

Vocational Training for Pregnant Teens

UGA-WAK-VTT-P03



Buyera, Uganda



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

Total Budget



\$56,400

Project Timeline



3 YEARS



POPULATION

45.7 million

POVERTY

21.4% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 63 yrs

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 6 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Ranking out of 189 nations Uganda 159 (Aust 8)

**2020 Human Development Report*



Overview

Our partners work to promote the dignity and self-esteem of young girls in Uganda facing crisis pregnancy by addressing their emotional, physical and social needs. This is achieved by providing temporary accommodation, counselling and care services and equipping them with life and vocational skills. This project will part-fund 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.

Why support this:

Having recently moved to a new, purpose-built Centre near the capital Kampala, our partners can accept up to 50 girls at any one time. Since 2005, over 1200 pre-teen and teenage girls have been cared for. Our partners have a proven track record of caring for pregnant girls, both physically and emotionally, as there is usually much trauma involved because of rape. There has been an escalation in teenage pregnancies and early marriage during the COVID-19 lockdown. We are also excited that our partners have received national recognition for advocacy campaigns to stop violence against children.

Objectives Include:



Safe haven for 100 pregnant teens a year for 3 years



Facilitation of family reconciliation



Training girls in vocational skills for independence



Pregnancy, delivery and postnatal support

Expected life Change

- Girls will deliver their babies in a safe environment.
- Vocational skills will help the girls to start an income-generating project or find a job to support themselves.
- Families will be assisted with reconciliation so that girls have an accepting home environment.
- Girls will learn personal and baby care providing necessary skills, confidence and a sense of self-worth.