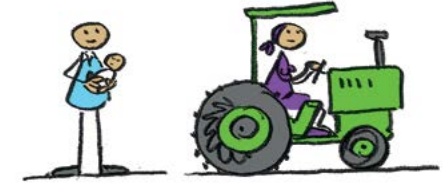
## Women sharing thoughts about what their inclusion could bring



Receptive not defensive  
Dhye ne ho so



All groups have a powerful perspective  
Kuo biara wo senea dhunu nneema fa



Widening personal responsibilities and roles  
Tre w'asodie ne wo nnwuma mu



We understand the market but are not always listened to  
Yete dwadie ase, nanso wonom ntie yen



Be truthful to customers  
Ka nokware kyere wo kostoma



Lack of forgiveness  
Onfa bone nkye



To thrive men and women must share what they know with each other  
Se yebeko y'anim a, ehia se mmaa ne mmarima toatoa adwene.



It is good to think together and decide together  
Eye se mo bedwene abomu na moasi gyinae abo mu



"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 afoforo adwuma aye"



We can be leaders  
Yebetumi aye akandifo













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







## Men sharing the realities of managing their income



We have more courage when we work together

Yenya akukuduru soronko abere biara a ye yɔ adwuma bɔ mu



Farming provides options

Kuayɔ bue akwan bebreɛ



"If you are walking with a child on the farm and your promise to rest when you get to a certain tree. When you get there, you should rest. We should take the making of promises seriously and stick to them."

If you promise something, do it.

