



**ASSOCIATION  
OF REFUGEE  
WOMEN IN  
UGANDA  
(AORW-U)**

# **AORW-U SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER**

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## **Who we are:**

The Association of Refugee Women in Uganda (AORW-U) is a women's lead organization comprised of women refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Sudan, South Sudan and Somalia.

## **Our vision:**

The Association of Refugee Women in Uganda envisions a society where refugee women and girls live without discrimination and violence.

## **Our vision:**

Our mission is to facilitate access to necessary resources while also supporting, advocating for, and building the capacity of refugee women and girls to lead fulfilling and meaningful lives.



# AORW-U By Numbers



Empowering 4 schools garden with vegetable seedlings, distributed 400 royal palm to 5 primary schools in Kampala.



4 vocational training programs (tailoring, electric installation, plumbing, welding) are running now with 40 refugees who are benefiting from it.



more than 40 student joined our level one and level two English classes.

19 new members registered in the prosperity fund program with total savings of 4,758,900UGX. 18 individual savings accounts and 1 group savings account.



empowered refugees financially with total loans of 4,500,000UGX were given out to four individuals.

Enhancing 400 refugee households hygiene by distributing washing powder soap distribution.





# SECTORS UPDATES:

## 1. Economic empowerment and livelihood:

### -Financial Literacy Training:

Our dedicated team visited local markets to identify refugees running small businesses and informal enterprises. After meeting them in their places of work, we organized an introductory session to share information about our organization and the financial programs we offer to support their growth and resilience.

During these sessions, many entrepreneurs registered immediately to join our prosperity fund program, while others followed up later and signed up to start saving. By providing access to financial literacy, savings groups, and small business support, we aim to help refugee business owners strengthen their livelihoods, expand their opportunities, and build a more secure future for their families and communities.

Together, we are fostering an environment where refugees can thrive as self-reliant entrepreneurs and community leaders.



Introduction session to refugees about AORW-U in kupa complex.



showcase of refugees small businesses in kupa complex.



Refugees with small businesses opening accounts in prosperity fund program in AORW-U office.

### -Microloans & Savings Groups:

Through our Prosperity Fund, we provided over **4,5millionUGX** direct loans to **4individuals** from different nationalities and now they are able to starting or grow their small businesses. We also supported the formation of **18 individuals** saving accounts and **1 group** account in the prosperity fund program and now we have total of **48 accounts** through the program.



distributing powder soap to refugee in AORW-U office.

**-Livelihood Support:** Enhancing the hygiene and well-being of 400 refugee households by distributing essential items such as washing powder and soap. This initiative aims to promote better sanitation, prevent the spread of diseases, and support families in maintaining a clean and healthy living environment.

## 2. Climate change:

**-Green Innovation:** we're proud to champion sustainable action and climate education for the next generation. we successfully provided **vegetable seedlings to 4 primary schools**, helping them enhance their kitchen gardens and boost food security on campus.

In addition, we distributed **400 royal palm seedlings to 5 primary schools** in Kampala, empowering students and communities to create lasting green spaces that benefit both people and the planet. By advocating for environmental conservation and climate action, we're nurturing young leaders to understand, protect, and sustain their environment for years.



## 3. Education:

**Vocational Training: 40 refugees** have now joined our vocational training program, gaining hands-on skills in tailoring, electrical installation, welding, and plumbing.

By learning trades that are in high demand, these trainees will be able to earn sustainable incomes, support their families, and contribute to their communities.

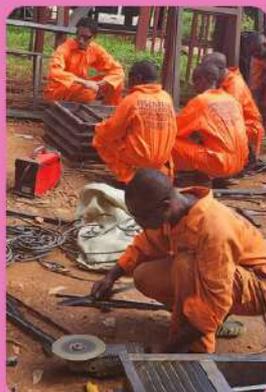
### a success story:

*{Thanks to the electrical installation course, even though I haven't finished yet, I've already started working on small projects and earning money from them. I can't wait to complete the course and achieve even more!}*

**English Language Classes:** all **27 student** graduated from level one joined level tow with new comers. more than **10 student** registered for level one and started their lessons.



Electricians



Welding Workshop



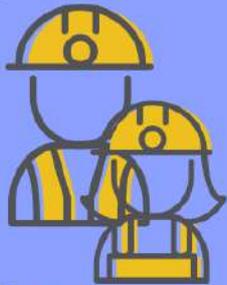
Tailoring class



Plumbing class

# Looking Ahead (Q3):

- Launch the Kugawana Project to improve refugee household nutrition, strengthen local market partnerships, and reduce food waste.
- Collect baseline data to inform evidence-based policies and present these to stakeholders and communities at a dedicated conference.



- Scaling up vocational training programs to include hair dressing, phone repair, sports, graphic design beside tailoring, electrical installation, plumbing, and welding which are running now to equip more refugees with practical skills for employment and entrepreneurship.

- Starting a Refugee Community Garden in Nakivale Refugee Camp to promote household food security, nutrition, and community-driven sustainable agriculture.



- Reaching out to refugee small business owners in local markets to introduce the Prosperity Fund, helping them access financial support and grow their businesses.



# THANK YOU!

To our devoted staff, we say thank you for your dedication and passion. To our donors and supporters, we are profoundly grateful for your kindness, trust, and belief in our work. Your commitment empowers us to reach more refugees and build stronger communities. Together, we are changing lives!