

**From hunger  
to harvest**

**how can poor people  
overcome hunger?**



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In this slideshow, you'll meet  
people in a community  
in a developing country



You'll see how they  
face hunger

- and then  
build themselves  
a more secure future

They need to grow their own food  
to be able to eat

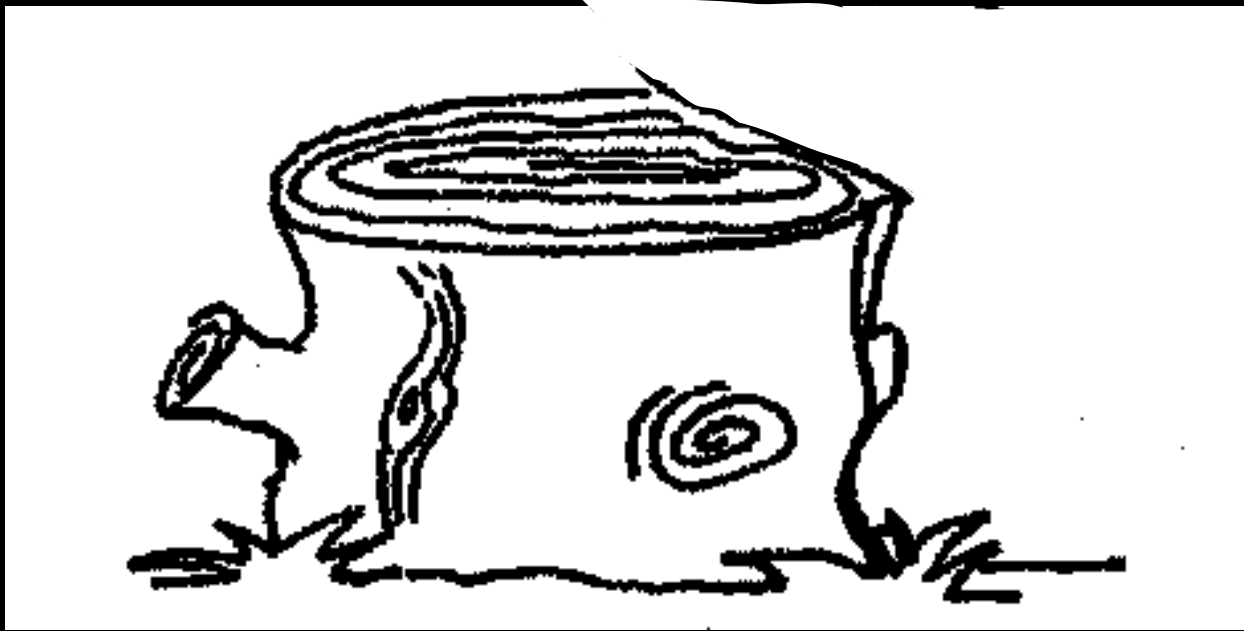






They only have a small piece of land,  
where the soil is not very good,  
and there is not enough water.

People chop down trees  
to clear more land  
for growing their food





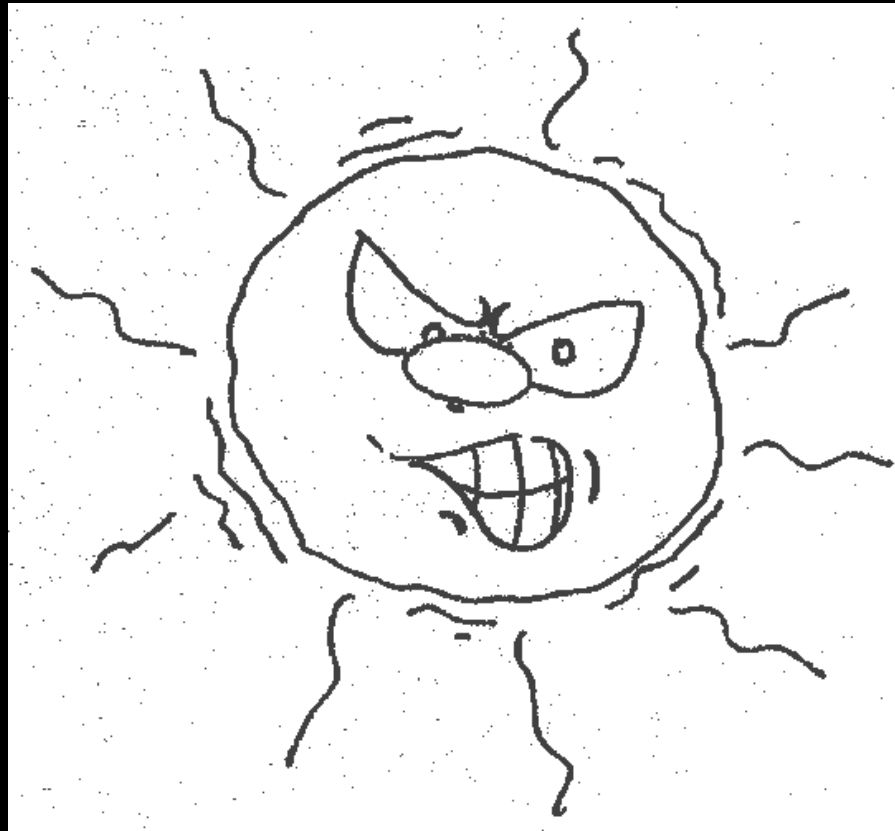
Without trees, the wind and rain  
remove good soil,  
leaving only poor soil for growing crops

