# **VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENT**



#### Introduction

Shared love vocational training center is a skills development Centre located in **Nabbaale Integrated community Development projects** in Nakifuma Naggalama Town Council. It has two training centers, one is semi urban at Kalagi and another is rural in Makukuba community and this is the main training Centre. Our target is to develop the community through skills development and empowerment. Our target group includes pupils and staff members of the Junior School. The youth, school drop outs and the community members. The skills center by this quarter we have 8 community members and 70 pupils of the junior school. Skills we give include; Shoe making, Book making, Bag making and Garment cutting.



## 1. Tailoring In Garments, Bags And Shoe.

In this quarter we have managed to give skills to our learners in areas of making Garments like dresses, skirts, shorts, shirts, school uniforms and shoe making. In **shoe and Bag making department** most learners are coming from the junior school. Here learners trained in making shoes of their own sizes and after finishing them we encourage their parents to buy these shoes. The learners have acquired skills in making open craft shoes and our dream is to make learners advance in making different types required on market. By this quarter we had about 50 pupils in shoe department, both boys and girls. The center is still challenged with limited funds to buy the needed materials and equipments. We try to sell out products made by students/ learners but they fetch profits because we sell them at low prices depending on their quality, which cannot cover the cost price for new materials to be used in the next practical materials hence a challenge.



Tailoring lessons in progress

Some of the college learners



From left Learners in Bad Making lessons, while on right Shared Love pupils posing with school bags bought at the center

## 2. Mechanical Skill Training (Repairs Training)

In this Vocation, we went ahead to invite external Instructors who provided mechanical skills to the students in servicing sewing machines. This will do a lot in saving money and time to service the machines. Formerly, we used to incur high expenses in repairing machines. But if this training goes on successfully, it will mean a lot of savings to the vocational Centre. It's a long journey but all will be well.



Taking our learners into lessons for machine repair from an expert.



#### In conclusion:

Our next dream is to facilitate the vocation with the new courses which are demanded by people in community these include; Hair dressing, Beauty therapy, Carpentry and joinery, Brick laying and concrete practice. Despite they are highly demanded, but we cannot go in for these courses due to limited space in terms of buildings and funds to purchase workshop Equipments/ materials. It's our prayer therefore, to get partners or funders to support us to set such standard skills training center to meet the increasing demand from beneficiaries of Makukuba community. *Thank You All, May God Bless You*