



# SKILLS – LINK UGANDA

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Global Giving,

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Re: Application for Financial support.**

We greet you in the Almighty Name of our Lord Jesus Christ and humbly wish to present to you our project application requesting for financial support of approximately **4800 USD**.

The funds will be used to cover the training costs as per the attached budget for the new “Vocational, Micro entrepreneurship and life skills training project” for 2020 meant to benefit (50 participants) youth and women of Makindye Municipality in Wakiso district Uganda.

Skills Link Uganda is a registered Community based organization Reg. No. CBO. / 06 / 503 by the Directorate of Community based services Makindye Ssabagabo Municipality.

We are located in Makindye Municipality Wakiso district – Uganda. The organisation came into existence purposely to equip the youths, women and persons with disabilities in literacy skills, vocational, essential micro-entrepreneurial and life skills that will enable them rise out of poverty, provide for their families health and well-being as well as create opportunities for self – employment within their local communities.

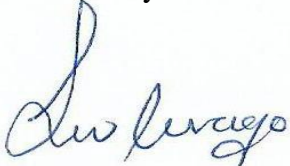
A total of **100 participants** will directly benefit from this new training project for 2020. These will include; 40 girls for tailoring, 40 for Hairdressing and 20 boys for catering. They will all do basic entrepreneurship and life skills programmes.

We have already received material support including; sewing machines, carpentry and electrician tools, hairdressing equipment, yarn and fabric from a Christian based charity in the UK called. Tools with a Mission. (TWAM). I refer you to Mr. Peter Fisher overseas Coordinator for Uganda on email; [uganda@twam.uk](mailto:uganda@twam.uk) , and Mr. David White special projects coordinator Tools With a Mission on Email; [projects@twam.uk](mailto:projects@twam.uk)

We also received another consignment of vocational tools meant to benefit future training projects from Gered Gereedschap – Charity from the Netherlands. I refer you to Mr. Rene Rutte General manager and Mr. Bob de Koff Chairman. They can be reached on email; **rene@geredgereedschap.nl**

Please find enclosed project application and budget for the proposed new training project for 2020. I look forward to discussing this application with you.

Thanks for your time. Yours sincerely,



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## Project Application

Project title	SKILLS LINK UGANDA VOCATIONAL, MICRO ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS TRAINING PROJECT.
Project description	We developed the idea of setting up this training centre to equip the youths, women and persons with disabilities with literacy skills, vocational, essential micro-entrepreneurial and life skills that will enable them rise out of poverty, provide for their families health and well-being as well as create opportunities for self – employment within their local communities. The proposed project for 2018 will lay a foundation for the future of these vulnerable categories of people. They will acquire skills which will transform them into productive entities of the nation. The project will ensure that these under privileged categories of people become units of change as well as wheels of development by performing various activities necessary for integration and self reliance. Our philosophy will be “Development of the physical and mental activities.” For the start, the curriculum of the project will include: - tailoring, wood work, computer, Hairdressing, functional adult literacy, life skills and entrepreneurship training.
Location of project	The project will be undertaken and implemented in Makindye Municipality Wakiso district. It will cover the parishes of Masajja, Ndejje, Busabala and other nearby parishes.
Aim	The overall objective of the project is to equip the youths, women and persons with disabilities with literacy skills, vocational, essential micro-entrepreneurial and life skills that will enable them rise out of poverty, provide for their families health and well-being as well as create opportunities for self – employment within their local communities

Preparation	<p>According to our general observations and verified reports presented by Makindye Municipality community and council leaders about the living conditions of the community members, we discovered that most People live under abject poverty and are ignorant about reproductive health issues. They are involved in small scale businesses in order to earn a living hence creating an ever needy and disadvantaged syndrome among the community.</p> <p>The meagre incomes scarcely live them with nothing to save and therefore low rates of investment.</p> <p>The majority of the people are youths, young men and women who have acquired some education; some can read and write hence it will be easier to disseminate vocational and life skills education to the community.</p> <p>Currently in Uganda, with the policy of making education especially primary education universal, has one way or another left so many primary leavers who can be described as non – starters since they posses no skills.</p>
Target Group	<p>The project targets mostly youths, women and persons with disabilities and all other categories of the community members that are vulnerable and marginalised, are generally free to take up the chance to be trained. The project is expected to benefit a total of 100 community members. 80 younger girls and women, and 20 boys.</p>
Other Indirect Beneficiaries	<p>Community leaders, family members, institutions like schools, churches, other NGOs, CBOs etc within the community will benefit indirectly from our services.</p>
Project Objectives	<p>To train women, youths and persons with disabilities who wish to become artisans with tradable vocational skills in; tailoring, hairdressing, art &amp; design, computer, catering, welding and many other practical courses that will lead them to future self-sustenance.</p> <p>To train illiterate beneficiaries (youths, women and persons with disabilities) in Functional Adult Literacy programmes.</p> <p>Empowering the beneficiaries (youths, women and persons with disabilities) receiving vocational training in complementary micro entrepreneurship and life skills.</p> <p>To attach beneficiaries who have received training to Master Trades. Persons who own well equipped and functional workshops for apprenticeship.</p> <p>To provide enterprise support to the beneficiaries through;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linking them to identified emerging and existing markets.</li> <li>• Linking project beneficiaries to partner microfinance service providers for low interest start up loans</li> <li>• Provide business diagnosis, health checks, business mentoring and coaching to graduates who have started their own enterprise</li> <li>• Guide graduates in procedures in formation of Alumni Networks &amp; associations</li> <li>• Build relationships with industries, financial institutions and marketing agencies for placement, financial and non-financial services support.</li> <li>• Put in place periodic best performance awards as an incentive for graduates who have started own business enterprises.</li> </ul>
Project Outcomes	<p>The vulnerable and marginalised youth, women and persons with disabilities will be trained and will be equipped with education and vocation skills which we expect to lead them to employing themselves.</p> <p>The redundancy of the beneficiaries in the area will be reduced since a big</p>

