

Restore hope for 50 young mothers in Rural Uganda

1. Introduction

This concept proposal outlines a project to establish a Skilling Center focused on shaping young mothers and adolescent girls in self-reliant life through entrepreneurship, Tailoring and Hairdressing. The center aims to provide practical vocational training to vulnerable girls and young mothers to equip them with sustainable income-generating skills. The initiative will contribute to poverty and Domestic Violence reduction, women empowerment, and economic development in the community.

2. Problem Statement

In Masaka-Uganda, over 70% of young mothers and adolescent girls face high levels of unemployment, domestic Violence and Menstrual stigma. Although advocacy to fight child marriage is done, Many Adolescent girls are still dropping out of school due to menstrual stigma, early pregnancies and domestic abuse. As a result, they remain dependent and economically vulnerable leading to irresponsible young mothers within the community. This project will impact 50 young mothers with the skills needed.

3.0 Project Goal and Objectives

3.1 Goal

To empower young mothers and adolescent girls through vocational training of tailoring and hairdressing to financial independence.

3.2 Objectives

- Establish a fully equipped skilling center within a rented facility.
- Train 50 young mothers and girls in tailoring and hairdressing over a 6-month period.
- Train Participants in entrepreneurship and business management over a 6-month period.
- To maintain and operate the project (skilling center) while recruiting young mothers on a rolling basis.
- Create an outdoor shop to lay a marketing platform for the products made out of the center.
- To support graduated young mothers, start and operated their own business to be employed and financial independence.

4. Project Activities

- Meeting with community leaders and identification of 50 project beneficiaries herein young mothers and adolescent girls out of school.
- Identification and rental of training Premises.
- Procurement of training materials (sewing machines, driers, other materials).
- Recruitment of qualified trainers for tailoring and hairdressing.
- Recruitment of participants (beneficiaries) and training implementation.
- Project Evaluation, reporting, certificate awarding and graduation ceremony.

5. Budget Summary

The total budget for the 6-month project is **USD 18,524**. This includes rental & utilities, training equipment & materials, personnel costs, administrative costs and other costs. A detailed proposed budget is attached in the annex 1.

6. Expected Outcomes

- 50 adolescent girls and young mothers acquire employable skills in tailoring and hair dressing in the first 6 months of the project implementation.
- Increased income-generating opportunities amongst young mothers and adolescent girls out of school.
- Operational vocational center serving as a long-term community empowerment hub for vulnerable young girls and young mothers.
- Outdoor shop established to provide marketing avenue for finished products enabling young mothers earn from their work.

7. Implementation Timeline

The project will be implemented over a 6-month period, starting from the date of funding acquisition. The project will further continue operation after the initial 6 months period to provide service to the other groups of people in the most need.

8. Project Sustainability Plan.

- Dependable Youth Initiative Uganda will establish an outdoor shop to provide a marketing avenue for the products produced, strengthen business performance and promote enterprise sustainability.
- The organization will continue mobilizing resources and building partnerships with government, development partners, and the private sector to sustain and expand this vocational skills training initiatives.

- Participants will be equipped with entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills and encouraged to join Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) to access capital for business growth.

Annex 1: Proposed Budget Breakdown

Proposed Budget for Restore hope for 50 young mothers in Rural Uganda Project			
Budget Item	Quantity	Unit Cost (USD)	Total Cost (USD)
1. Rent and Utilities			
Rental of training space (6 months)	6	50	300
Utilities for 6 months	6	30	182
Subtotal: Rent and Utilities			482
2. Training Equipment and Materials (Tailoring)			
Sewing machines	15	150	2,250
Tailoring materials for 35 people	35	50	1,750
1 Training tables for fabric cutting & ironing	1	45	45
Cabins to store fabrics	1	50	50
Iron Box for ironing products	2	20	40
Subtotal: Equipment & Materials			4,135
2. Training Equipment and Materials (Hairdressing)			
Hair driers	2	55	110
Hairdressing materials for 15 people (braids, head dolls, threads, etc..)	15	50	750
Subtotal: Equipment & Materials			860
3. Personnel Costs (project trainers)			
Tailoring Trainer (6 months)	6	150	900
Hairdressing Trainer (6 months)	6	150	900
Subtotal: Personnel costs			1,800
4. Administrative & Other Costs			
Stationery (6 months)	6	20	120
2 Project staff Allowances (6 months)	6	140	840
Monitoring and evaluation	1	120	120
Certificates for 50 project participants	50	1	67
Startup tool kits	50	200	10,000
Miscellaneous expenses	1	100	100
Subtotal: Admin & others			11,247
GRAND TOTAL			18,524

Annex 2. Detailed Work Plan (6 Months)

Month	Activity	Description	Responsible Person	Output
Month 1	Identify and rent training premises	Locate a suitable training facility in the area.	Project Coordinator	1 Skilling center premises rented.
	Procure training equipment & materials.	Purchase sewing machines, tailoring kits, hair driers, hairdressing materials and other equipment.	Project Coordinator	Tools and materials procured.
	Recruit trainers and trainees	Hire qualified trainers for tailoring and Hairdressing.	Project Coordinator and Volunteers	2 Trainers hired and
		Recruit 50 Vulnerable Adolescent girls and young mothers between 17-30 years for both Tailoring and Hairdressing.	Project coordinator and Volunteers	50 girls and young mothers recruited
	Set up training environment/Center	Furnish center with chairs, workstations, shelves and cutting table.		Center fully equipped
Month 2-6	Conduct training sessions	Practical and theory Tailoring and Hairdressing sessions	Trainers	50 trainees actively learning and training
	Conduct M&E, reporting	Assess project progress and evaluate the impact to learners.	M&E Officer	Evaluation report completed and shared to partners.
	Graduation and certification ceremony	Issue certificates, recognize partners,	Project Coordinator and Volunteers	50 girls and young mothers' graduates
	Post project activities	Retain 4 graduands as trainers. Support graduands to establish their own business	Project Coordinator	4 trainees retained as project trainers. 50 graduands supported with entrepreneurship, business idea development and mentorship.

Anex 3. Photos from some of our Past Projects towards youths and young mothers.

Liquid Soap Making.



Basket Weaving



Financial Literacy through Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs).