Wo hyɛ bɔ a, di so



As a person and farmer you will get stuck if you do not keep learning

Wo yɛ onipa anaa kuani yi deɛ, woansua ade a, wobɛ pem



Skill develops through learning and doing

Sɛ w'adwuma benyini a, egyina adesua ne adwumaden so



The need to value indigenous knowledge as well as new knowledge

Ɛsɛ sɛ yɛ sɔ tete nyansa ne abɛɛfo nnimdeɛ mu yiye



We preserve our knowledge by teaching our children

Yɛɛkyerɛkyerɛ yɛn mma no, ne ɛrebɔ yɛn nnimdeɛ ho ban ama daakye



It take courage to make the choice to go into farming

Mede akokoduro sii gyinai sɛ mɛyɛ kua



Not knowing what the future holds, we are grateful for today's harvest

Yennnim nea daakye wɔ ma yɛn, nanso, y'ani sɔ nnɔbae a ɔɔbaɔdeɛ de adom yɛn nne












If it wasn't for my wife's tenacity, we wouldn't be where we are

Ɛnyɛ me yere aniedɛn a, anka yenduruu baabia yeaduro yi

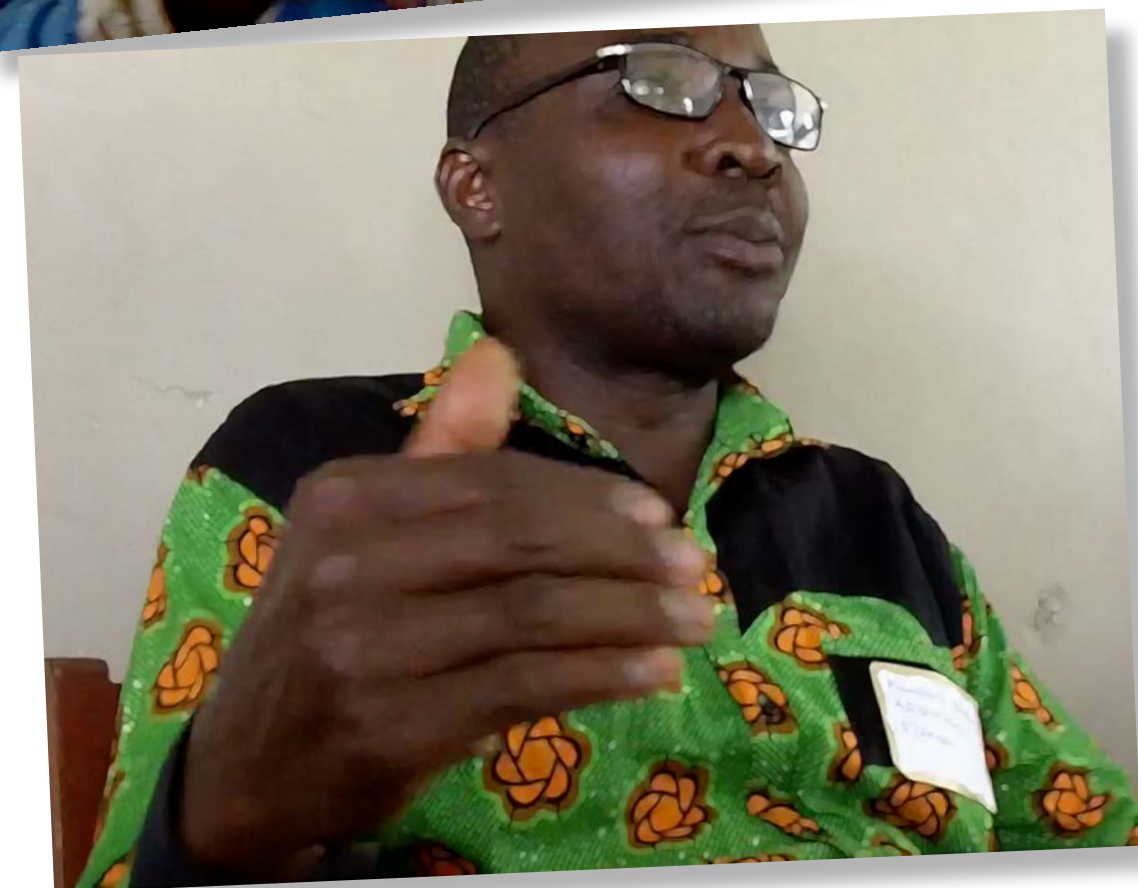
"I trust my wife. She is the reason I took the decision to go into cocoa farming. She said we would make it work and we did."



