

Scissors for Success!

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Kampala, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Budget \$17,600

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

APR 21

MAR 22



Overview

This high quality, professional and holistic hairdressing course provided 20 Ugandan marginalised youth with the practical market-ready skills and techniques required to commence their own business or obtain meaningful employment. The course included business and entrepreneurship training to enable their new businesses to thrive. In addition, our partners are in the process of implementing a high-quality social enterprise hairdressing program to help generate a sustainable income and teach more vulnerable youth for years to come. Local businesses benefitted through sale of supplies and members of the community were provided employment opportunities in cooking, security, cleaning and maintenance for the centre.

Objectives



Vocational training for 20 youth

Impact

20 students graduated in a lively ceremony to celebrate their achievements. Training included theory and practical experience, with students inviting friends and families to be hair models and also seeking placements in local salons.



Fee-paying course & social enterprise

Progress in consolidating the fee-paying course and social enterprise was hampered by having to find another building to rent. The new premises have turned out to be even better and everyone helped with the move, so the stage is set for growth.



Standing on Two Feet!

Resty's husband walked out on her and her two young children, leaving Resty barely able to provide for their basic needs, even with some assistance from friends and neighbours. She began hand washing neighbour's clothes, getting up early and leaving her children with a neighbour. It was hard work for little pay, but having left school in grade two her options were limited. Resty was given the opportunity to learn hairdressing and is now running her own mobile hairdressing business. She is a quick learner with a fighting spirit and is proud that she has been able to stand on her own two feet and provide for her family.



Life change

- Income-generating skills, in this case hairdressing, provide sustainable income to help support participants and their families
- Young people feel empowered to live fruitful, successful lives and will be less vulnerable to crime and the damaging effects of unemployment
- Students learn good teamwork and the value of putting back into their communities

