

Explore culture

Sustainable Development across the World

Exercise :

Here are two stories about sustaining development worldwide. Read only one story, answer the question below, and then exchange answer with your partner to learn about the other story.

A few years ago Johannes escaped the war that was ravaging the island of East Timor in Indonesia, a country in Southeast Asia. He found himself in Bekasi, a city of 2 million people just east of the capital city of Jakarta. To support himself, Johannes started a button-selling business. He had almost nothing when he first started this business.

Today, after three years of hard work, he has four employees. With the small loan of 500,000 Rupiah, he bought a load of zippers and sold them out within days. His second loan of 400,000 Rupiah will allow for additional expansion. The support offered by the GERHATI program is far better than that of the local loan bank.

After Joy's husband died of malaria, she found herself alone, taking care of six children in the Dabale District of Uganda, a country east of Africa, near the Rwanda border. Instead of giving up to despair, she started a brick-making business.

With a small loan of 150 from Five Talents International and some savings, she was able to purchase a small piece of land and employ eight people to make bricks. In just four months, she sold 150 worth of bricks with an inventory worth 400 available for sale.

Since 2003, she has got several additional loans to enlarge her brick-making business. She also has expanded into growing potatoes and operating a small store. The profits from her business allow her to provide for her children's education and to hire 13 employees who now can support their families as well.

<i>Questions</i>	<i>answers</i>
<i>a. Who is the story about?</i>	
<i>b. where is he / she from?</i>	
<i>c. What type of business does he/ she run?</i>	
<i>d. What foundation helped him / her start the business?</i>	
<i>e. Is this foundation a local one?</i>	