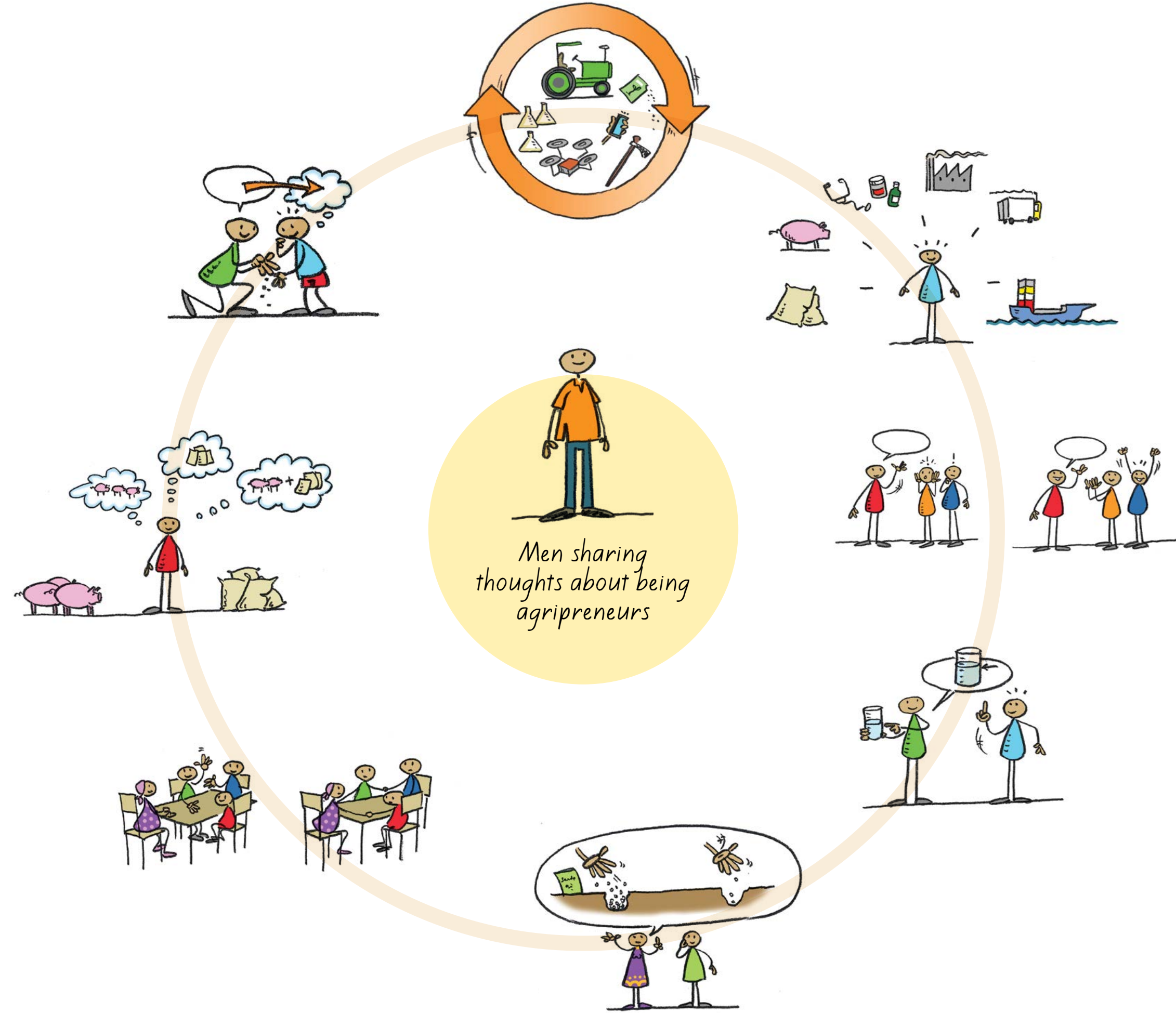








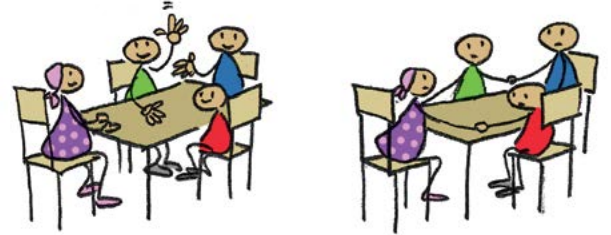


Men sharing thoughts about women as they tend to their farming business		
 <p>To use one's life as an example Hwɛ onipa pa bi so bɔ bra</p>	 <p>We have more courage when we work together yenya akukuduru soronko abere biara a ye yɔ adwuma bɔ mu</p>	 <p>Women may not know it but men see their generosity Ebia na mmaa no nnim, nanso mmarima hunu wɔn mmoa paa ara</p>
 <p>A man praises his wife, but not to her Barima bi kanfo ne yere kyere aforɔ nanso ɔnka nsi ɔbaa n'anim</p>	 <p>I'd rather do it myself, but is it possible? Me nyae a anka meye m'adee, nanso ebeye yie anaa?</p>	 <p>What I love about my wife, is that she manages the details and can account for everything Ade a me pe wɔ me yere ho ne se, otumi toto nneema yiye, na odi nokware wɔ biribiara ho.</p>
 <p>It is a good thing to share what you know in a way that really helps people Eye se wo bekye nea wonim ama aforɔ nso anya ho mfaso</p>	 <p>We help others out when we can Yeboa aforɔ abere biara a yebetumi</p>	 <p>Together in good times and difficult times Anigye muo, amannee muo, yede nkabom betena</p>







