

## Reverien NIYONKURU, Innovation Center for Food Processing - Burundi



An entrepreneur at heart, Reverien always dreamt of having his own firm. Before the SIYB training, Reverien was in charge of the general trade of a small shop, collecting eggs in Bujumbura to sell in his home province, all the while dreaming of making his small business grow into something bigger.

It's in that very same shop that Reverien heard the news that young people in his province could benefit from entrepreneurial training in the frame of the "Rural Youth Jobs" ILO project. Once he completed the Generate Your Business Idea, Start Your Business, and Improve Your Business modules of the SIYB trainings, he used his new management skills and his small \$200 capital to start a food processing business out of his parents' house.

The thirst for independence and the teachings of SIYB strengthened his skills in business management, and went from producing 20kg of porridge flour per month to producing an impressive 30 tons per month on average. Today his firm's capital has grown to 35.000\$ per month and he has hired around 45 permanent jobs, including 27 for men and 18 for women.

*"The SIYB programme really helped me in terms of planning and managing the business. Now, we are at 45 permanent jobs!"*