

GROWTH IN UGANDA

UGANDA

A cycle of poverty is deeply entrenched in the war-torn region of Northern Uganda, where the AIDS epidemic continues to spread. The needs of the people cry loudly in the forms of medical care, education, even food and water. When working with AIDS orphans in Uganda, our partners became inspired by creative, compassionate widows eager to earn an income to care for these children. Our partners soon began offering these women interest-free loans to kick-start small jewelry enterprises. Now hundreds of widows work with dignity running microbusinesses, providing for themselves and for orphans' food, education, and transportation to clinics for HIV treatment. As these women become empowered, they pour into their communities, caring for the sick and abandoned and initiating change at a grassroots level. Purchasing this handmade product goes beyond bandaging the wounds of poverty—it enables true healing, lifting entire villages to dignity and sustainability.



STORIES OF RESCUE & EMPOWERMENT

COUNTRY: UGANDA • PROGRAM: MICRO-ENTERPRISE



Anna

Though Anna has lost her own family, she has become a family to the fatherless in her village, caring for many orphaned children though she's a single mother struggling to raise her own. When our partners met her, they saw her straining to feed so many mouths and immediately offered her a microloan. With this money she started her own business, paid back our partners, and two years later purchased two acres of land. As she saves to build a home for her children, she continues to build her business as well as the businesses of others at-risk, purchasing beads from women in the slums so that they can protect and provide for their families. Anna is a woman empowered, expanding her circles of protection to orphans and desperate women, empowering an entire at-risk community and the next generation to rise above poverty.

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