

# CURT BOWEN

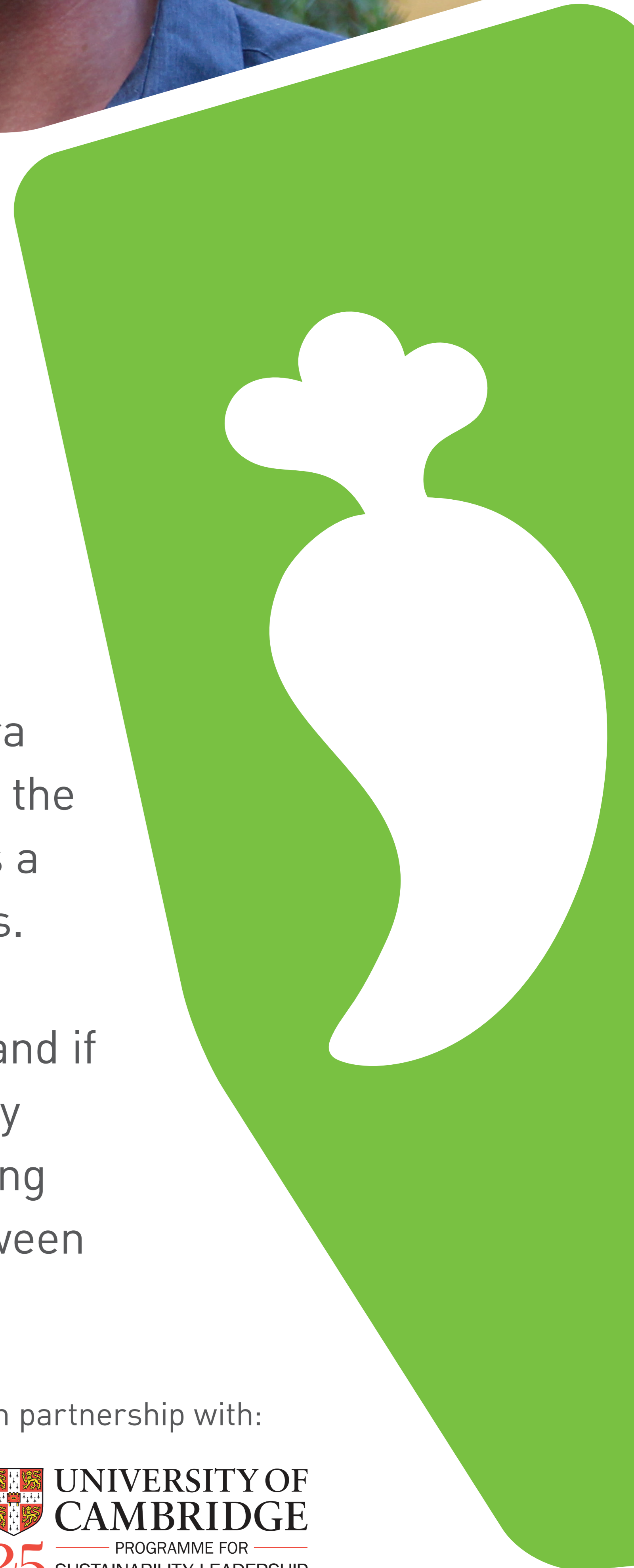
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# LOW MAINTENANCE CROPS IN GUATEMALA

**Pigeonpea** is a small bean that grows between rows of existing crops, providing an extra crop without sacrificing what farmers normally grow. It requires no fertilizers, grows in the dry season without irrigation, and is open-pollinated so farmers can save their seed. As a legume, pigeonpea creates organic fertilizer for other crops and rebuilds degraded soils.

Most importantly, **Pigeonpea** produces a **high protein food for malnourished families** and if sold on the international market could help **double their incomes**. Many families already grow Pigeonpea in their gardens and are used to eating it, but aren't aware of the growing international market or other varieties that allow them to grow in mass by planting between existing cash crops.



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