

Empowering Vulnerable Women



Mbale, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Year 1 Budget \$45,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

MAR 23

FEB 25

Overview

This project follows previous empowerment projects impacting vulnerable women in some of the poorest communities in Mbale, eastern Uganda. It has three arms: (1) Women's savings/loans groups that have had great success since beginning in 2011 and are growing due to popular demand. Another 45 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. 100 women will receive training each year in sewing, hairdressing, catering etc; (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.

Impact for March - September 23

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Strengthening systems within savings groups

As support from the government and other charitable organisations diminishes, a major focus has been to train group leaders and their trainers. Quarterly refresher trainings for all 17 trainers were held in May and August and leaders' trainings were held in 7 different communities.

A further 3 new savings groups were launched

in Budaka district, ranked one of the poorest in the nation. Two groups are in Kameruka and one in Kadimukoli. 12 new groups are planned in the next six months (1 Obalanga, 1 Young Mums, 1 Daughters of Destiny, 7 in and around Mbale).

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Vocational training for young mums/women

Has commenced for 45 women through "Young Mums" (24 hairdressing, 21 tailoring). Due to location changes, "Daughters of Destiny" will launch shortly with 55 women enrolled in either hairdressing or tailoring. Entrust supports six vocational trainers.

2,000 goat beneficiaries are visited weekly in 5 villages on a rotational basis.

These visits provide vital monitoring and oversight and deliver ongoing training on the proper care of the goats as well as regular deworming, vaccinations, spraying for ticks and fleas, and hoof trimming. The team also meet with six on-site goat managers for each community. 30 goats will be given to new beneficiaries in the next phase.

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Tolofina's Story

I am a 60 year-old widow taking care of five grandchildren who were left behind when my daughter died. I live along the river in Bufumbo where I do some small-scale farming. My only son is an alcoholic so cannot offer any support. I received a goat in 2019 and looked after it all through the COVID lockdown. Over the past few years, it has been giving birth and I have sold the kids. It has taken time to build up capital, but with the sale of two goats this year, I am now able to send my eldest two grandchildren to school. I am so proud of them and very glad to see the fruit of my hard-work, commitment and dedication.



Thank you for making a difference