

# Bag Gardens in Action

Douglas from Uganda knows that Bag Gardens are vital for his family!



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Douglas is five years old and lives with his mother in the African country of Uganda. His mum is a widow and looks after six children - some are his brothers and sisters, some are orphans.



Most of what they eat has to be grown on their small plot of land, which isn't easy. Thankfully, Send a Cow helped the family by giving them a cow and showing them how to make special gardens, like Bag Gardens.

Their cow gives the children milk to drink and some to sell, helping to pay for things like books and pens, so that the children can learn more in school. She's not just useful for milk though - she also gives them plenty of manure, which is great for the gardens.

Douglas helps his mum by looking after one of the Bag Gardens. They have lots of different plants growing - Douglas' garden has aubergines planted in it. His job is to water it with rainwater, apply an organic pesticide they made, and pick the aubergines when they are ripe. Douglas' mum is very happy with how the Bag Gardens are doing. "The manure has helped me to fertilise my soil" she says, "and the vegetables used to be tiny and now they're healthy!"

Although Douglas lives with so many other children, they are all fit and well, thanks to the cow's milk and fresh vegetables they are eating from their Bag Gardens. Not only that, the money from selling milk and vegetables has meant that all sorts of things have really changed for the better!

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