

## Vocational Training Academy



Katooge, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Budget \$238,000

Project Timeline

\$180,496 TO GO

DEC 22

NOV 23

### Overview

Our partners have a big vision - to build and run a Vocational Training Academy, near the Nile River. Having purchased the land, plans have been drawn up and costed for a staged development of the project. Current courses in Tailoring and Fashion, Hair and Beauty, and Music will expand to add new courses such as Carpentry and Building, Metal Fabrication, Baking and Catering. Phase 1 includes 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.

### Impact for December 2022 - May 2023



#### Construction of a workshop and warehouse

Work has commenced with land clearing and foundation preparation. Trenches were dug and hardcore stones laid as the first layer, with beams and concrete slab still to come. 10,000 interlocking mudbricks have been made.

#### Construction of initial housing for staff/workers

Limited funds have delayed the start of building. However, the final plot of land purchased had some existing buildings which have been renovated to provide temporary accommodation.



#### Water pump, pump house, tanks and latrine

A simple, two cubicle pit latrine has been installed with outdoor bathing area. A more developed toilet block will be built when funds are available. Due to security issues, the water pump, pump house and tanks were held off until all the fencing was completed and a full-time caretaker on site.

#### Site preparation - fencing, road grading, permits

The property has now been fully fenced. A trainer from Kampala was hired to train a local team to make concrete fence poles. This helped ensure quality control, keep costs to a minimum and also provide the local community with new skills and employment opportunities. Land demarcation has been done and all building and usage permits obtained.



- Interlocking bricking-making machines were purchased with an external grant, which has enabled all bricks to be made on site and local youth to be trained. This will be an ongoing activity.
- The plan is to grow food on the land to offset costs of feeding workers.



### Ivan's Story

My father died when I was young leaving my mother to raise me and three sisters alone without real work. Our neighbours gave us a small space in their garden to grow food. Sometimes we gardened for other people to earn some money but it was never enough and I had to leave school to help support my mother and sisters. I was worried about leaving my family alone to seek work in the city and so was overjoyed to be trained in brick-making and given work clearing land and digging trenches. I now have hope for my life in the village and am so grateful I have a place to work.



Thank you for making a difference