

To whom it may concern,

My name is Muhammad Shehu; I am an irrigation farmer with the Leadership Initiatives International Business Alliance Program (IBAP). I have been a beneficiary of IBAP for over 3 years and it has transformed my life and the lives of my 19 children and 3 wives.

Under the Leadership Initiative IBAP I have met a lot of young American and spoken to them face to face on the computers. I am always amazed at how dedicated these young ones are to helping build my business. The attention they pay to giving me great ideas moves me deeply.

Matthew Chang is a particularly exceptional young man, he was always on every meeting with me and working with his team to help grow my business through the creative ideas they brought. I was informed he is the communications chair of the team; which I obviously know he did so well.

On my irrigation farm I plant quite a number of crops; some of which include; tomatoes, pepper, cassava, okra, onions, maize among others. Most of what I learnt about farming, I got from my father. I never knew there was so much more to learn about irrigation farming until I met people like Matthew and his IBAP team. They brought such creativity and ease to my business.

One of the ideas Matthew and his team created were vines for my tomato farm. They educated me on the results I will get from using vines on my tomato farm as against allowing the tomatoes to crawl on the floor. The tomatoes will produce healthier and larger fruits. This was a breakthrough for my farm, and this was entirely new to me.

Matthew also taught me about crop rotation and its effectiveness and stem grafting of my plants like mango and guava. I cannot thank him and his team enough for their input in my business which in turn increased profit for my business.

I am glad and excited at the opportunity to be able to appreciate him for all the impact made on my business, my life, my family and even my community. Matthew is an outstanding person and he will undoubtedly bring that excellence to your institution.

Sincerely,

Muhammad Shehu

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