The people don't have money to buy good seeds or to get help to grow better crops.



After a while there is less rain  
because there are fewer trees.

Crops don't grow very well.



**What happens next???**



There's not enough money,  
and people are hungry



Rain does not come



The crops die,  
or they produce  
less food than people need

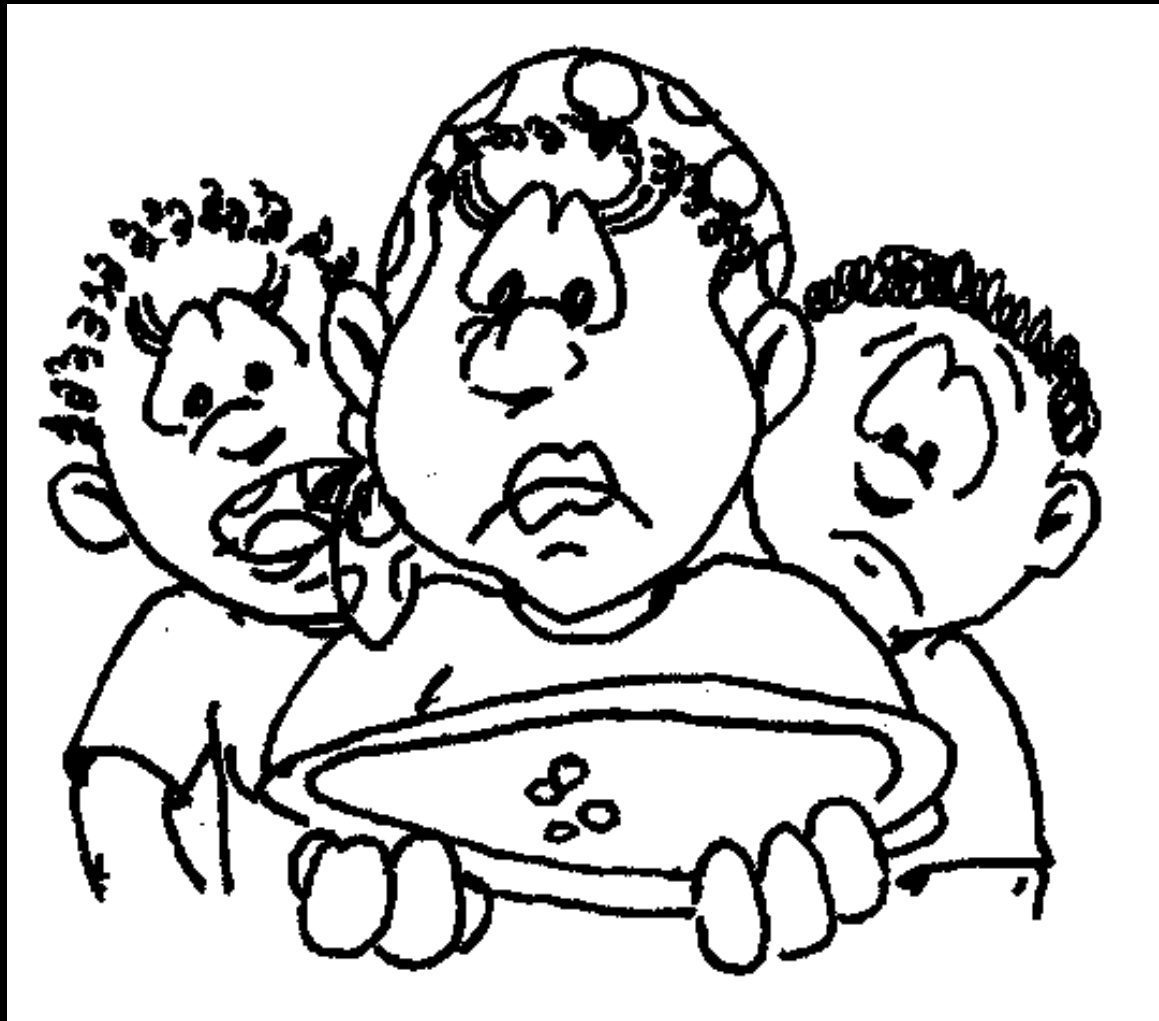


**The result is famine.**

People eat any food they had stored.