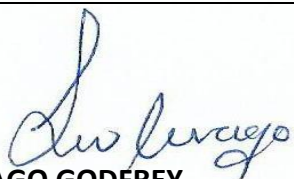
	<p>percentage is expected to be engaged in productive work.  The standards of living among the people will improve since they will be in position to start up income generating projects even before completing their courses. This is expected to start from tailoring, weaving, and sawing.  We expect behavioural change towards a healthy sexual reproductive life.</p>
Project Activities	<p><b>Activity 1.</b>  To identify 100 beneficiaries to attend a training at SKILLS LINK Training Centre; 40 girls in tailoring, 40 in Hairdressing and salon management, and 20 boys in catering. The training will take place for 11 months from 1st Jan to 31<sup>st</sup> Nov 2020 for 5 days per week from 8 am to 4pm</p> <p><b>Activity 2.</b>  To provide entrepreneurship and small business management training to the 100 trainees.  This will take place for 5 months from 1st July to 31st of Nov 2020 (For 2 days per week, Thurs and Friday from 2pm to 4pm)</p> <p><b>Activity 3</b>  To provide life skills and Mind set tools training to all the 100 trainees.  This will take place throughout the project period.</p> <p><b>Activity 4</b>  Training interested beneficiaries in Basic concepts of IT, Office programmes &amp; Internet)  ( Every Monday, 2pm – 4 pm &amp; Sat 9am – 11 am)</p> <p><b>Activity 5</b>  To provide functional adult literacy programmes to those identified trainees to learn English lessons, reading and writing.  This will take place throughout the project period.</p> <p><b>Activity 6</b>  Registration of trainees with the Directorate of Industrial training for trade exams and certification.</p> <p><b>Activity 7</b>  Provide industrial training for the course participants to enhance their practical skills acquisition. This will take place for 2 months i.e. October and November 2020</p> <p><b>Activity 8</b>  Acquire Certificates, transcripts and work passes from the “Directory of Industrial Training (DIT)”, under Ministry of Education and sports after completion of their internship and apprenticeship with performing companies</p> <p><b>Activity 9</b>  Organize artisan graduates into working groups / workshops and provide them with business start-up kits like sewing machines, hairdressing equipment etc.</p>

Monitoring	<p>The members of the Governing Board will monitor all the activities of the project. At the end of each stated period (3 months), a report with photos attached will be given to the members of the governing board and the donors.</p> <p>The successfulness of the project will depend on seeing a number of beneficiaries who were once redundant being involved in some productive work within the community.</p> <p>The participants will give testimonies about their life experiences after finishing the program.</p> <p>We shall experience Reduced number of reproductive health problems like early marriages, drug abuse, sexual abuse etc.</p>
Sustainability	<p>A plan will be laid down to ensure that the project becomes self sustaining. It will be in position to carry out other activities locally without depending on assistance but using funds from selling products made by students and other organisational projects like secretarial contracts, tents and chairs hire etc. All these projects will sustain the organisational wellbeing.</p> <p>The following departments are thought to play a reaching role in raising funds: Art and design, Knitting, sawing and computer services.</p> <p>The funds thought to be raised from the departments will be used to maintain the equipments, paying the trainers, buying other learning materials and the general maintenance of the centre.</p> <p>So we are certain that the project will not collapse without having other donor funds since we have the above plans to implement.</p>
Project Partners	<p>The project will involve working with Global Giving, Rev. Mary Francis Drake (Our Patron in USA), the Government of Uganda, Tools with a Mission UK, Gered Gereedschap Netherlands and other charities involved in related programmes.</p>

## Budget

All amounts are presented in (USD) and include any exchange rates used.

Total budget for this project.	The total budget for the project is <b>9,056</b> USD.
Amount Requested from Sponsor	We are applying for <b>4,800</b> USD.
Exchange Rate	<b>1USD = 3500</b> Uganda Shillings.

<p>Signed</p>  <p><b>LUKWAGO GODFREY</b></p>	<p>Title</p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.</b></p>
SKILLS LINK UGANDA	Date 14 <sup>th</sup> , November, 2019

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## PROJECT APPLICATION