



# August 2024

During our small-scale farmers' training in August, we were privileged to have representatives from the Joint Association of Persons With Disabilities in attendance. (As an added bonus, they were old friends from my days at the orphanage in Otutulu!)

The number of Nigerians now facing food insecurity is 31.8 million people. Among the most vulnerable to this crisis are Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), who face an even higher risk of food insecurity due to systemic biases in social and financial inclusion. That is why we felt it was so important to begin making an intentional effort to reach out to this community for our agricultural trainings and to work with them on ensuring that our programs are accessible.

They left very excited about the many possibilities for PWDs to be involved in farming their own food AND farming to make a profit, especially through the idea of small cooperatives wherein they leverage on the strengths of the different abilities within their community for division of labor. They have already submitted names of more candidates for training!

“Thank you for your disability inclusive program. We look forward to more of this.” (Mark)

“When I go back now, the way this country is heading, I think I will move back to the village and just start farming.” (David)

See an interview with one of the PWD representatives.



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“We cannot do without the parts of the body that seem weaker; and those parts that we think aren't worth very much are the ones which we treat with greater care.” ~1 Corinthians 12:22-23



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