

## Vocational Training Academy



Kakooge, Uganda

**3 Year Project:** Jun 2023 to Nov 2026

**Total Budget:** \$238,000



**Economic Empowerment**

**Year 2 Budget:** \$50,000

### Overview

Our partners have a big vision - to build and run a Vocational Training Academy, near the Nile River. Having purchased land, plans were drawn up and costed for a staged development of the project. Current courses in Tailoring and Fashion, Hair and Beauty, and Music will expand to add new courses such as Carpentry and Building, Metal Fabrication, Baking and Catering. Phase 1, over 2 years, was to set-up the site, supply water, and construct a workshop warehouse. The first courses in brick-making, construction, carpentry and metal fabrication have skilled up local, vulnerable youth and provide ongoing employment for construction of the full project.

### Impact for July 2024 - June 2025



#### Construction of the workshop started with

strong, custom-made metal beams to support the roof structure. Changing the design from a gable roof to a slanted roof significantly reduced costs and stretched the budget to complete the brickwork. The concrete floor was laid and sealed as well as concreting and rendering around all frames, ensuring a neat, polished, professional finish.

#### On-site construction work and training leads to

long-term sustainability. Building onsite reduces costs and creates valuable learning opportunities for local youth, trained in real-world, hands-on skills. This enhances their training and ensures they are prepared for future employment. Investment in human capital has a lasting impact for individuals and the community and close monitoring produces a high-quality product.



#### The solar pump initially purchased proved

too expensive as it required additional costly panels, a protective pump house and specialised installation. The solar pump was exchanged for a petrol-powered pump. Funds saved went towards a second water tank and piping for efficient and reliable water supply.

#### Staff accommodation will be built at the next

stage. In the meantime, the land is being used by locals to grow maize and soybeans, creating opportunities to learn agricultural skills, improving food security and providing an income from the sale of produce.



### City's Story

I grew up in the fishing village where the academy is being built and I repair boats, a trade my dad taught me as a child. Nobody could pay for my services so I couldn't support my family. I turned to alcohol to numb the pain and pass the time. I was drawn to the brick-making activities, joined the training and created my first bricks. Suddenly I could do something useful that would support my family! As I develop my skill and work on the site, I am earning a small but meaningful income. If I can earn enough money to buy materials, I want to build a better home for my family. I am not just learning a trade, I am shaping a new future for my family with my two hands.

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