

## Skills for Pregnant Girls



Buyera, Uganda



Economic Empowerment



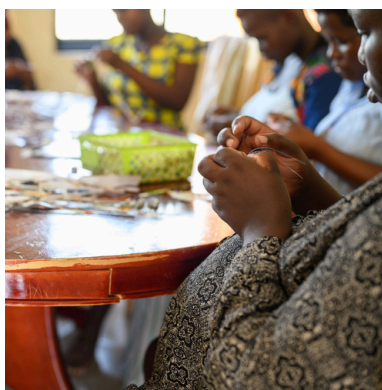
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**3 Year Project:** Jan 2024 to Dec 2026

**Total Budget:** \$76,200

**Current Year Funding Required:**

**\$25,400**



### POPULATION

50 million

### POVERTY

20.3% of the population below national poverty line

### HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 68.3 yrs

### EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 6.3 years

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX\*

Ranking out of 193 nations Uganda 157 (Aust 7)

*\*2025 Human Development Report*

### Overview

Our partner strives to enhance the dignity and self-esteem of young girls in crisis pregnancy situations in Uganda. This involves addressing their emotional, physical, and social needs through temporary accommodation, counselling and care services, whilst also providing essential life and vocational skills. Specifically, this project aims to partially fund vocational training programs in cooking, tailoring, computer literacy, agriculture, and crafts for 100 girls annually over a span of three years. These skills empower the girls to secure employment or initiate small businesses upon leaving the centre, helping break the cycle of poverty. Additionally, funds will be allocated to launch a craft shop, selling products crafted by the girls. A percentage of the proceeds will directly benefit the girls, while another portion will contribute to sustaining the project in the future.

### Why support this:

In the recent relocation to a newly established centre near the capital, Kampala, our partner now has the capacity to accommodate up to 50 girls concurrently. Since 2005, they have provided care for more than 1200 pre-teen and teenage girls. They are exceptional at nurturing pregnant girls and offer both physical and emotional support, given the often traumatic experiences, often from instances of rape. We also take pride in our partner's national recognition for their impactful advocacy campaigns aimed at curbing violence against children.

### Objectives include:



**100 girls trained in vocational skills**



**Improved sense of self-worth**



**100 girls to receive regular counselling**



**Opening a craft shop to sell goods made by the girls**

### Expected Life Change

- A healthier, functional environment through supporting themselves financially from learning vocational training skills
- Positive impact on families means the girls are resettled back home and into their communities
- Girls will increase in their confidence and self-esteem to care for themselves and their babies