

WEND AFRICA

A MESSAGE OF HOPE

SEE THE IMPACT YOU MADE!

I AM WRITING TO YOU TODAY WITH PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR YOUR PAST SUPPORT, SHARING SUCCESS STORIES THAT ARE ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF YOU. TOGETHER, WE HELPED FORMER CHILD SOLDIERS TO LEARN A TRADE, HEAL IN MIND, BODY AND SOUL AS WELL AS SUPPORT 50+ CHILDREN TO RETURN TO SCHOOL. WHILE WE CELEBRATE THIS PROGRESS, WE KNOW THAT THERE IS MORE TO ACCOMPLISH. THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING. OUR WORK CONTINUES,

WE HAVE AN URGENT REQUEST— BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. CAN YOU STAND WITH US AGAIN TO ENSURE OUR LADIES CONTINUE TO WORK AND SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES?

Wend Africa (WOMEN EMPOWERMENT NETWORK and DESIGN) founded in Uganda is a 501(c)3 non-profit in the United States.



A visit by the District Governor of Rotary Uganda



Team from Germany Visit the workshop at Wend Africa and the German Ambassador to Uganda.

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MISSION

WHAT WE OFFER

To provide opportunities for employment, education & empowerment to war-affected mothers and less fortunate girls and boys in Northern Uganda.

A social enterprise organization that is empowering the local community in Uganda and those who were affected by the war. WEND Africa employs and support women who were forced to be child soldiers during the war in Northern Uganda.



EMPLOYMENT

Upon the above back ground, WEND AFRICA looked at a way of sustaining itself by looking into market for their products both locally and internationally. In the year 2025 we have been able to help support more needy persons by providing skilling through a grant that was provided by Rotary International and managed to train additional 30 women with the contribution from Rotary Club Encinitas California and Rotary Club of Gulu City. The beneficiaries are girls who dropped out of school because of lack of school fees.



EDUCATION

The current program being carried out is on the direction of being self-sustaining provided funding for resourcing for materials and more sewing machines acquired especially specialized machine The production of bags, crafts, shoes and jewelry has been able to sustain itself. This helps the beneficiaries provide for their family needs and create more jobs. More skills training and psychosocial support is being given to formerly abducted, and women who have dropped out of school especially child mothers to help them get out of trauma.



EMPOWERMENT

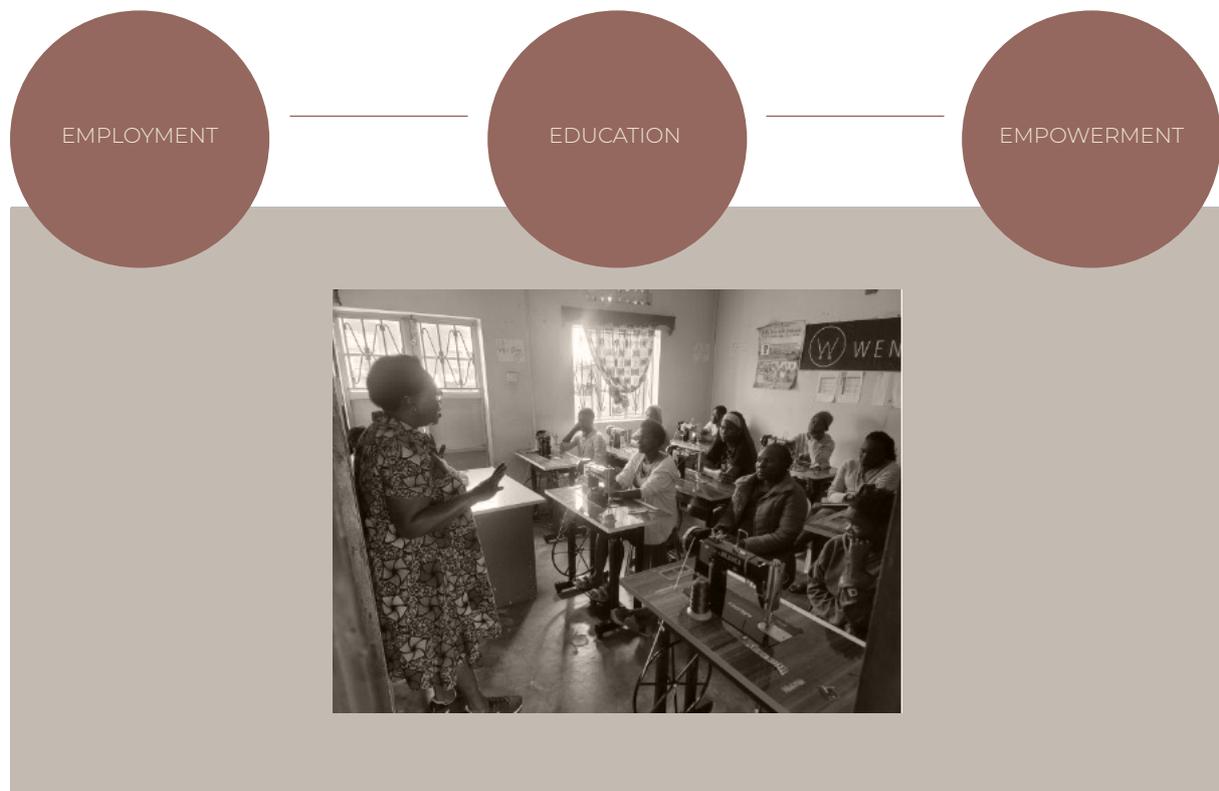
We do more than just make bags. We dramatically improve the quality of life for women who have been affected by the war in Northern Uganda. All of our ladies are provided with advanced training in tailoring, finance, and personal development, and payed a monthly salary to build a self sustaining life., grow as leaders within their families and communities.

