

FUNDING CALL

TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER



STARTING DATE

January 2026

KICK-OFF FUNDING GOAL

10 000 €

TARGETS

Rural and peri-urban youth,
Young women and
marginalized groups.

TARGET AREAS

 **Uganda**

Kampala metropolitan area

- Districts of Mukono
- Districts of Wakiso
- Districts of Mpigi

CONSTRUCTION SITE

 **Namayumba,
Wakiso district**

Uganda Youth Skills Training Organization is calling on partners and donors, to help us kick off construction of our new Technical Vocational Training Center in Namayumba, Wakiso District, in Uganda. We are seeking an initial contribution of €10,000 to launch the first phase of works : a tangible step that will bring this long-awaited center to life for the benefit of hundreds of young Ugandans, especially young women.

Context

Youth unemployment remains one of Uganda's greatest challenges. In rural and peri-urban areas, access to quality technical training and employment opportunities is still limited — and the situation is even more severe for young women.

Following is mandate and to address this, UYSTO plans to construct and equip a modern vocational training center that provides practical skills in trades such as carpentry, tailoring, mechanics, ICT, and design. Our goal ? Empowering youth, and particularly girls, to build sustainable livelihoods and self-reliance.

The center will serve as a hub for innovation, entrepreneurship, and gender equality, supporting annually an additional 300 young people, youth and women.



The construction of our Technical Vocational Training Center will directly contribute to reducing youth unemployment, and poverty — with a strong focus on young women's empowerment —through skills development and entrepreneurship promotion.

Objectives

- Construct and equip a sustainable, inclusive community training center.
- Contribute to the socio-economic empowerment of Ugandan youth through access to quality technical and vocational education and entrepreneurship support.
- Deliver gender-responsive technical and vocational training programs tailored to market demands.
- Empower young women through targeted mentorship, leadership, and entrepreneurship programs.
- Promote gender equality and social inclusion in skills development and employment.



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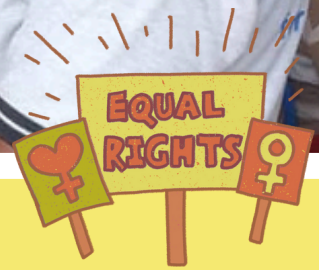
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Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training

The **UYSTO Community Technical Vocational Training Center** will offer a wide range of hands-on technical and vocational courses designed to equip young people with practical skills for employment and entrepreneurship. The main training programs will include: Carpentry and Joinery ; Automotive Mechanics and Driving ; Tailoring, Cutting, Fashion, and Design ; Information and Communication Technology (ICT) ; Music, Dance, and Drama ; Electrical Installation (*planned addition*) ; Cosmetology (*planned addition*).

Through these activities, UYSTO aims to bridge the gap between education and employment, empowering youth, to gain decent work, start businesses, and contribute to the socio-economic growth of their communities.



At UYSTO we believe that **empowering young women with technical and entrepreneurial skills is key to achieving equality and lasting change.**

We ensure that **at least 50% of trainees are girls and young women**, supported through:

- Gender-responsive training programs
- Mentorship and leadership opportunities
- Entrepreneurship and business skills coaching



Immediate Funding Requirement

The total estimated cost of the UYSTO Community Technical Vocational Training Center Project is € 521,568.

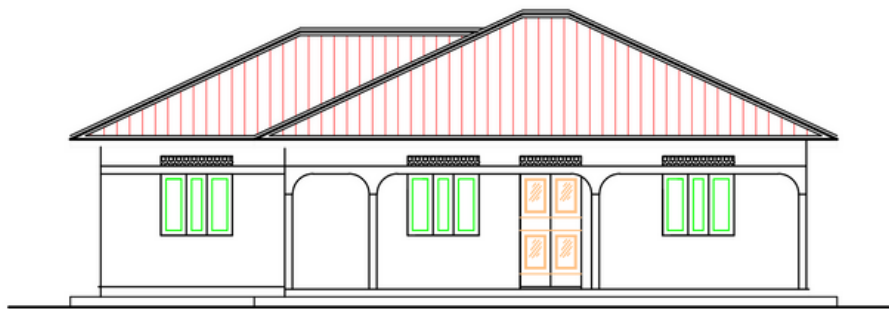
While UYSTO has already secured land and completed the architectural plans, **we are seeking an initial contribution of €10,000** to begin the Preliminary Works, including: site access, permits and approvals, basic welfare facilities, and final site reinstatement, as well as Site Clearance and Leveling.

Securing this initial €10,000 will enable UYSTO to make the project visible, mobilize contractors, and demonstrate credibility to future co-funders.

Every contribution will directly help us break ground.



In picture : Bob Maahe, executive director of UYSTO, in the construction site of the training center.



In picture : Plan of the training center.

WHO WE ARE

The Uganda Youth Skills Training Organization (UYSTO) is a non-profit organization founded in 2007 which works to continuously promote an ethos of social change starting at a very young age in school and outside school. UYSTO employs 22 instructors and other staff members.

In accordance with the national need of vocational training for economic development, and the way it has been seen by society in the past few years, our aim is to inform, educate and train youth in Uganda. We aim at facilitating a belief that vocational training will offer youths and women the chance to secure jobs faster, become self-reliant, establish their own businesses and in turn, commit to a more systemised change in Uganda, starting from youth who believe, who can, and who do.

Through our projects and partnerships, we are addressing some of the current challenges within the sustainable development goals, such as: Eradicating extreme poverty, promoting gender equality and empower women, and ensuring environmental, sustainability and quality education.

Since the start of the UYSTO, we have been able to reach out to 17,658 young people, youth and women (teenage mothers) with all the programs.



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