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**Anne: What has your group done to help the fishermen and women in your area?**

**Salvatory:** We saw that fishermen were getting low prices due to their fish not being well processed. They are using the method of drying fish on the sand for both sardines and bigger fish. By doing so it reduces the price. People do not want to eat fish or sardines having sand you see. So they requested us to teach them, fishermen and women, drying methods which could improve the quality of fish and sardines.

**Anne: What did you teach them to do?**

**Salvatory:** We took the fish and dried ones which had no sand. The consumers told that they preferred to eat the fish and sardines which had no sand. We taught them to construct driers by using local materials which are available in that place. They now have a bamboo stand for drying fish and for drying sardines they used just wire mesh. The result of the drying method improved the quality of fish and sardines so that enabled the fishermen to attain the high price.

**Anne: How many people have benefited from this?**

**Salvatory:** We have three groups, with 84 members, which are dealing in sardines and fish processing that improve the quality of fish and raised their income by providing the best quality sardines and fish. Now fishermen want us to help them obtain modern fishing gear by providing loans. So we are helping them to form a strong SACCOS so that they can get loans from the SACCOS and then purchase modern fishing gill nets. They can catch more fish by using modern technology because they are still using technology which enables them to harvest very few fish.

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