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YIELD VOCATIONAL SKILLS SPONSORSHIP

Skills and Employability: building relevant skills
for decent work and enterprise.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - UGANDA

OPENS: 16 NOVEMBER 2026

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 8 DECEMBER 2026 | 5:00 PM

Are you an out-of-school young person aged 18–35 living in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement or the surrounding host communities in Kikuube District?

CIYOTA, in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation, invites applications from eligible forcibly displaced persons (refugees) and host-community youth for vocational skills sponsorship under the Youth Inclusion for Economic, Livelihoods and Development (YIELD) Programme. This opportunity is for young people who are currently out of school and are ready to acquire practical skills that respond to local market needs and can lead to employment, self-employment or small business development.

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

YIELD aims to improve young people's access to relevant vocational training, economic opportunities and sustainable livelihoods. Training choices will be informed by market demand in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement and neighbouring host communities, including skills needed by local employers, businesses, service providers and value chains. Training will promote practical learning, technical mentorship, entrepreneurship and pathways into work.

POTENTIAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING AREAS

The following are indicative training areas identified for programme planning. Specific trades for this recruitment cycle will be confirmed based on the market assessment, demonstrated local demand, availability of qualified training providers and approved training places:

- Carpentry and related woodwork
- Hairdressing and beauty services

- Agribusiness and value addition
- Tailoring and garment production
- Computer applications and digital marketing
- Motorcycle mechanics
- Building, Concrete and Practice (BCP)

Training is expected to run for **approximately six months**, depending on the selected trade and approved training arrangements. It will combine practical and classroom-based learning **through partner vocational skills development institutions**, with certification through applicable recognised assessment arrangements, including UVITAB/DIT.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should:

- Be aged 18–35 years.
- Be currently out of school and interested in acquiring vocational skills.
- Be a refugee or displaced young person, or a member of a host community, living in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement or the surrounding host communities in Kikuube District.
- Demonstrate commitment and availability to attend and complete the training.
- Be interested in employment, an apprenticeship, self-employment or establishing a small business.
- Be willing to participate in practical training, assessments, mentorship and post-training follow-up.

INCLUSION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Young women, young mothers, youth with disabilities, refugee and displaced youth, and young people from underserved host communities are strongly encouraged to apply. CIYOTA recognises that gender, disability, mobility, financial and social barriers can limit access to training and livelihood opportunities. The selection process will promote fair access. Reasonable accommodations and adaptive tools will be considered to support the participation of learners with disabilities. Applicants who may require an accommodation are encouraged to indicate this in their application.

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WHAT WILL SELECTED PARTICIPANTS GAIN?

- Sponsorship for approved vocational skills training.
- Hands-on practical learning and technical mentorship.
- Entrepreneurship, leadership and resource-management skills.
- Assessment and certification, subject to applicable requirements.
- Linkages to potential employment, apprenticeship and self-employment opportunities.
- Follow-up support to strengthen the transition from training to work.

Eligible graduates may be considered for start-up kits, subject to Programme requirements and availability. Start-up kits are not automatic for all trainees. Consideration includes certification, at least 90% attendance and completion of required assessments.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested and eligible applicants should submit:

1. A current CV or brief resume.
2. A copy of any available academic certificate, diploma or other relevant education documentation. Applicants who need guidance because formal academic documents are unavailable may contact CIYOTA.
3. A brief motivation(cover) letter explaining their interest in the Programme, preferred trade and how they intend to use the skills after training.
4. A telephone contact and details of their current community of residence.

Submit applications using this form ONLINE:
https://forms.gle/mNPrqy5QYuc8qkgW9

Physical submission to: CIYOTA Secondary School-Kyangwali Refugee Settlement

Application period: 23 November 2026 to 8 December 2026. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on 8 December 2026.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Submitting an application does not guarantee selection. Applications will be reviewed against Programme eligibility and selection criteria, taking into account the availability of training places and the relevance of the selected trade to local market opportunities. Only shortlisted or selected applicants will be contacted about the next steps. **No applicant should pay a fee to apply for YIELD vocational skills sponsorship.**

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