



Completion Report

UGA-YIM-NGT-P01 Kampala, Uganda
Reporting Period: March – July 2019

Next Generation Tailors - Uganda

Budget: \$12,500 for a one-year project. Fully funded!

The Project:

This project supported 20 participants in a one-year Fashion and Design course. The course equipped Ugandan disadvantaged youth with the knowledge, practical skills and training required to pursue a promising and successful career within the fashion industry. Participants undertook business and entrepreneurship training workshops with bank accounts set up for participants. A sewing machine was provided at the end of the course (by way of a loan) to ensure a smooth transition into business, with follow-up mentoring.



Progress against objectives:

- 20 young people successfully completed the final months of the course with classes finishing end of May
- Students completed final classes in Ugandan Traditional Wear, and Tailored Men's and Women's Suits. Students who received less than 50% on any product had to re-do the work before graduating
- Final tuition in business planning has led to a number of realistic ideas from the graduates – for example, starting up a small shop as a joint venture between some of the students, sewing from home with a donated sewing machine, combining skills of hairdressing and tailoring in a small business
- Graduation took place on 8 June – a wonderful and happy celebration with certificates and transcripts presented, photos taken, a shared lunch family and friends. Out of the 20 graduates, only one had completed high school and some dropped out at primary school level. This is a significant achievement for the students
- The social enterprise shop has continued to grow and expand with local and expat clients with some orders for regular consignments (eg 100 pants per week to be sent to a Canadian client for the summer)
- Graduates will continue to be “mentored” and will be offered support where appropriate. Many students took the opportunity to take the sewing machine and will pay back the loan back. Going forward, the plan is for students to save for a sewing machine during the year so that they have the funds by the end of the course
- Word has spread of the quality classes and workmanship and our partners are considering running paid classes on weekends to help with sustainability costs; a great idea and we like their thinking!

Entrust Project Manager Jenny Crameri and CEO Richard Beaumont visited the project in May. Jenny said, “We are so impressed with this grassroots organization. They are taking on board all the lessons along the way and are adjusting their program accordingly. They take on advice and they are keen to learn – we really value their hard work and commitment; so impressive! Entrust loves supporting grassroots partners like this.”

From graduation speeches: “I am in a much better position to face the future”, Eddy; “I never thought I would be in a position to go back to school and learn fashion. I am so happy!”, Joan; “Thank you for your sacrifice”, Rehema.

This draws the current project to a close, but there will be another, as we see the value and results this project has brought to young, disadvantaged youth. Stay tuned! Thank you for helping to make this happen!