

Women Overcoming Poverty

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Mbale, Uganda



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

Total Budget



\$59,000

Project Timeline



2 YEARS



POPULATION

45.7 million

POVERTY

21.4% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 63 yrs

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 6 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Ranking out of 189 nations Uganda 159 (Aust 8)

**2020 Human Development Report*



Overview

This project follows previous empowerment projects impacting vulnerable women in some of the poorest communities in Mbale. It has three arms: (1) Women's savings/loans groups which have shown great success since they began in 2011 and are growing due to popular demand. Another 20 groups will be created along with training and follow-up; (2) Vocational skills/business training will teach young mums income-generating skills to support themselves and their young children. 165 women will receive training each year in sewing, hairdressing and catering. (3) Goat-rearing project for women and orphans in mountain communities. Goats are a simple and reliable animal project and a valuable source of income through breeding of future offspring and supply of meat. Budget: \$29,500 per year.

Why support this:

These initiatives tackle poverty at several levels, providing practical and emotional support to women to overcome the challenges they face. In collaboration with other local groups this project strategically builds on the momentum and success achieved so far, enabling it to expand to reach new communities who haven't yet experienced a life-changing project of this type. Men are increasingly supportive as they recognize the positive impact of the savings groups.

Objectives Include:



20 new savings groups over two years (30/group)



Vocational training for 330 young mums



Follow-up of 150 existing groups



20 recipients of goats

Expected life Change

- Development of resilience to financial shocks, allowing women to climb out of poverty and stay out, also improving health outcomes
- Women acquire skills to earn an income, often through their own businesses or goat-rearing - helps support children's schooling
- Women grow in confidence and emotional well-being and develop a range of life-skills