

## Empowering Vulnerable Women

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Mbale, Uganda



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

Total Budget \$94,000

Project Timeline



Year 2 Budget 47,000



1/3/23

1/3/25



### 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 191 nations Uganda 166 (Aust 5)

\*2021-22 Human Development Report



### Overview

This follows on from previous empowerment projects impacting vulnerable women in poor 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.

### Why support this:

These initiatives tackle poverty at several levels, providing practical and emotional support to women to overcome the challenges they face. In collaboration with other local groups this project strategically builds on the momentum and success achieved so far, enabling it to expand to reach new communities who haven't yet experienced a life-changing project of this type. Men are increasingly supportive as they recognize the positive impact of the savings groups and jobs training.

### Objectives include:



Support of six vocational trainers



45 new savings groups over three years (30/group)



Vocational training for 200 young mums



30 recipients of goats and support of goat managers

### Expected Life Change

- Development of resilience to financial shocks, allowing women to climb out of poverty and stay out, also improving health outcomes
- Women acquire skills to earn an income, often through their own businesses or goat-rearing - helps support children's schooling
- Women grow in confidence and emotional well-being and develop a range of life-skills together and a supportive network