

Vocational Training Academy

UGA-YIM-VTA-P01



Kampala, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Budget \$238,000

Project Timeline

ENTRUST COMMITMENT \$50,000 - FULLY FUNDED

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Overview

Our partners have a big vision - to build and run a Vocational Training Academy, out of Jinja on the Nile River. Having purchased the land, plans were drawn up and costed for a staged development of the project. Current courses in Tailoring and Fashion, Hair and Beauty, and Music - currently running in Kampala - will expand to add new courses such as Carpentry and Building, Metal Fabrication, Baking and Catering. Phase 1 included set-up of the site (fencing, road grading etc), water supply, construction of a workshop warehouse and initial accommodation. The first courses in brick-making, construction, carpentry and metal fabrication will skill-up local, vulnerable youth and will provide ongoing employment for construction of the full project.

Objectives



Voc Training Centre underway

Impact

Having secured additional land, the VTA project has begun! To date fencing has been completed, a water supply established and the construction of a workshop warehouse has commenced (pic). Initial accommodation has been established through the conversion of some existing onsite buildings.



Community input and training

The local community has been involved in the construction and preparation of the site. They are employed for clearing land, as porters, making bricks etc. A full-time grounds keeper has been employed. An additional 10,000 bricks have been created in the past 6 months after brick-making training.

A great opportunity for young “lan”!

Although not fully finished, Stage 1 has been a huge step. As funds allow, the plan is to continue on a well-established baseline.

“I live at home with my family. I dropped out of school in P7 as we had no money. I help my father fishing but it doesn’t bring much income for all the effort it takes; it’s hard work. Recently I have been fortunate to receive training at the new school near me. I learnt to make mud bricks and basic construction with some others. I enjoy this work so much. They pay us to help with various jobs on the property and it helps support my family. I thank them for this chance. This will be a good school!”



Life change

- Income-generating skills are being taught through brick-making, fencing, construction of the warehouse, agriculture
- As the site develops, further courses will be run providing income-generating skills so that participants can support themselves and their families
- The Centre will provide an innovative and supportive hub - growing future leaders

