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Advocate: Contact your Senators and Representative to urge them to support a 2012 budget that preserves robust help for our most impoverished neighbors. If Congress approves the current proposed 2012 budget, 3.7 million people like Irine will not be tested for HIV, and 58,000 pregnant women won't receive medicine that ensures that their babies are HIV-free.

Support: Your gifts to CRWRC help people in Uganda and more than a dozen of the world's poorest countries get the care they need to live productive, positive lives with HIV and AIDS.

With your involvement, CRWRC can help many more people who are living with AIDS say with Irine, "I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness...." Isaiah 62:10a

Wonkwo Irine is a tailor who teaches her neighbors in rural Uganda and a leader with a vision in CRWRC's community programs. Wonkwo Irine also has AIDS.

"As a tailor," she says, "it's important that I share my knowledge. Together, our community group is building a business that will lift us out of poverty."

As much as Irine contributes to her community today, it hasn't always been so. During a prenatal check-up last year, Irine was tested for HIV: her test came back positive for AIDS.

Depressed and angry, Irine attempted suicide, and her husband abandoned her. Soon, Irine and her two children began to struggle to survive. "I more or less became a slave to AIDS," she recalls, "I was traumatized and helpless."

When friends came to encourage her, Irine heard about CRWRC's work with the Kabale PAG Church—and an AIDS support group that meets in her village. Irine went, and was soon elected to go to a training that equipped her to lead self-help projects.



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