

Vocational Training for Pregnant Teens

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Buyera, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Total Budget

\$56,400

Project Timeline

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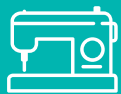
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Overview

Our partners worked to promote the dignity and self-esteem of young girls in Uganda facing crisis pregnancy by addressing their emotional, physical and social needs. This was achieved by providing temporary accommodation, counselling and care services and equipping them with life and vocational skills. This project part-funded vocational training in cooking, tailoring, 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. 170 babies (89 girls and 81 boys) were born during the three years.

Objectives



267 girls received vocational training

Over 3 years, Entrust has supported 300 girls (of 509 in total) with vocational skills training, enabling them to support themselves and their babies. Many pass on their knowledge to family and start up small businesses or find employment.



All girls received counselling and support

As well as shelter and basic living provisions, the girls receive counselling to deal with trauma, ante- and post-natal care and birth support in hospital. Once ready to resettle, they are followed-up to monitor their progress.



Marion finds a place where she can thrive

Marion is a remarkable young woman who, despite facing significant challenges, has defied the odds and discovered her potential. Rejected by her boyfriend when she was 7 months pregnant because of her hearing impairment, she felt she had nowhere to turn. To ease the tension at home, a friend recommended the crisis pregnancy centre and she found not only a refuge but a community that embraced her. Despite her initial fears, she quickly adapted to her new environment, making new friends and discovering her talent for crafting beautiful dresses through the tailoring course. What a valuable skill to have for building a brighter future!



Life change

- Vocational skills help the girls to start an income-generating project or find a job to support themselves.
- The Centre helped to reconcile many young teens and their families.
- Girls learnt personal and baby care providing necessary skills and a sense of self-worth. They have grown in confidence and felt supported by the training.

