

## **FACE MASKS FOR FREEDOM UPDATE**

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## **PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

As the world continues to face the challenges and effects of the COVID19 pandemic, many countries are starting to learn how to live with the virus with strict guidelines. In Uganda the Ministry of Health requires that everyone over the age of seven is required to wear a government-approved face mask at all times when in public. This includes in taxis and the marketplace. Unfortunately, many families especially in the slums and villages cannot afford even the small expense of a face mask. And yet, without the face mask, they are unable to leave their homes to find work and generate an income. Thus, a mask equals economic freedom.

## The Stitching Project – Face Masks For Freedom

After the lockdown was partially lifted, we realized that there was an opportunity for the Alumni of The Remnant Generation that graduated from the school of purpose last year to make masks.

Jesus asked Moses what he had in His hands and He used that very stuff to do so many wonders. We realized that through the School of Purpose, we had tailoring equipment, space, skilled labour and a very enthusiastic group of girls that were excited about earning a living with dignity.

We teamed up with a group of other tailors and were able to obtain certification from UNBS (the Uganda National Bureau of Standards) to manufacture face masks as per the guidelines of the Ministry Of Health.

Our goal was to get the government deal to make masks for the public. This has unfortunately not materialized.

We gathered 15 girls to work in shifts of 7 at a time under the supervision of the Tailoring trainer to ensure quality. Our target is to make 10,000 masks each selling at 3,600/=. We have transformed our incubation space and additional office space into a tailoring workshop currently having 7 people working in The Stitching Project for 8hrs a day. We have also involved the girls at the shelter in the project. These are helping to iron, pack and they have been taught how to screen print logos on the masks.

## **Steady Progress:**

We started by engaging companies, churches and individuals that would like to have masks. We also approached like-minded organizations and individuals to sponsor a mask with a gift of 3600/=. All monies raised so far have enabled us to make masks for free distribution to vulnerable families and girls that need them to re-enter the market place. With sponsorship from Impact Nations (700) and Alternative (500), we have managed to make and give away 1,100 masks for free. Our community empowerment teams identify



and distribute these masks to the most vulnerable persons and use this as a platform to educate girls and parents about keeping safe and keeping children safe from OVID19 and from sexual abuse. 1,000 masks have been given to our team in Lyantonde

| THE STITCHING PROJECTS - FACE MASKS PERFORMANCE 2020 |       |           |           |            |                    |           |  |  |  |
|--|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|--|--|--|
|  | Masks | Total     | Tithe 10% | Total Paid | Cost of Production | Saving    |  |  |  |
|  | Order | Revenue   |           | to Girls   | (Materials)        | Available |  |  |  |
|  |       | @3600     |           | @500       | @1200              |           |  |  |  |
| Dwelling   | 120   | 432,000   | 43,200    | 60,000     | 144,000            | 184,800   |  |  |  |
| Places/CRANE   |       |           |           |            |                    |           |  |  |  |
| Alternative  | 500   | 1,800,000 | 180,000   | 250,000    | 600,000            | 770,000   |  |  |  |
| Sponsored  |       |           |           |            |                    |           |  |  |  |
| Masks  |       |           |           |            |                    |           |  |  |  |

|                |       |            |           |           |           | 0         |
|----------------|-------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Totals         | 3,120 | 11,232,000 | 1,123,200 | 1,560,000 | 3,744,000 | 4,804,80  |
| Distributed    |       |            |           |           |           |           |
| Other sales -  | 1,800 | 6,480,000  | 648,000   | 900,000   | 2,160,000 | 2,772,000 |
| Masks          |       |            |           |           |           |           |
| Sponsored      |       |            |           |           |           |           |
| Impact Nations | 700   | 2,520,000  | 252,000   | 350,000   | 840,000   | 1,078,000 |

Your support is indeed enabling us to accomplish **three** amazing things at the same time. By purchasing masks for the poor; you are providing them with a chance to go find work. Part of the profits are designated to help invest in the School of Purpose to ensure that other girls are able to acquire skills. Even amidst COVID19, we are determined to give some form of training for teen moms and vulnerable girls. This opportunity has also created an employment for these young women that have lost their source of livelihood.