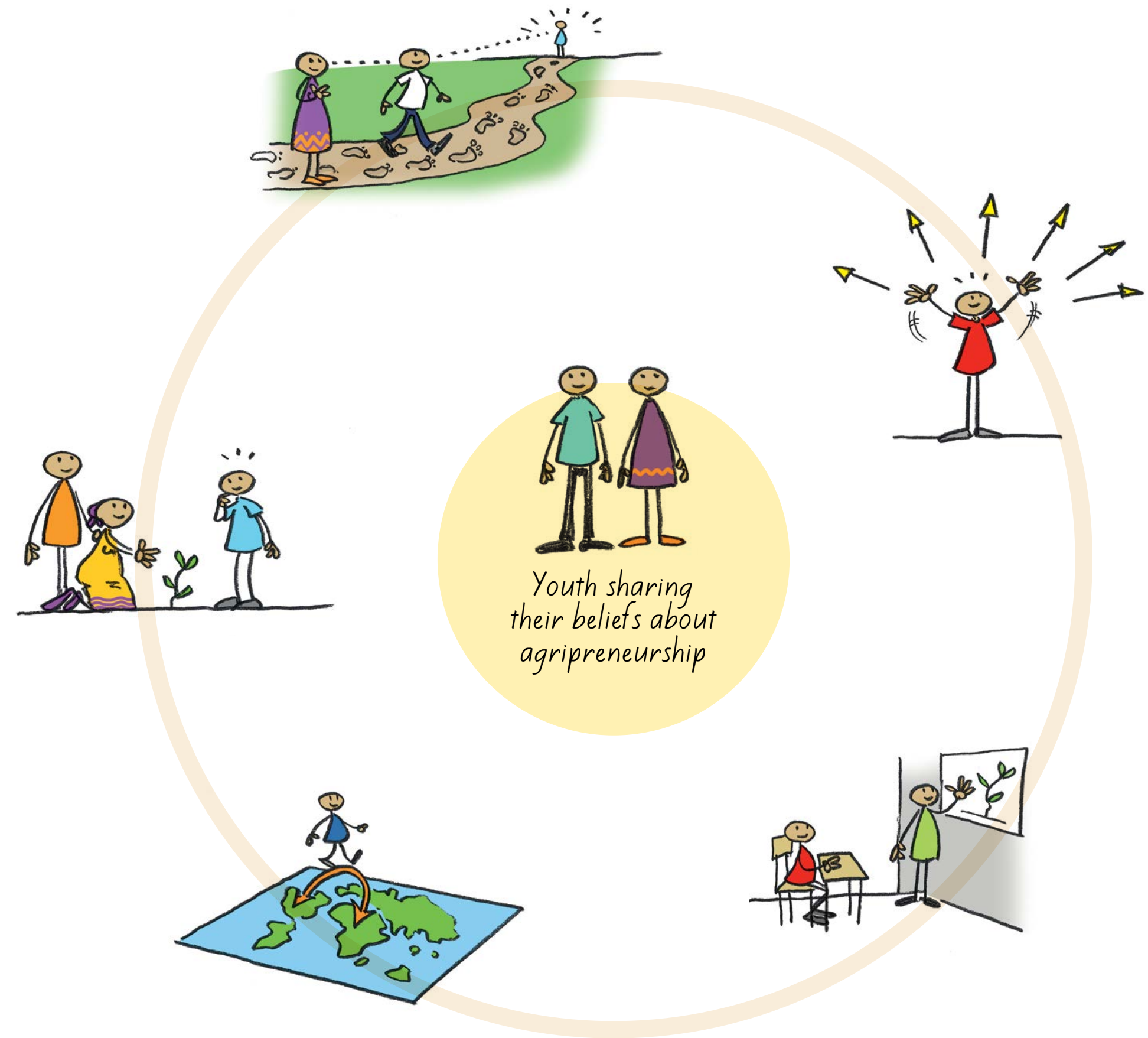


Men sharing thoughts about being agripreneurs		
 <p>The need to value indigenous knowledge as well as new knowledge</p> <p>Ɛsɛ sɛ yɛ sɔ tɛtɛ nyansa nɛ abɛɛfo nnimɔɔ mu yiye</p>	 <p>Agriculture has so many choices</p> <p>Kua yɔ wɔ nkorabata bebreɛ</p>	 <p>When you are looking for support for your farming plans, you may get discouragement from others</p> <p>Amanfoɔ tumi bu w'aba mu bere a wo hia mboa wɔ wo kua yɔ mu</p>
 <p>You may only get the support you want, after you have shown success</p> <p>Sɛ wo kɔ w'anim kakra wɔ w'adwuma mu a, mboa tumi ba</p>	 <p>It is a good thing to share what you know in a way that really helps people</p> <p>Ɛyɛ sɛ wo bekyɛ nea wonim ama aforɔɔ nso anya ho mfasoɔ</p>	 <p>Learning from past mistakes (More seeds do not mean more plants)</p> <p>Sua biribi firi w'ahweaseɛ mu (dua mma bebreɛ nnkyɛɛ nnɔbaɛ bebreɛ)</p>