They also have to eat the seeds that they need for next season's crops.





How can this situation change?

The same people  
face the same challenges...



They are poor....



They need to grow their own food...



They don't have much land,  
good soil or water...

They chop down trees  
to clear more land for growing their food

But then...



To keep the good topsoil,  
and to catch more rain water,  
they build flat terraces  
on the hillsides before planting.



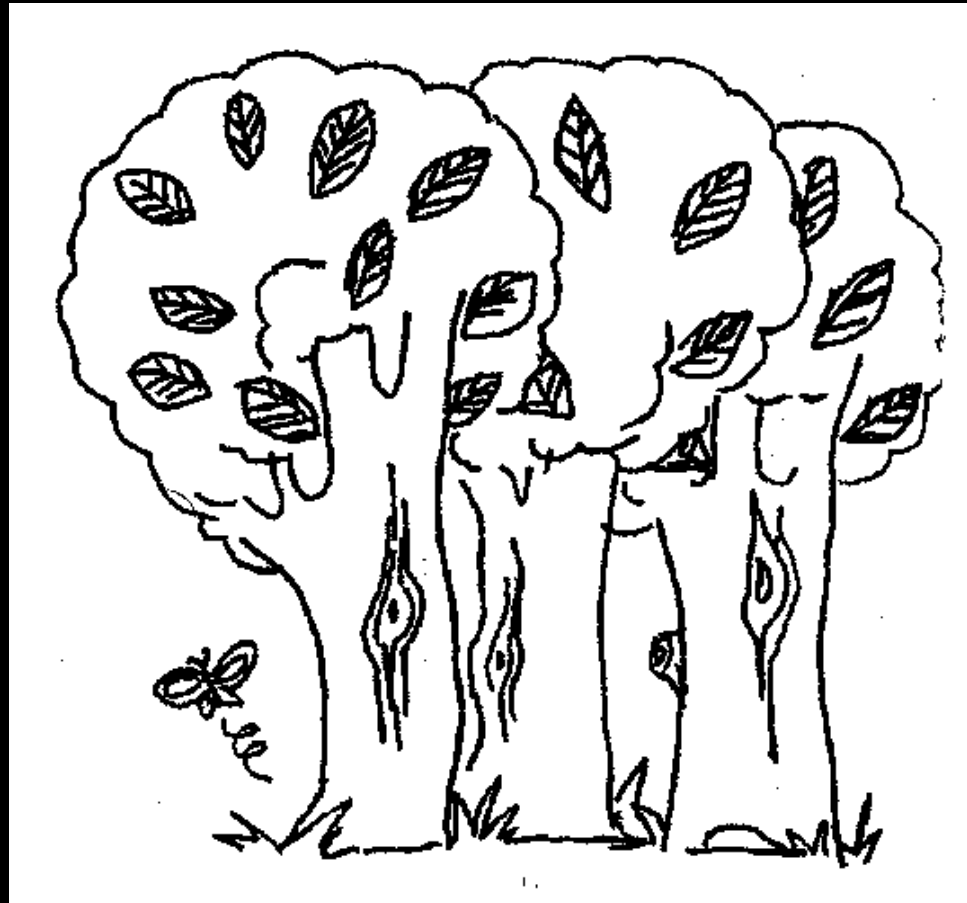


They grow more food through -

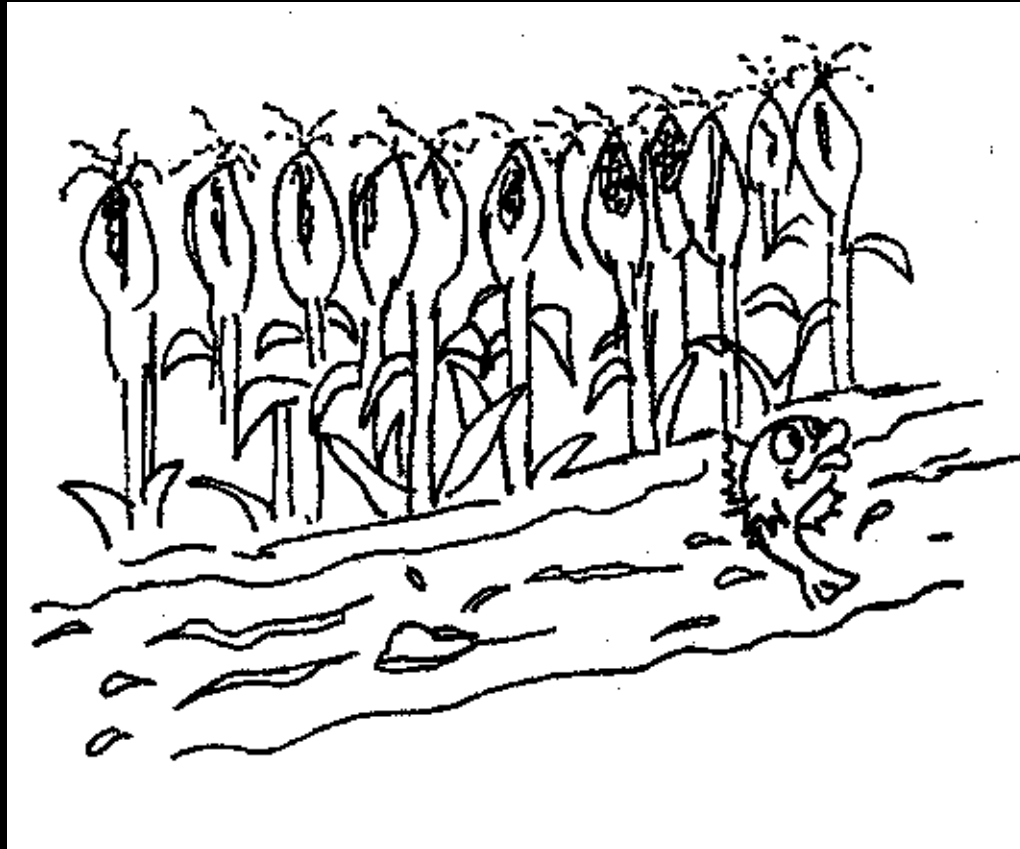
- training in agriculture
- choosing crops that grow well together, and
