

A COURSE
TAILORED
FOR THEM...

Students at work!



Mothers' Union members at the training centre

DONATION INFORMATION

- Each machine costs \$180 and will provide training and will enable one woman to learn to sew, establish her own business, and provide for her family.
- Email us for more information to share with your family, friends and church.
osno@musydne.org.au

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www.musydne.org.au/sewingmachine

02 8030 8970

Tax-deductible receipts are available on request

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EQUIPPING THE JITEGEMEE TAILORING CENTRE

Run by **MOTHERS' UNION**,
Mara Diocese, Tanzania

In partnership with
 **Anglican Aid**
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SEWING AND SOWING

Life in the Mara region is governed by traditional practices, many of which oppress women. The Mothers' Union started the Jitegemee Tailoring Centre as a way of empowering women throughout the Mara Diocese, by sowing seeds of cultural change.

Many women in Mara find it difficult to earn an income. Some of the reasons for this are:

- Women are often not allowed to own land or go to school
- Women are subjected to oppressive gender values and gender based violence
- Without skills teenage girls are often forced into early marriage, sometimes as young as 14
- Widows are often stripped of land on their husband's death, leaving them destitute
- These pressures mean that women are often forced into prostitution or drug trafficking to earn a livelihood.

WHY THIS PROJECT?

The Mothers' Union wants to help more women develop vocational skills so that they can find empowering employment, giving them an alternative to dangerous and degrading work.

KEY PROJECT GOALS:

- Increasing the capacity of the centre, to train up to 60 women per year (instead of the current 15).
- Teaching the women both sewing and embroidery.
- Providing the women with their own sewing machine to take home at the end of the course.
- Helping graduates to establish their own small business in their home parish. This provides ongoing income for the women, and generates economic activity in very poor parts of Tanzania.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

- Jitegemee currently has 15 functional sewing machines, which limits the number of students who can enroll in the year-long tailoring course.
- The goal is to equip the training centre so that 60 students can enroll in 2018.
- This means raising \$10,320 for 60 new sewing machines!
- Help us raise this money to sow seeds of change in Mara!