 <p>Together in good times and difficult times</p> <p>Anigye muo, amanneɛ muo, yɛde nkabom bɛtena</p>	 <p>Farming provides options</p> <p>Kuayɔ bue akwan bebreɛ</p>	 <p>We preserve our knowledge by teaching our children</p> <p>Yɛɛkyɛɛkyɛɛ yɛn mma no, nɛ ɛrebo yɛn nnimɔɔ ho ban ama daakye</p>









## 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*

Abrabɔ mu kwankyerɛfoɔ ho mfaso titiriw nnye ne yiye die no, na mmom, ɔkwan a ɔfaa so dii yiye



*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 kuayɔ ho. Na medee, m'ani gye ho. Mepɛ sɛ meyɛ afuo kɛsɛɛ na mede boa nkurɔfoɔ



*I can be a farmer and a teacher of agriculture*  
Metumi ayɛ kua asane akyerɛ kuayɔ wɔ sukuu mu



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

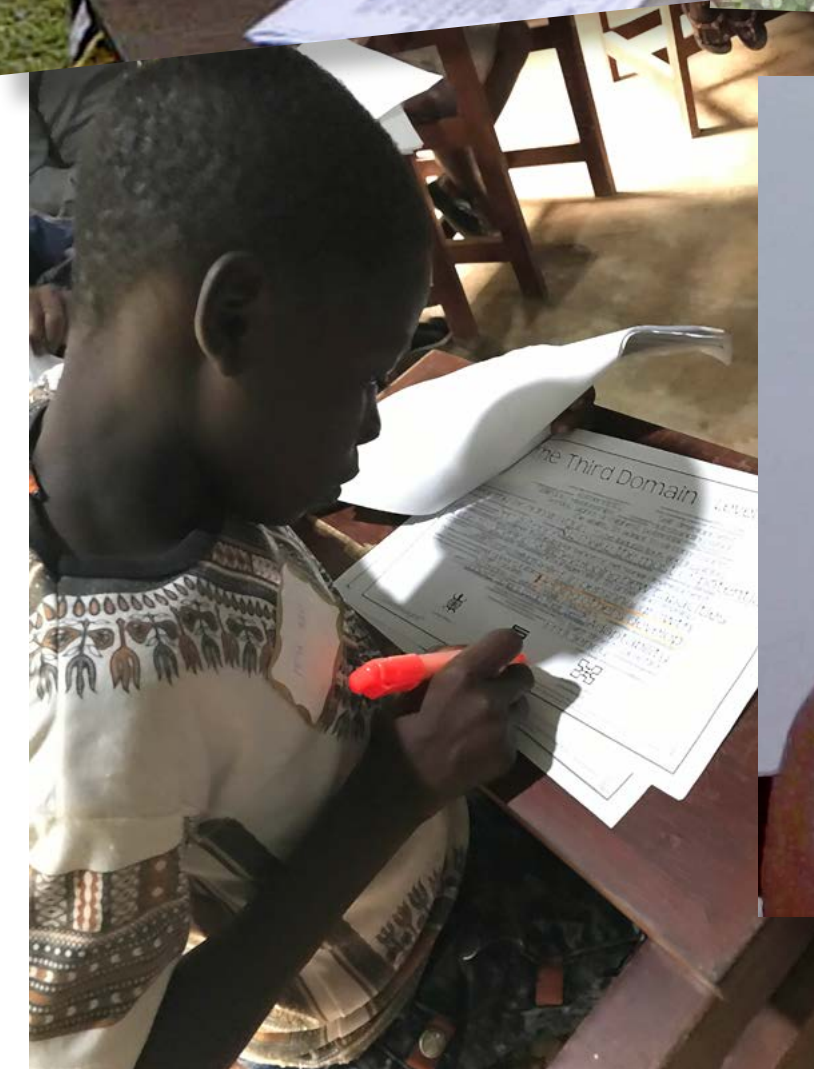
Ɛyɛ sɛ yɛde nnimdee foforo boa pegya Ghana. (Adwene foforo ye)



