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**YOUTH & WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
(YWISD)**



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The Grants Administrator,

The Pollination Project (TPP),

Dear Madam/Sir

**RE: Youth and Women Initiative for Sustainable Development (YWISD) project progress and Update:**

**Project Title:** Training Unemployed youth in weaving and entrepreneurship skills

**Introduction:** On behalf of Youth and Women Initiative for Sustainable Development (YWISD), I extend to you our greetings and appreciation for the support and partnership in implementation of the above project. Owing to the fact that on August 2018, we successfully received a full seed grant support of \$1000 from The Pollination Project (TPP) which was approved as per our submitted project budget. Our executive Board sat for a meeting to officially handover the approved grant amount to the project management team which then deliberated responsibilities and roles to each one of them for effectiveness of the project.

**Project Details.**

We have conducted trainings for 3 groups each consisting of 20 unemployed youth, they have all gone through weaving and entrepreneurship skills. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> group beneficiaries have all now begun their own small businesses with the help of skills they have acquired in the training process.

Some have done it as a group and others as individuals, as YWISD we wanted them to do it in groups but some had potential to sustain themselves out of groups.

**Beneficiary stories**

“I have been home for the last 3 years ever since I dropped out of school due to lack of school fees, I had never had a chance to learn any practical skills to change my life. People in this village have never taught any one for free but through YWISD and the help of TPP I am grateful for the skills which I acquired. I have already begun earning by selling my products, the market is readily available, and many people want my products. I want also to train as many youth as

possible with the skills I have acquired so that they can overcome poverty too” said Nakatumba Joan a 21year old.

“I cannot express my happiness of what YWISD has done for me, I am a single mother with 1 child, I dropped out of school when I was in primary 6 (P.6) after I got pregnant. When I got pregnant my parents chased me away from home to go to the person who was responsible for the pregnancy, life became so hard because the man also ran away. I have been struggling to earn income to support me and my child for the last 8years, tried looking for jobs but life here is so hard, of lately (one month back) I was fired from the job where I was working as a maid and they were paying me UGX20,000 (USD\$5.6)per month. But because of this training in acquired I can manage to get that very amount in a day or two days, I am able to get relevant needs for my child and I hope to get more. Thank you so much Angella and your organization for changing my life” said Awor Sabrina 19year old girl.

### **Challenges**

The biggest challenge we have face is the increasing number of people in the community who want us to train them, we have found ourselves not only training youth but even older people. We cannot manage to train all of those who need our services and it hurts us because the funds we have can only manage to train 80. Many people after seeing the impact it has caused are coming to us to help them acquire the same skills.

However we have solved this by referring them to those whom we have trained to train them.