

Embracing My Future



Kampala, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Budget \$35,800

Project Timeline

\$6963 TO GO

JUNE 23

MAY 24

Overview

High quality, professional and holistic vocational training courses in tailoring, fashion and design, and hair and beauty, will provide 40 Ugandan marginalised youth (20 in each) with practical market-ready skills and techniques to commence their own business or obtain meaningful employment. The course will also teach business and entrepreneurship training in order for businesses to thrive. The courses are designed to a high standard to give graduates multiple competitive edges. Students are supported through graduation to finding jobs or setting up a business with a small loan - very little capital is needed to start a thriving business either from home or as a mobile business. Each participant contributes a small amount to the program to ensure they have some "skin in the game".

Impact for June - November 2023

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20 students were selected for the 2 courses

following in-depth interviews and input from local community representatives. 10 students completed Hair & Beauty and 10 Tailoring & Fashion over these 6 months and are well skilled up to commence work.

Skills training classes are progressing well

and are grouped into two full-time 6-month courses. Courses are running smoothly as our partners have tweaked them over time. Some students use their skills to gain income immediately. Many go on to start their own businesses or gain a job. A second intake is underway.



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Hair & Beauty students are learning skills

to commence work with few resources. A guest external hairdresser was invited to present further skills. Students learn communication, business and marketing skills - essential to running a small start-up.

Social enterprise in fashion and hair & beauty

continues to grow with tourists seeking custom clothing, school uniform orders and wholesale orders from overseas. Extra funds generated support the courses and help to cover rent. Tailoring students also make menstrual pads as a good community service and a way to give back.



- an external trainer in business skills provides much-needed teaching
- funds support some materials for the course as well as trainers



Harriet's Story

Harriet is 24 years old and lives with her mother and father. Her father sells plastic bags. She dropped out of school due to a lack of school fees and has supported her family, working nights in a bar - an unsafe environment for a young girl. She had a dream to pursue hairdressing, but lacked the funds. Since completing the Hair & Beauty course, Harriet has thrived. Despite working nights, she was the first in class. Harriet has left her job and now has a part-time job in a small salon. She is so happy to work in a career she is passionate about and is thankful for this opportunity.



Thank you for making a difference