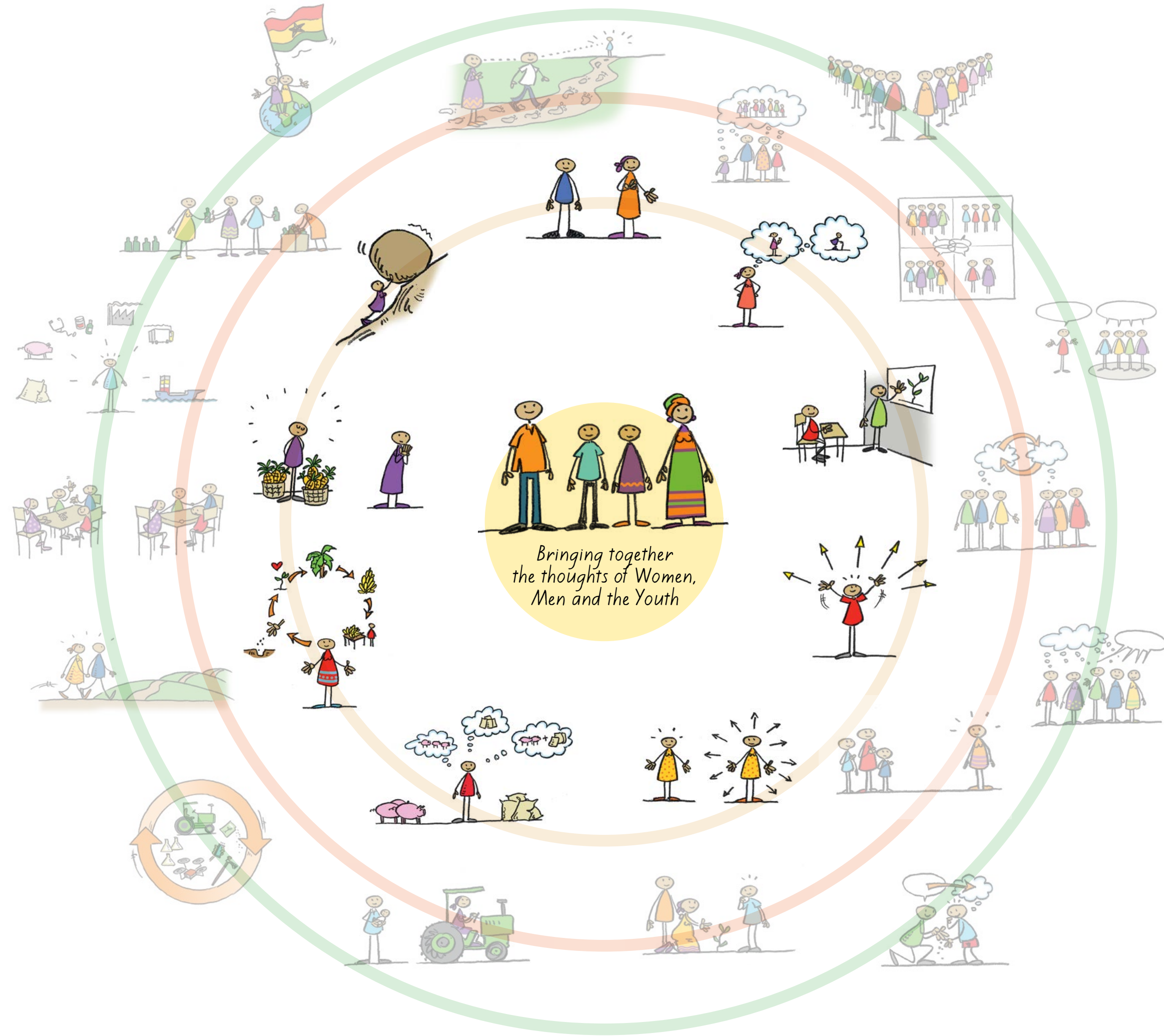
*My mom and dad taught me everything I know about farming.*





