

Over 100 Kampala youth get vocational training

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Several youth in Namuwongo, a Kampala suburb, have been trained in skills to enable them earn a living.

The two-year training course dubbed 'Meeting Point Kyamusa Obwongo-Kampala' involved training the youth in skills such as tailoring, leather dressing, hairdressing, welding and metal fabrication.

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Noelina Namukisa, the executive director of Meeting Point Kyamusa Obwongo-Kampala, said vocational training has positively impacted the youth in Namuwongo and other areas countrywide, with many already employing others.

Namukisa said this during

the pass-out of over 100 youth who had successfully completed vocational training at their head office in Namuwongo on Friday. Johnson Matsiko, the deputy chief of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) stressed the need to counsel and prepare the youths before joining vocational training because some think the hands-on jobs are for the uneducated.

"After acquiring vocational skills, youths need to form associations where they can jointly get insurance cover, financial support and joint market of their products at good prices among others," Matsiko said.

He said such support can easily be got from the Government, non-government originations, and development partners.

Stephen Mubiru, the president of Muyenga Rotary Club, said after acquiring vocational skills, there is need for formation of a Savings and Credit Co-operative Society Organisation by the youth to access low interest loans.