

Voices OF HOPE

Uganda

Long-standing PWRDF Partner, ARUWE, is a non-profit NGO working with marginalized people, especially women and children, in rural Uganda. Their work focuses on reducing rates of teenage pregnancy through education, training and increased access to adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights services.

ARUWE, with the support of PWRDF, is training women to make and sell briquettes as a low-cost cooking fuel alternative that is more environmentally sustainable than charcoal. In Uganda, slow growing trees are often cut down to produce charcoal for cooking fuel. Briquettes are made from crop residue and not only provide families with affordable cooking fuel, but also generate income from their sale, giving survivors of sexual and gender-based violence the financial autonomy and self-esteem to regain control of their lives.

ARUWE is also training women to become bakers. Training for this in-demand skill further provides financial security and autonomy to women.



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