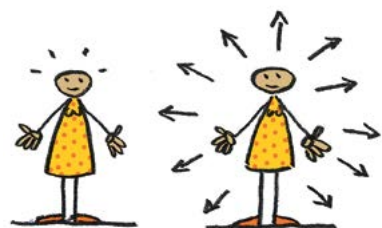





M'awofɔɔ kyereɛ me biribiara a menim fa kuayɔ ho



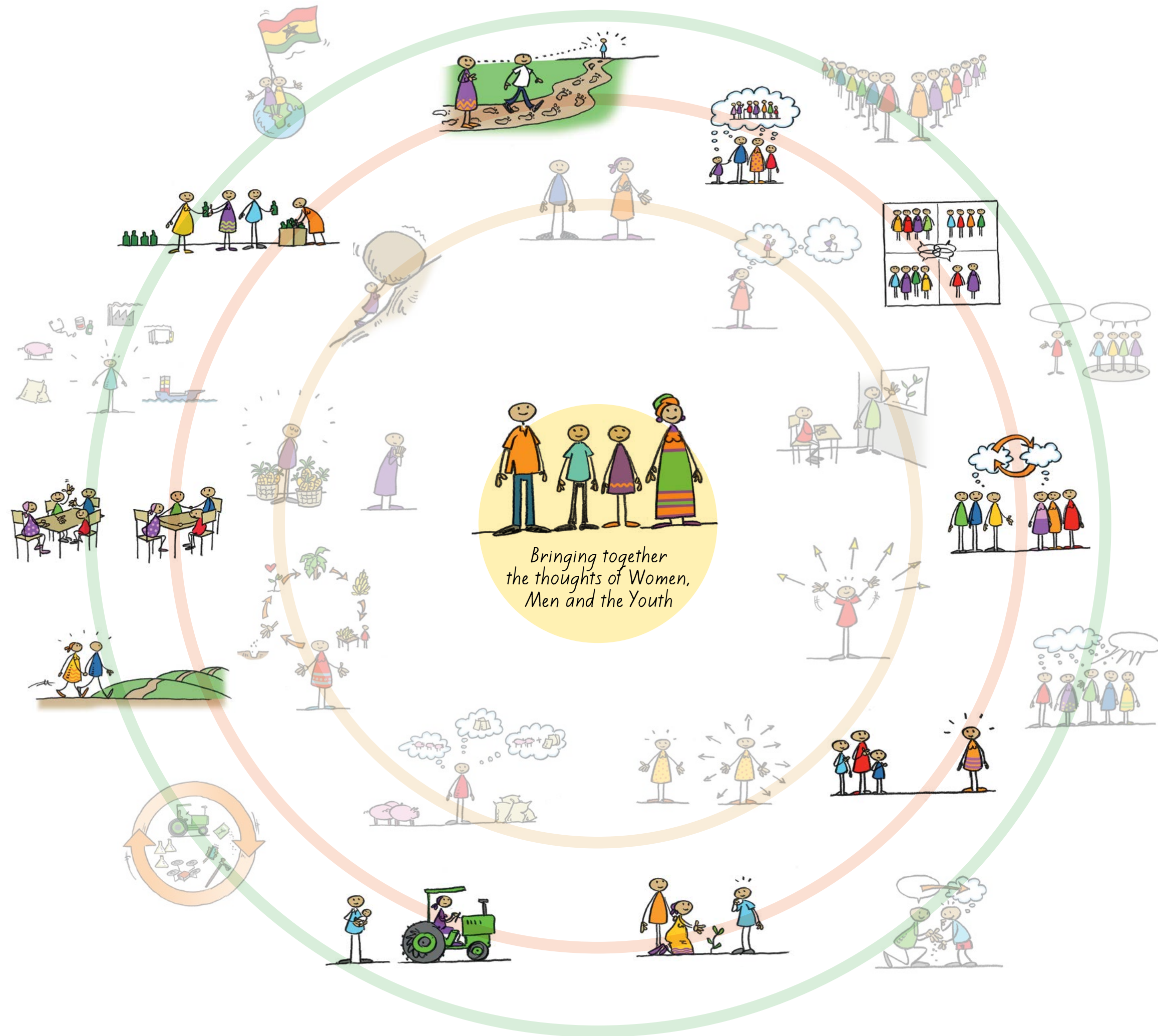






Bringing together the thoughts of Women, Men and the Youth			
 <p>Receptive not defensive Ohye ne ho so</p>	 <p>Plan for the life ahead Hyehye w'abrabo ma daakye</p>	 <p>I can be a farmer and a teacher of agriculture Metumi aye kua asane akyere kuayo wo sukuu mu</p>	
 <p>Some people don't think it is 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 kuayo ho. Na medee, m'ani gye ho. Mepɛ sɛ meye afuo kɛsɛɛ na mede boa nkurɔfo</p>	 <p>When you live a good life, you are an example for others Wo bo bra pa a, wo ye nhweso pa</p>	 <p>Farming provides options Kuayo bue akwan beeree</p>	
 <p>Women are good at processes Mmaa tumi toto nneema yiye</p>	 <p>Not knowing what the future holds, we are grateful for today's harvest Yennnim nea daakye wo ma yen, nanso, y'ani so nnobae a Obadae de adom yen nne</p>	 <p>Appreciation Aniso</p>	 <p>If it wasn't for my wife's tenacity, we wouldn't be where we are Ehye me yere anieden a, anka yenduruu baabia yeaduro yi</p>





