

Working hard for victory!!!

Kalyebara Junior is a Boda Boda rider in Mabaale trading Centre aged 45 years and has four children in a nearby primary school. Before joining VSLA, life was challenging to the extent of failing to pay school fees for children and business did not enable him to support his family which forced him to opt for tough manual work in the village to support his earnings. Junior joined VSLA (which was started by RIDE-AFRICA) to support his stressed income. From joining the group, his family gets 3 meals a day, provision of scholastic materials, school fees and descent clothing to the children. ***“Through the VSLA, solidarity among parents/guardians has grown, this is revealed in the show of support for OVC in the community who are in need,”*** he said. For the two years Junior has learnt that VSLAs economically empower parents/guardians by providing them with a safe place to collectively save a slice of their income, small loans to meet immediate needs, and access to cash required to start small businesses. ***“The VSLA has greatly helped me to expand my stressed earnings I have been able to save and begin constructing a permanent residential house. My dream is to finish the house so that me and my family we are able to have a decent housing.”***



Junior presenting his savings during a weekly saving and credit meeting.