

2019 Empowerment Grants Help Many Women

Economic Empowerment for Quechua Women in Eastern Bolivia, ETTA Project

Rural women will learn how to build bicycle powered blenders to make medicinal plant tonics, nutritious fruit and herb drinks, and healthy food for their families and to sell them for income development. They will share their knowledge and skills with other women in their villages to increase the project impact.

Amplify Our Voices Project, Kimbo Amazing Women – Kenya

A women's "bunge" (parliament) will be established with a network of 1,000 vulnerable Githurai women who will be trained on their rights, leadership skills, and existing leadership opportunities. The "bunge" will engage local leaders to address issues affecting women and to defend their rights.

Chromebooks for a girls' Computer Literacy Project, Leah's Dream - Tamale, Ghana

Afafanto scholars will use Chromebooks for a computer literacy program and life skills students will develop video expertise. Small charges for villagers using the computers will help pay maintenance and sustain the program.

Girls Start Stay and Return to School (SSR), Love Unveiled Ministries – Uganda

The successful SSR program will be expanded to the Kayunga district and will educate girls and young women by enrolling them into formal education and offering training for practical skills so they can launch income generating projects to meet their personal needs as well as the needs of their communities.

Binti-Mama (Kiswahili for Daughter-Mother), Mwangaza Education for Partnership - Arusha Tanzania

The successful Binti-Mama women's seminar program will expand to 24 women and girls from two currently unserved regions. The group will have one week of empowerment training and then share the training and mini books with pertinent information with the women and girls in their home communities.

Women's Piggery Rearing Income Development Project, Nyakasanga Development Community Foundation (NYAKU)- Kasese District, Uganda

After their successful 2018 WIL project of growing vegetable and mushroom gardens and their previous experience raising goats, NYAKU will expand to purchasing piglets and training women in piggery rearing. Having established a savings and loan program during the 2018 program, the women will also learn about financial literacy and income development.

Mujeres en Accion/Women in Action: Mother's Empowerment Training Program, Sueños - Antigua, Guatemala

Following up on the 2018 WIL sponsored, "Mommy and Me" programs, these monthly empowerment seminars for 70 mothers of children in Suenos programs will focus on the personal, family, and community issues of the participants. Topics include emotional and physical health, dealing with community problems, violence and abuse, sexual education, and parenting.

Women's Vegetable Growing and Sales Training Project, Voice for Women's Development Association (VWDA) - Okunguro Village, Bukedea District, Uganda

Forty women will receive seeds and training in high yield vegetable growing to increase household income. A savings and loan program will be introduced to support the financial learning and income development of the participants.

Training and Equipping Rural Women with Tailoring Skills, Women Arises Association (WAA) - Wakiso District, Uganda

Twenty-five women in a sub-county will learn tailoring skills and be given a sewing machine to start their own businesses. A small training center will be established to continue training other women.

Organic Briquette Production and Entrepreneurial Training Project, Youth and Women Initiative for Sustainable Development (YWISD) - Wakiso District, Uganda

162 women from 9 villages will learn how to make, use, and sell organic bio-briquettes for fuel. YWISD successfully participated in the 2018 WIL sponsored ENVenture Entrepreneurial Boot Camp.

Girls' Hygiene and Life Skills Development through Hand Made Re-Usable Sanitary Napkins Project, Youth and Women for Opportunities (YWO) - Serere and Soroti Districts, Uganda

150 in and out of school girls and women will make and sell re-usable sanitary pads that last 12 months and will help solve MHM issues and help keep girls in school. Participants will also learn business methods, financial literacy, and management skills for income development.