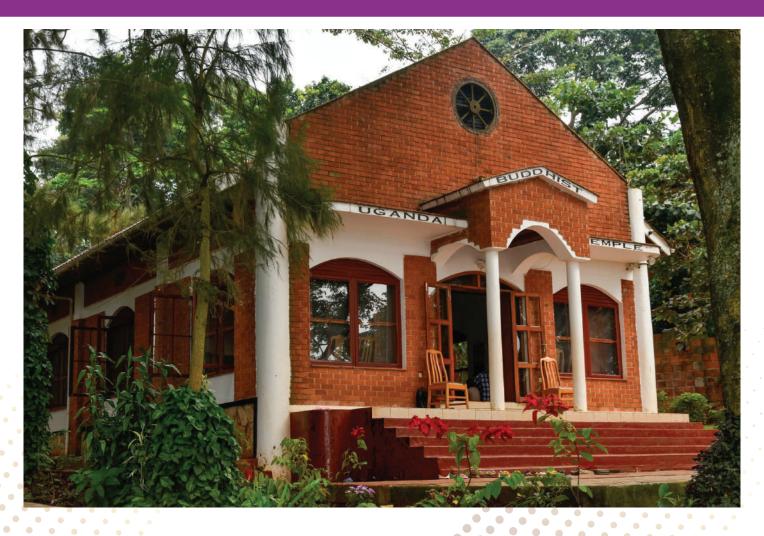


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PARENTS AND TEACHERS UNITE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE AT BUDDHIST PEACE SCHOOL.

The recent Parents' Meeting at Buddhist Peace School was a testament to the strong partnership between parents, teachers, and administrators in fostering a holistic learning environment for students.

Held in a spirit of collaboration, the meeting covered key aspects of school development, student well-being, and academic progress.

The Head Teacher highlited the increased number of students this year which is highly attributed to the strengthened bond between the Uganda Buddhist Centre and the local community which is a sign of increased trust in the school's commitment to quality education.

He welcomed parents to continue supporting the school's vision and to bring in more students. Teachers emphasized the importance of instilling discipline, responsibility, and a love for school among children. Parents were encouraged to support students' academic progress by ensuring homework completion, proper time management, and active participation in school activities.

The sports department shared updates on the school's Sports Day and Parents-Teachers Competition, emphasizing the role of physical activities in students' development. Parents were encouraged to provide necessary health information partaining their children for better sports participation.



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The PTA committee re-emphasized the need for a strong parent-teacher relationship to enhance students' well-being and discipline.

As the meeting concluded, parents raised thoughtful questions on academic performance, road safety for students, and preparations for national exams. The session ended with meditation, symbolizing unity and a shared commitment to the school's growth.

The Buddhist Peace School remains dedicated to nurturing academic excellence, moral values, and a supportive learning environment, ensuring that every child receives the best foundation for their future.





UGANDA BUDDHIST CENTRE EXPANDS TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR DIGITAL LITERACY.

The Computer Literacy Programme and the Women Economic Empowerment Project (WEEP) at the Uganda Buddhist Centre have significantly evolved since their inception in 2019, becoming vital training centers for African Buddhist High School. These programs have equipped students and community members with essential skills, but they still require further support to accommodate the increasing number of learners. Launched in 2019, the Computer Literacy Programme was established to address the digital divide in Bulega village, where access to technology was extremely limited. With an initial donation of 12 computers from the Buddhist Fellowship of Singapore, the program introduced learners to basic computer skills and expanded to include graphics design, software programming, website development, Microsoft

Office management, and entrepreneurship training. Over time, this initiative has grown into a formal training center for African Buddhist High School, integrating digital education into the curriculum and preparing students for careers in technology.

However, despite its progress, the program lacks sufficient computers, tables, chairs, and updated software, limiting its capacity to serve more learners. The Uganda Buddhist Centre is seeking additional computers, modern equipment, and improved infrastructure to ensure students receive high-quality digital literacy education.





A TRAINING HUB FOR WOMEN AND STUDENTS

One of WEEP's most remarkable achievements has been its integration into the African Buddhist High School's vocational training curriculum. What began as a women's empowerment project has evolved into a skills training hub, where both community members and students gain practical experience in sewing, knitting, and sweater production.

Students at African Buddhist High School are now learning how to use sewing machines under the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT) curriculum, preparing them for self-employment and job opportunities in the fashion and garment industry. The project has also facilitated collaborations between students and women, allowing them to work together in producing school uniforms, costumes and sweaters for local schools. This hands-on training is not only equipping students with marketable skills but is also fostering a sense of entrepreneurship, teamwork, and self-reliance—key qualities for sustainable livelihoods.

Challenges and the Need for Support

Despite its success, WEEP still faces significant challenges in meeting the growing demand for skills training. The program lacks modern knitting machines, additional sewing equipment, Tables and proper workspace, limiting its ability to accommodate more learners. Additionally, financial constraints prevent many women from accessing credit to start or expand their businesses.

To maximize the impact of the program, the Uganda Buddhist Centre seeks support in:

- 1. Acquiring modern knitting and sewing machines
- 2. Expanding training space to accommodate more learners
- 3. Providing startup capital and financial support for women entrepreneurs.

The Women Economic Empowerment Project has proven to be a life-changing initiative, giving women and students the skills they need to build independent and sustainable futures. However, more support is needed to expand the program, enhance training facilities, and provide economic opportunities for more beneficiaries.

The Uganda Buddhist Centre is calling upon

well-wishers, donors, and development partners to support this initiative through donations of sewing equipment, workspace development, and financial assistance.

For contributions or further engagement, please contact the Uganda Buddhist Centre. Your support will help shape the future of women and young learners, creating a pathway to economic independence.



BUDDHIST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DURING THEIR DIT TRAINING





GRATITUDE MESSAGE FROM THE ABBOT: VEN. BHANTE BUDDHARAKKHITA

I am eternally grateful to all our supporters around the world who have supported the Uganda Buddhist Center projects, like Compassion Care Center, to provide education,food and accommodation for the orphans. And the Buddhist Peace Schools, preschool, primary school, and African Buddhist High School to help us educate children from our community, who are underprivileged, and do not have access to holistic education. Through your support, women in our com-

munity have acquired skills that have enabled them to earn income, sustain their families and take their children to school.

We are grateful for all your continued support. And also, I would like to welcome more support so that we can continue to help people in Uganda. Thank you very much. This is my blessing to you all. May you have long healthy life, May you be happy, May you be peaceful, May you have spiritual strength, May you be free from suffering and its causes. Sadhu, sadhu, sadhu.

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