- growing plants which survive with less water

Planting trees helps to make sure the good soil does not wash away.

Trees also improve the rainfall,  
provide firewood for cooking, and fruit to eat



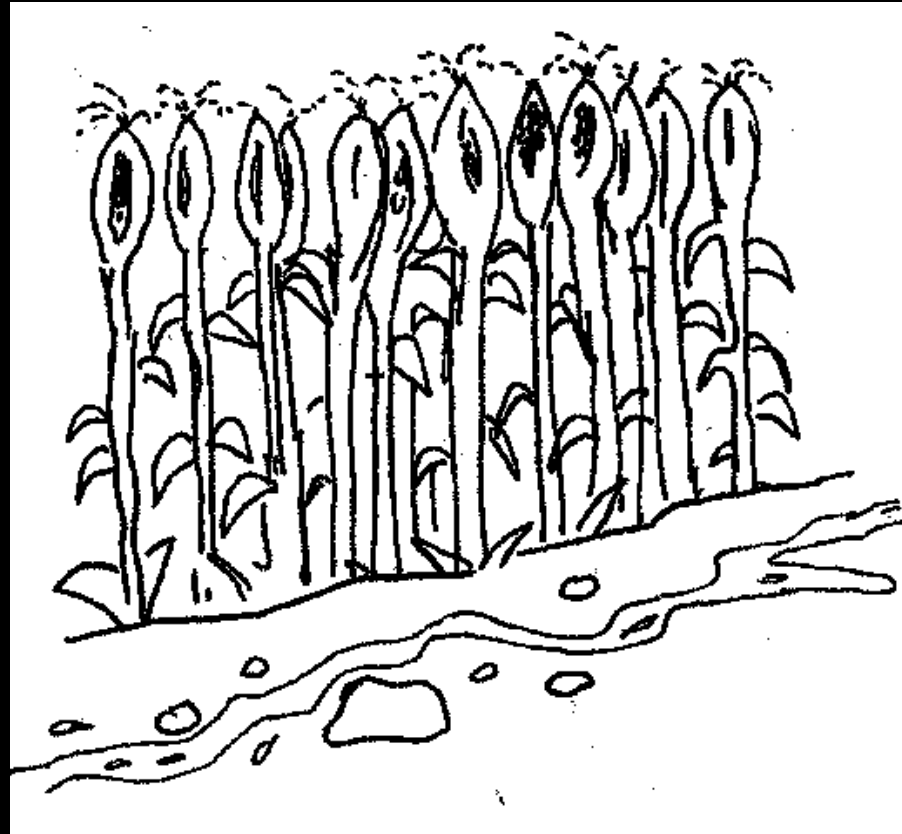
They learn ways to store water  
and channel it effectively for their crops





The rain does not fall...

But then...



The crops continue to grow, even with less water, until next harvest time, although some crops produce less food than usual.

The community has food for now, and -

- food stored for the future
- money saved for buying extra food, and
- seeds for planting next season

