

Creating My Future



Kampala, Uganda

2 Year Project: Jul 2024 to June 2026

Total Budget: \$79,000



Economic Empowerment

Year 1 Budget: \$36,000

Overview

High quality, professional and holistic vocational training courses in tailoring, fashion and design, and hair and beauty, are providing 100 marginalised youth (over 2 years) with practical market-ready skills and techniques to commence their own business or obtain meaningful employment. The courses also teach business and entrepreneurship training in order for businesses to thrive. They 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 July 2024 - June 2025



50 25 students completed Hair & Beauty training

A further 25 graduated from the Tailoring & Fashion course over these past 12 months. All 50 students are well skilled up to commence work. The selection of students followed in-depth interviews and input from local community representatives.

The community give back program creates

opportunities for hairdressing students to offer free services in order to refine their skills and to serve people who can not afford to get their hair done. Tailoring students also made and distributed 400 packs of re-usable menstrual pads as a way to give back.



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students received a 10-session comprehensive

business training program; both theory and hands-on classes teaching customer service, budgeting, communication, business planning and marketing skills - all essential to running a small start-up.



Social enterprise in Tailoring & Fashion

continues to grow with tourists seeking custom clothing, school uniform orders and wholesale orders from overseas. This provides employment opportunities for graduated tailors and extra funds support the courses and help to cover rent.



- Six students participated in a brand new cooking program, teaching both Western-style and Ugandan cuisines.



Jennifer's Story

I am 22 years old and I live with my single mum and younger siblings. My mum works tirelessly to support the family, running a small vegetable stall outside our home, selling tomatoes and onions to earn a humble income. I was determined to learn a new skill that would help support my family and improve our situation. Since starting the Hair & Beauty training, I have been braiding hair for my many neighbours on weekends and after class; helping me develop the skills I need and providing our family with financial support. My long-term dream is to open my own salon, train other young women in my community and to be financially independent.

Thank you for enabling hope in hard places