

CHIDFEA FIRST PROGRESSIVE REPORT FOR THE TAILORING PROJECT 2023

By the end of June 2022, the 1st group of the trainees had not yet completed their session of 3 months training as we had planned. The main reasons for this was that some of them were a little bit slow while others were not attending regularly as we earlier noted in our previous report. We extended our training programme up to July 2022.

We started a second group which comprised of 30 people, 25 adolescents and 5 adults. This session ended in December 2022. These were trained in making different items like dresses, shirts, shorts, laptop bags, door mats, masks, etc, just like the 1st group.

Some trainees in the 1st group have started getting places where they can work from. Most of them are employed because they have not yet become independent due to lack of capital to buy materials, hire places of work and to hire machines since they don't own any.

I am glad to report that some of our trainees have started earning some little income. Slowly by slowly they will be able to compete with other people in the same business and will be able to earn more.

In fact, the tailoring project is a blessing to our women and some of the adolescents because presently the school fees costs are too high, almost impossible for our low income earners. This is because our National curriculum has been changed and it's a new year where by all children / students are starting new classes / schools. Since we have our tailoring project, some of the above children who will not have had a chance of going back to school will come and train in our project.

We are glad and our beneficiaries are glad too because they have much hope of becoming self-reliant because of the skills they have attained.

On behalf of CHIDFEA, we want to thank Mirembe Foundation for the financial support that they always render to our women.

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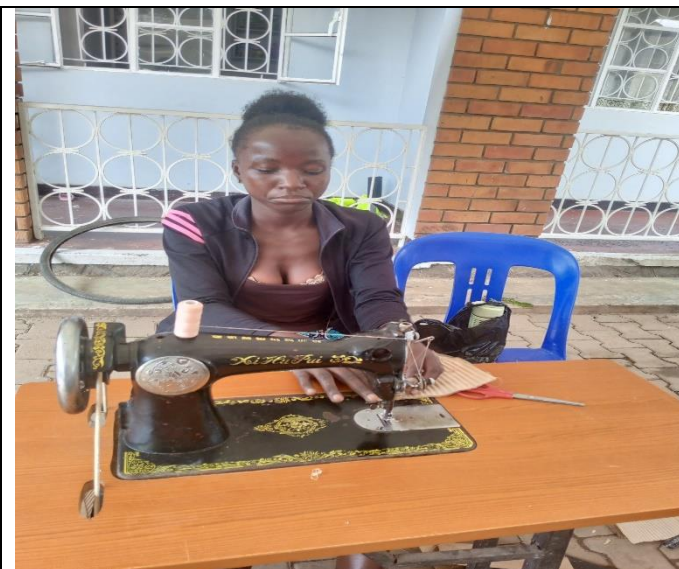


Figure 1 Molly is learning how to sew using stiff materials



Figure 2 Some of the trainees in the second group during the lesson



Figure 3 One of the trainees learning how to make shapes for designing



Figure 4 Our trainee trying to fix the machine in order to continue with the sewing

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