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Asres Negash

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Story

“Drought ruins everything. It ruins our finances. It ruins our lives.” In her village, everybody knows what Asres Negash is talking about. She grew up in the rural Wag Hemra Zone, in the Amhara region of North Ethiopia, where drought regularly kills the village’s crops and cattle and at the same time pushes its population into food insecurity. Without any other source of income, Asres was dependent on aid to survive.

Asres is a single mom. She wanted to be able to offer her child a better life, to make her life less reliant on climate change and natural disasters crises. So when she heard about the creation of a women savings and credit group in her village, she immediately joined.

“We are about 20 women. When one of us has a project, she talks to the group and we provide her with the money,” Asres says. With this group support, she could open a small restaurant near the newly renovated road of the village and considerably improve her and her child's situation. And her business is also less vulnerable to drought. Thanks to this increase of income, she has now more savings to put into her group, helping other women to build resilience in her community. #SheisWe.

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