



# Welding Apprenticeships to Empower Youth in Uganda

Artisanal Livelihood Skills for Economic Empowerment



## 1. In a Nutshell

Little by Little, small donations put together can be the right kind of help that disadvantaged youth in Uganda, the majority of Uganda's population, desperately need.

**78% of Ugandans are aged 30 years and below.**

The majority of young Ugandans, moreover, 48%, about 20.8 million, are aged 14 years and below. And they form a significant age dependent population. Consequently, it is on the shoulders of youth, aged 15-30 years, 30% of Uganda's population, that the burden mostly lies to provide for Uganda's over 40 million people.

However, Uganda's youth are largely unemployed and without sufficient sources of income to adequately meet their and their respective households' basic and genuine needs. They and their respective households are desperate and are living in dire straits.

CPAR Uganda, is asking for help to raise funds to enable youth to acquire artisanal livelihood skills, so they may be able to put food on the table for thousands of undernourished poor households in Uganda.



## 2. The Challenge

The unemployment rate for Uganda's post-secondary graduates, youth aged 20-25 years, is 80%, one of the highest in the world, according to [BrighterMonday](#), a recruitment and HR platform. The very demographic who on whom significant responsibility to be the providers for Uganda lies are mostly unemployed.

It is no wonder, according to the most recent [Uganda National household Survey](#), that the annual incomes of 97% of households in Lango Sub-Region, project area of operation, are less than US\$ 2.652.

The average size of a household in Lango is six people. This means that members of 97% of households in Lango survive on less than US\$ 1.2 per day; and are living below the poverty line. Furthermore, the survey also found that 44% of households in Lango are food poor.





### 3. The Solution

***“It is not easy to open up a welding business. Starting a welding business requires sums of money that many youths in Uganda can’t afford. But it is a worthwhile investment.”***

That is what Okello has learnt from personal experience.

Okello is an unemployed graduate of Kyambogo University’s School of Management and Entrepreneurship. He apprenticed with an established welder and is endowed with hands on practical skills as a welder.

With your help, CPAR Uganda aspires to raise 12 million shillings so as to buy start up materials, tools and machines that are needed to establish a welding workshop; and to donate them to Okello to establish a welding workshop.

### 4. The Impact

Establishing a welding workshop provides Okello and his household with a livelihood option; and at the same time, it provides a channel through which Okello will train other youth from disadvantaged backgrounds to become income earning welders.

- This intervention has the potential to significantly contribute to the reduction of youth not engaged in gainful economic activity.
- The benefiting youth will earn incomes as welders; be able to provide for their households; and will contribute to reducing the number of households living below the poverty line and are food poor.

CPAR Uganda cannot do it on our own. And so, we ask your help. Nothing is too small. Every little bit counts. Little by little we can together raise 12 million shillings and give a gift of a welding workshop to Okello; a gift that will keep on giving.

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