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Buzz: Welcome to today's entrepreneurship show, on a lovely Wednesday morning! Who is on the line?

AJ: This is Aunty Jojo. I am a big fan of your programme! I am listening with my three children... They are home because of social isolation!

Buzz: It's great to have you on the show. Our question for today is, how have you managed risks in your business?

AJ: I am a small scale farmer, and so many things are unpredictable in farming. I can't control the price of tomatoes or if the tomato jam factory will remain open. We can only make an educated guess! But I can do something about other types of risks.

Buzz: That sounds interesting. Please explain more.

AJ: After some tomatoes were stolen, I made sure I got 2 big dogs for security, called "Thunder" and "Lightning". I quickly consult the agro-experts when I see strange insects in the field. I also insured the house and storeroom and equipment.

Buzz: How have you benefited from these measures?

AJ: We have no security problems anymore. Also, last month there was heavy rain and a tree fell on the storeroom, and destroyed the roof. Fortunately, my insurance paid for a new roof.

Buzz: That is good news. The insurance is affordable?

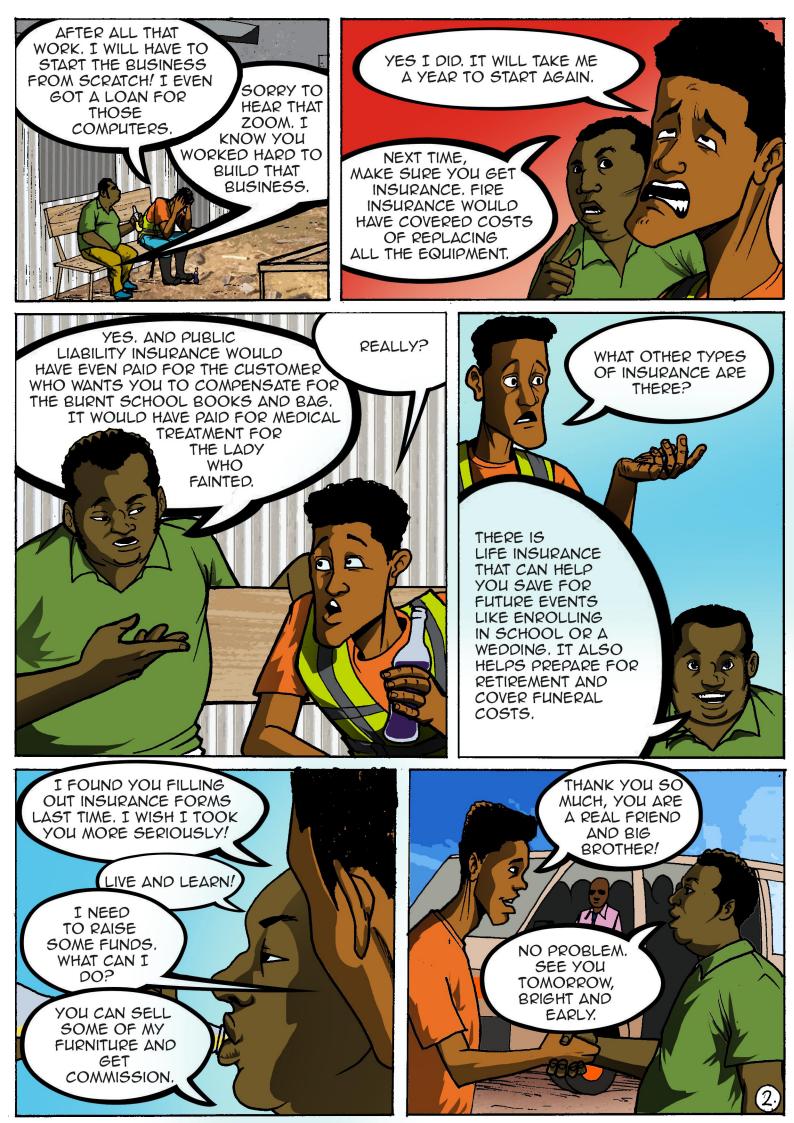
AJ: Yes it is. I even got insurance to cover for medical costs for any accidents on the farm. And I got a discount because of all the safety measures on the farm

What risks do you face? How can you protect yourself against losses? How can insurance keep you safe from losses?









THE IMPORTANCE OF FINANCIAL LITERACY

Financial education is defined as "Providing people with knowledge, understanding, skills, and confidence so that they can make financial decisions and take actions that are appropriate to their personal circumstances" (NSFE II)*. This includes knowing how to make a budget, how to keep financial records, how to make a business plan, how to invest money, and how to use insurance to manage risks.

When you understand financial services, you will be able to make better choices to protect yourself financially, and to make good investments. You are financially literate, when you know some key facts about finances, and you know when and how to apply them.

How well do you understand the financial service called insurance? Insurance provides a financial safety net for individuals and businesses. To obtain insurance cover, you must know what kind of insurance you want (e.g. Travel insurance, fire insurance, accident insurance, investment policy, etc.) After that, you can approach a licensed insurance provider** for details on the cost and the limits of cover. Once you are satisfied, you pay an amount called a premium, and you will receive an insurance certificate, and also a detailed policy document. Make sure you read these documents, to understand the service you are paying for. If the unfortunate risk happens, you can approach the insurance provider to claim for the loss.

*National Financial Inclusion Strategy 2020-2024 ** Check out the Pensions and Insurance Authority (PIA) website for a list of licensed insurance providers, or contact them directly

In the story of Tony and Zoom:

- 1. What risks did Tony face in the Internet Café business?
- 2. How did Tony prepare to face risks?
- 3. What did Tony forget to do?
- 4. What business would you like to start?
- 5. What risks would you face, and how would you prepare for them?



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