### Bringing together the thoughts of Women, Men and the Youth

<p>The value of a role-model is not just knowing where they arrived, but also knowing how they got there</p> <p>Abrabɔ mu kwankyerɛfoɔ ho mfaso titiriw nnyɛ ne yiye die no, na mmom, ɔkwan a ɔfaa so dii yiye</p>	<p>Shared plan for the future</p> <p>Yɛn nyinaa daakye nhyehyɛɛ</p>	<p>All groups have a powerful perspective</p> <p>Kuo biara wɔ sɛnea ɔhunɔ nneɛma fa</p>
<p>To thrive men and women must share what they know with each other</p> <p>Sɛ yɛbɛko y'anɪm a, ehia sɛ mmaa ne mmarima toatoa adwene</p>	<p>To use one's life as an example</p> <p>Hwɛ onipa pa bi so bo bra</p>	<p>My mom and dad taught me everything I know about farming.</p> <p>M'awofɔ kyɛrɛɛ me biribiara a menim fa kuayɔ ho</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</p> <p>Tɛ w'asodie ne wo nnwuma mu</p>	<p>We have more courage when we work together</p> <p>yenya akukuduru soronko abere biara a ye yɔ adwuma bo mu</p>	<p>Together in good times and difficult times</p> <p>Anigyɛ muo, amanneɛ muo, yɛde nkabom bɛtɛna</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 sɛ anka metumi ama afɔforɔ adwuma aye"</p>		









*"I want to be a photographer."*

– Story Circle Participant



*"I want to be a farmer."*

– Story Circle Participant



*"I want to be a soldier."*

– Story Circle Participant



*"I want to be a nurse."*

– Story Circle Participant