THE PROCESS

HOW IT WORKS

A social enterprise organization that is empowering the local community in Uganda and those who were affected by the war. Wend Africa employs and supports women who were forced to be child soldiers during the war in Northern Uganda.

During war, many women were raped and the women who were lucky enough to have escaped or rescued, often returned with children some HIV positive and many more dropped out of school, many of these women came home with children belonging to LRA commanders and have no formal education or skills to provide for them. Wend Africa supports these women by providing skills training, formal education and employment to make bags, purses, crafts and jewelry. On returning home, the women and children were ostracized due to their former affiliation with the rebels. Taken captive at a tender age, many lacked a basic education. Many were left without the means to support themselves and their children. Due to high poverty level in Northern Uganda very many young boys and girls are dropping out of school due to lack of money and therefore most school drop out prefers to join vocational training as an easy way to earn income.



Our programs include and limited to other community members in Northern Uganda.

WAR AFFECTED WOMAN	NODDING SYNDROME	EDUCATING CHILDREN	WOMENS HEALTH
The women who were directly affected by the war	Kids and families affected by Nodding Syndrome	Supporting the Children of the Women to attain education	Supporting the Health of Women Mind, Body, Soul

TIMELINE

OUR 2025 MILESTONES



01. NEW GROWTH

The Staff and newly recruited girls in front of the Office and in the training room.

A visit by the District Governor of Rotary Uganda and the Governor meeting Grace who made his bag at the exhibition.



02. GERMAN SUPPORT

The organization managed to produce clothing for an event held in Gulu City Oktoberfest courtesy of Gulu City Council, Rotary Club of Gulu City and the City of Bavaria Munich.

The dresses made by Wend Africa being modeled in Bavaria City. Team from Germany Visit the workshop at Wend Africa and the German Ambassador to Uganda.



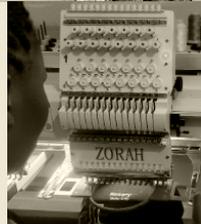
03. ROTARY GIFT

As part of sustainability with the support of grant from Rotary international through Rotary Club of Encinitas the organization was able to acquire an Embroidery Machine and this machine will be able to increase income for the organization. The women going through the training.



04. LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

In partnership with few companies and institutions we were able to make products that helped to sustain the women.



05. MEDICAL & NODDING SUPPORT

The Nodding Syndrome kids get monthly support like a play therapy program, detergents, food stuff, beside a routine checkup by medical Team from University of Texas Health San Antonio and the Medical team from Uganda. This program is supported by individuals who provide monthly support and CultureX that provide support for the play therapy program.

Medical out outreach in the villages to the family of Nodding Syndrome by medical team from UT Health San Antonio led by Dr Covngton. Nodding Kids display their soap after play therapy and nodding patients being examined by Dr Achiro Harriet from Gulu Regional Referral Hospital.



OUR GOALS

GO BIG OR GO HOME

We never stop dreaming about how to support our women and their families toward full self-sustainability, while empowering the next generation with marketable skills. Northern Uganda has much to offer the world, and we want to be part of that future.

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GOAL 1: A DREAM REALIZED

Through the Uganda Government and World Bank we were able to get a grant worth USD two hundred thousand that will support in building the organization production center and this will help completely take away the cost of renting that had been an operation cost that has been a big challenge.

The design for the new facility that will be built in 2026 on the land acquired through Invisible Children and handed over to Wend Africa.

Building permits and process' are the same all around the world, we are waiting for final approval and pray we can begin in March

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GOAL 2: INCREASE MEDICAL SUPPORT

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GOAL 3: INCREASE PARTNERS

- Helpware
- Rotary International
- Rotary Club of Encinitas
- Rotary Club of Gulu City
- Rotary Uganda District 9213
- Government of Uganda Ministry Of Gender Labour and Social development (Grow)
- World Bank (Grow)
- Culture X
- Local Councils

OUR NEEDS

LET'S TALK MONEY

SALARY

2 months needed

Monthly costs and women's salary's

\$ 5,000

SCHOOL FEES FEB - JULY

Immediate needs for semester starting Feb 1

Fees are paid by the Mother - But without salary, kids will not be able to attend school

FAMILY MEDICAL EXPENSES

Hospitalized daughter needs surgery

\$ 500

IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL NEEDS

The year 2025 we consider it a successful year because of the so much achieved that is driving the organization towards sustainability and growth that will see many women benefit from the program. We had a bit of challenge in December that had been always our big revenue base for the international sales especially in the US and therefore this has made it harder to begin the year 2026.

In the new year 2026 we have resumed the production, however Uganda has been through election period and mostly things have been on halt in the country. We are therefore faced with a lot of challenges to begin the year such as salary to support the women since in the beginning of February too their children will begin school. Secondly there is need to help them get materials that intern will support them financially as products are made.

We are currently making an appeal for direct financial support or buy our products. For more details please do not hesitate to contact us. Our current IMMEDIATE NEED is \$5,000 for the months of January and February 2026. Donations can be made on our website or you can contact jolly@wendafrika.org or betsyburgreen@gmail.com. Other details on our website www.wendafrika.org



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GIFT OR PURCHASE TO HELP?

THANK YOU

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