

Ainembabazi Children's Project

SEWING CO-OPERATIVE COORDINATOR INTERNSHIP

Background Description:

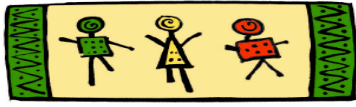
The purpose of the Ainembabazi Children's Project is to enable the orphans and other vulnerable children affected by the AIDS crisis in Southern Uganda to acquire basic education, attain improved health standards of living, and achieve life skills and empowerment. In order to address the challenges that both children and the community faces in confronting AIDS, the project seeks to enhance community capacity to manage and support the living conditions of orphans and vulnerable children in the area.

In keeping with the values and purpose of Ainembabazi Children's Project, the **Sewing Co-operative Coordinator** will undertake the initial research and planning stages for the implementation of a sewing co-operative in a community in Uganda. Ainembabazi believes that a sewing co-operative will not only offer an opportunity for the local women to learn tangible skills and earn income but also provide them with invaluable experience in developing and operating a business.

Job Description:

In order to determine the viability of starting a sewing co-operative, the intern will conduct research and possibly meet or communicate with others who are involved with similar co-operative projects in Africa to gain insight on the development and operation of such a business. It will be the intern's responsibility to gather the relevant information and develop a strategic business plan that outlines the objectives, challenges and opportunities for establishing a sewing co-operative. The intern should include in his or her analysis the following information:

- An evaluation of other successful co-operative ventures
- Input from local community members; indicate the degree of interest in participating in a co-op; possibly identify someone who will take the lead on running the co-op
- Brief market analysis to identify potential markets for co-op goods
- Recommendation for types of goods to produce (i.e. clothing, bags)
- A detailed list and description of the resources needed (i.e. sewing machines, materials, etc.)
- The name of a community member or skilled instructor that can deliver sewing lessons and training sessions



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- A possible location or workspace for the sewing co-op
- Costs of acquiring resources, training and the lease of a workspace.
- An accountability process should be outlined to ensure that all inputs and transactions that may take place through the co-op are reported on in a responsible manner. If the intern is able to identify a local community member who is willing to take the lead on this project, it should be determined that this person can be trusted and held responsible for the co-operative.

Qualifications:

- Completion of high school plus 2-4 years of relevant post-secondary education (International Development, Business, Sociology, Education).
- Experience working with others and strong communication skills.
- Some familiarity with sewing techniques would be an asset.
- Previous international travel experience would be preferred.
- The intern should be familiar with co-operative organizations as he or she may be expected to answer community members' questions.

If you are interested in this internship position, please contact Renee at:

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