



The BeadforLife members are primarily women who are hard working, resilient, and creative.



Our members are women caring for orphans as well as their own children and were living on less than two dollars a day. Many are internally displaced by the war in Northern Uganda. Others are living with HIV or other serious challenges to their health.



Despite these challenges the bead makers are strong in their desire to improve their lives and provide a future for their children. They are an inspiration to us for their artistry, courage, and perseverance.



Thank you for taking an interest in BeadforLife. We would like to welcome you to visit our BeadforLife office and store in Kataza, Bugolobi, where you can get more information about volunteering or sponsorship opportunities. You can also shop for some of the stunning bead jewellery and fabric jewellery bags.

The "BeadforLife Circle" stretches across the globe including our Ugandan members, volunteers, party hostesses, those who buy these beautiful beads, those that gift the beads, wear the beads, and love the beads. Your participation makes a difference.

Get The Bead!

BeadforLife regularly publishes an e-newsletter containing our latest news and stories. If you would like to receive The Bead, please sign up on our website: www.beadforlife.org.

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Visit Our Office Store In Kampala!

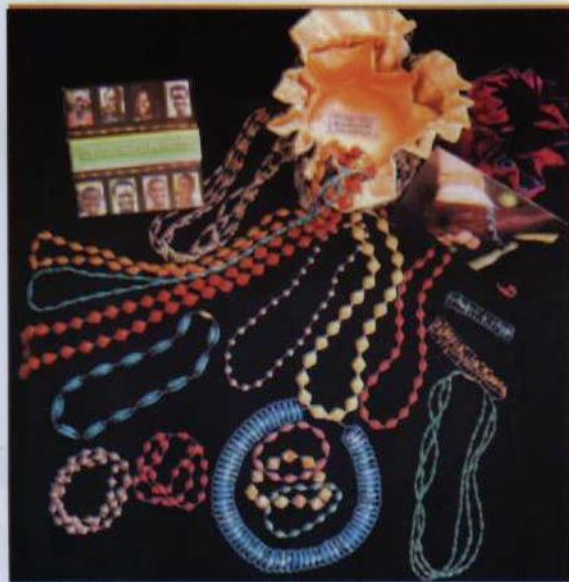


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Eradicating Poverty One Bead at a Time



www.beadforlife.org



From recycled paper, to beautiful beads, to income for Ugandans

The beads are fashioned from colourful recycled paper, such as magazines or posters, which are cut into thin triangles and then skilfully rolled into beads of varying sizes and shapes. The combinations and colour varieties of the paper means that each bead is unique.

We have seventeen different beautifully crafted, beaded jewellery necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and anklets.



The jewellery bags are hand-crafted from bright, beautifully hand-printed fabrics, complete with six inner pockets and a drawstring with beads.

Who We Are:

BeadforLife is a unique poverty eradication organisation providing income generation through bead making. We connect citizens from the resource abundant world with Ugandan beaders and tailors through the sale of these beads, and through music, stories, and friendship. We believe that true and sustained change can happen when we work together to find solutions to extreme poverty. In our experience all benefit from this exchange.

Through the sale of colourful, handmade, paper bead jewellery, BeadforLife generates income for hundreds of Ugandan bead makers and their families.

Investing our net profits in community development projects allows for a long-term sustainable future for our members.

Through a holistic approach we work together so that members can leave poverty behind forever.



Our Programs:

BeadforLife recognizes five areas that are critical for people to lift themselves out of poverty. Our programs are focussed in each of these areas:



Income Generation:

Members are taught to make high-quality, hand-made beads that are bought twice a month at fair-trade prices directly from each beader.

Health:

BeadforLife collaborates with Marie Stopes International to provide malaria diagnosis and treatment, family planning services, and HIV prevention. We also sponsor a charity bed in the Hope Ward at International Hospital Kampala for indigent people.

Vocational Training:

BeadforLife sponsors out-of-school youth aged between 16-25 for vocational skills development. All the students are in accredited vocational training schools, studying professions likely to provide employment, including computer training, driving, catering, beauty school, interior design, mechanical engineering, automotive repair, and carpentry.

Sustainable Skills Development:

BeadforLife sponsors entrepreneurial skills development and small business planning and development. All members have savings accounts which help them in accruing finances necessary to launch a small business, pay school fees, and meet unexpected emergencies.

Affordable Housing:

BeadforLife is currently collaborating with Habitat for Humanity, building 120 homes with our members. We have purchased 18 acres near Kampala and are starting to build houses in early 2007 and the beaders are building their homes.



Most Beaders currently live in homes made of mud and sticks (top), the home below is an example of a home that members will be building in the BeadforLife Village.