

Vocational Training for Pregnant Teens

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Buyera, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Year 1 Budget \$18,800

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JAN 21

DEC 23

Overview

Our partners work to promote the dignity and self-esteem of young girls in Uganda facing crisis pregnancy by addressing their emotional, physical and social needs. This is achieved by providing temporary accommodation, counselling and care services and equipping them with life and vocational skills. This project is part-funding vocational training in cooking, tailoring, computer literacy, agriculture and crafts for 100 girls per year for 3 years. These skills help them secure jobs or start small businesses after leaving the centre to break the cycle of poverty and empower them as new mothers.

The Year 2 budget is \$18,800 with \$5,513 needed.

Impact for July - Dec 21



100 Safe haven for 100 pregnant teens per year

in the new Centre which is now one year old and is developing each month. It can accommodate 50 teens, both pregnant and with babies at any one time. COVID-19 lockdowns meant the girls were more protected from the community but it has been an ongoing difficult time.

Training girls in vocational skills

87 pregnant and parenting teens received vocational skills training in the new multi-purpose teaching block and some new furniture was purchased. The addition of hairdressing is proving to be very popular with the girls and adds to their skills.



40 young mothers were visited

across 10 districts to encourage and support them in their new businesses - tailoring, catering (cooking), farming (growing vegetables). 19 visits were made to girls working in restaurants and small supermarkets.

Additional workstations and chairs

were purchased for the vocational training sessions including computer literacy. 24 chairs were added to the centre. A white board and stationery for the girls to use in class was also purchased.



- The young mums and pregnant teens enjoyed cassava, maize, sweet potatoes and greens from the vegetable gardens, where the girls learn about practical agricultural skills and nutrition.
- COVID-19 has further delayed plans to open the training centre for girls from the wider community.



Joan's Story

"My name is Joan and I am 17. I have 10 siblings. I went to school to primary 4 but had to drop out due to being raped and becoming pregnant. No one in my family has an education. At the Centre I received love, counselling and was provided with shelter. I have never known such care. I learned how to knit and I can knit items such as sweaters, beanies, bags and blankets. My son is 3 months old and I am able to make an income to help support the two of us. I am thankful for the support and the skills I have learned." Joan wants to inspire other young mothers in her community. We love supporting girls like Joan.



Thank you for making a difference