

# Project Have Hope

helping women in the Acholi Quarter to help themselves

The momentum keeps spreading. The vision is growing. And Project Have Hope is developing even more initiatives to empower the women in the Acholi Quarter in Uganda to build a better future for themselves.

In May, we initiated a program to provide education for 14 of the women. Eleven women have now been enrolled in vocational training programs for tailoring and cosmetology, while another 3 women will start classes in a catering program beginning in August.

## Update on Co-Ops

The wholesale co-op, that opened in January, has been thriving with member Ocan Night at the helm - working 60+ hours per week to ensure its success. The chicken house is filled with 150 chickens which are currently being sold, and soon, 300 baby chicks will fill the house.



Ocan Night keeps the books for the wholesale business.

All of these exciting programs are working toward the same goal: to provide the women with the skills and financial assistance needed to create viable businesses that will enable them to maintain a sustainable economic solution.

The small loans program, which we started in January, has been a huge success. Twelve women have received loans and have successfully started new businesses, thus expanding their earning potential. PHH has also been fortunate to team up with Katie Camillus, an American woman, who is dedicated to helping others. She has started a small loans program in the Acholi Quarter and has provided some of our members, as well as many others in the Quarter, with loans.



(left) Ayoo Lilian sits by her vegetable stand which she expanded with a small loan. (above) Atim Millie Grace works in the chicken house.

## DO YOU WANT TO HELP?

It takes so little to make a giant impact. PHH is looking for volunteers, particularly in the Boston and New England area, to help sell the jewelry made by the Acholi women at local events. By volunteering to sell beads for just ONE day, you can help to raise enough money to put 3 or more children in school for an entire year! Volunteers are greatly needed for weekends in the fall. If you have just one Saturday or Sunday you're willing to donate to make a difference, please contact Karen to learn how you can help at: [projecthavehope@yahoo.com](mailto:projecthavehope@yahoo.com)

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