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Changing lives stitch by stitch

Kenana Knitters

When first started working with Paddy in 1982, I was 17 years old with a six month old child. Those days we used to work on the farm, before Paddy decided to teach the ladies how to knit.

When I look at how far we have come, I am only amazed, we have grown as a company and I have also grown as a person. My family has grown, five of my six children were born while I working with Kenana Knitters. I am now a grandmother of 7 and I am still here with Kenana Knitters.

Paddy has taught us so many things in the 35 years that I have been here with her, we have learnt how to knit, how to card and hand-spin wool as well as tailoring. There have been initiatives for women here at Kenana and we have learnt so many things including how to care for our children, saving, budgeting and adult literacy.

Kenana Knitters has expanded from the initial 5 knitters to more than 400 knitters, we have grown to become a strong women's group. Our daughters and grandchildren have joined us as knitters and spinners. Kenana employs families, helps them to grow and become financially independent. Ever since my husband retired from Kenana Farm in 2000, my work as a knitter has been our only source of income.

We thank Paddy for believing in the women of Kenana Knitters, you have brought development, literacy and empowerment for women in Njoro. I also thank Bruce for allowing Kenana Knitters to be located here on Kenana Farm. It is a very safe environment for women and their children. Hongera Bruce and Paddy.

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