

Voices OF HOPE

Rape Hurts (Uganda)

In Eastern Uganda, gender inequality continues to limit opportunities for women and girls, leaving many vulnerable to poverty, gender-based violence (GBV), and exploitation. Through a partnership between PWRDF and the Rape Hurts Foundation (RHF), a transformative project is empowering women and youth to overcome these barriers and reclaim their futures.

Launched in March 2023, the initiative builds on RHF's 15 years of experience in Uganda, equipping participants with knowledge of their rights, access to legal aid, and practical skills to start and sustain businesses. Women and youth also engage in community platforms, which provide safe spaces to address issues such as GBV and female genital mutilation (FGM). Together, participants and community leaders are finding solutions to harmful cultural practices and fostering lasting change.

During a visit to the Jinja region in February 2023, PWRDF Program Manager Richard Librock reflected on the program's impact: "The project gives hope to vulnerable women who otherwise would not have the means to rebuild their lives."

By giving women, the tools to rebuild their lives and lead within their communities, this initiative is lighting a path toward equality and hope, one voice at a time.



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