

Swahili transcript:

Daudi: Eeh mimi nimeanza biashara toka huko huko nyumbani Kigoma Tanzania. Biashara niliyoianza ilikuwa ni biashara ya michikichi ambayo sisi tunaitaga ni misa ambayo hiyo misa inataoa mafuta na kupeleka kiwandani. Viwanda vidogo vidogo vya huko huko kigoma, SIDO. Kwahiyo biashara nimeifanya, nimeifanya kama mwaka au miezi sita lakini manufaa yake. Sikupata maendeleo yoyote yale niliamua tu na kutoka huko nikaja huku kutafuta maisha ili nipate maisha mazuri. Lakini, na mpaka hapo bado yaani maisha hayajawa freshi na bado nazidi kuangaika tena.

English translation:

Daudi: Eeh, I started a business at home in Kigoma, Tanzania. I was in business selling *misa* (a type of melon that produces oil) which I sent off to the factories. There are various small factories in Kigoma known as SIDO. Therefore, that is the business I had. I was in that business for six months or a year without any success. I didn't make anything so I decided to leave and come here (Dar-Es-salaam) to live a better life. However, up until now my life hasn't been that good, I am still struggling.

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