

MondoChallenge Foundation provides sustainable support for education and livelihoods in Nepal, NE India and Tanzania. We have been working in Tanzania since 2005, supporting widows affected by HIV to get back on their feet and provide for their children.

### Case History: Nia



**Nia** was diagnosed with HIV in 2005 and joined the Mondo Foundation programme in 2009.

She is a rarity, a lady who runs a brick making business! She knew about the business as there are other brickworks in her locality, all run by men, and she had learnt a lot from these.

Using the initial capital grant of £90, she bought the frames for the bricks and the materials, and started building the firing structure. Brick building is hard physical work and she now employs an assistant. The structures, rise to over 8 feet in height and have a hollow centre where the fire is set. The firing process takes two days and she ends up with 1500 bricks which she stores awaiting collection.

A few years ago Nia took out a loan to double her capacity and this has now been repaid in full. She has a good business and is sending her four children to schools in Moshi. She was living in just a mud built house prior to the grant but now lives in a house made of her own bricks!

She acknowledges that her life has changed beyond recognition thanks to the Mondo programme.

**To provide support to one of our recipients costs just £110 per year!**

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