

Vocational Training for Pregnant Teens

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Buyera, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Year 2 Budget \$18,800

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JAN 20

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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. Entrust is part-funding vocational training in cooking, tailoring, hairdressing, child-care, 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.

Year 3 budget \$18,800, from 1 January 2023.

Impact for July - December 2022

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Safe haven for 100 pregnant teens per year

with 44 girls living-in the last 6 months. They have received counselling for trauma and stress, basic necessities such as clothing, bedding and toiletries and a balanced, healthy diet, supplemented by the centre's vegetable plot.

Training in vocational skills held

for 44 pregnant and parenting teens over the report period. Areas of training include cookery, tailoring, art and craft, basic computer skills, English literacy, agriculture and infant care. Some girls are later supported with business startup kits.

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Follow-up visits were made to girls

who have left and started small businesses or gained employment. 20 visits were made to small businesses, including tailoring workshops, chapati and chip stalls and one agri-business selling flowers. 15 girls are employed in schools, farms, hotels and restaurants.

Pregnancy, delivery and postnatal support was

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provided to 24 girls who gave birth (9 baby boys, 15 baby girls). Mothers and babies were supported with clothing, nappies and medication and special care in the case of complicated births and sick babies, together with counselling and practical advice.



- Inflation and other economic pressures have continued to cause price hikes in commodities, food, transport, construction and other necessities. Our partners are doing their best to work on a lean budget and reduce costs through growing their own food.
- One girl from the wider community enrolled in the vocational skills training program. COVID restrictions still limit intake numbers.



Margaret's Story

As a child, Margaret went to live with a foster family, who sponsored her education. During the pandemic she became idle, lacking attention from her family who cared for numerous other children. She found herself pregnant to a man who then disappeared. Rejected by her foster family, Margaret was brought to the centre where she was welcomed and supported with counselling, safe shelter, life skills and vocational training. She is a keen cook, learning all sorts of dishes and baked goods that she now sells. Her doughnuts are especially popular. Margaret now has a way to support her son.



Thank you for making a difference