

Good Choices Matter



Mbale, Uganda



Education



Tax deductible

Total Budget \$62,000



POPULATION

48.6 million

POVERTY

20.3% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 63.6 yrs

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 6.2 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*

Ranking out of 193 nations Uganda 159 (Aust 10)

*2023-24 Human Development Report



Overview

This project follows on from previous successful projects and addresses issues such as health literacy, education, life skills development, family and reproductive health – key elements needed to make wise choices about life - especially in Uganda where 80% of the population is under 25 (source: www.upfpa.org). The training will be conducted in schools, prisons and communities where ignorance and poverty, together with cultural “myths”, results in school dropouts, crime, street children, HIV/AIDS, unwanted pregnancies and births, unsafe abortions and maternal death.

Why support this:

Our partners know the gaps in the reproductive health sector and understand that if men and women are not educated about this, cultural change will never happen. They have a proven track record and work in collaboration with other local organisations to bring about positive change in the community, which we have seen first-hand. By providing young men and women with knowledge targeted at their needs, there is the potential to shift mindsets. Current family size in Uganda is seven children and teen pregnancy to older men is common. Regular training with excellent content will be conducted.

Objectives Include:



Training for 333 prison inmates and 13 prison wardens



Workshops for 50 village health members + 20 health workers



Training of students/teachers at 22 schools



Support for local Project Coordinator

Expected Life Change

- Changed attitudes towards family size resulting in smaller families, healthier mothers and more manageable financial resources
- Young fathers/mothers are equipped with the skills and knowledge to meet their responsibilities
- Self-esteem and making responsible, informed decisions will improve their lives
- Fostering of good relationships between men and women