



Imagine Her: Women as Social Entrepreneurs and Climate Champions

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TOGETHER WOMEN RISE



Uganda: Young and Climate-Vulnerable

Major barriers for young, rural women:

- climate change
- economic exclusion
- entrenched gender norms

Agriculture employs 80% of population

Nearly half lack electricity access



Featured Grantee: Imagine Her

\$50,000 Project Grant

Pilot of The Green Energy Lab Project

- **Trains** 150 rural young women in Renewable Energy Technologies (RETs), social entrepreneurship, and climate change
- **Start-up funding** to launch or grow green enterprises
- **New and expanded** green businesses
- **Green energy adoption** for 500+ households
- **Enhanced environment** with estimated 2,000 tons of carbon offset - cleaner cooking and solar



Uganda

- Population: 50 million
- High levels of poverty
- One of the world's youngest countries
- Frequent climate shocks
- Threat to agriculture – main source of rural livelihoods



Impact and Transformation

Founded in 2017:

4,116 rural women and youth trained in social entrepreneurship and social venture management

975 small and growing ventures launched.

3,850 decent jobs created.

16,000 people with enhanced quality of life

\$500,000 for early-stage entrepreneurs, 600% Return on Investment

Direct impact: 150 women & girls, Indirect impact: 450+ women and girls

Budget

Item	Description	Cost
Patient Capital	Zero-interest loans for women-led ventures	\$24,000
Project Team	Salaries for trainers and coordinators	\$14,021
Experiential Learning & Business Support	Hands-on activities and fieldwork	\$5,417
Monitoring & Evaluation	Tools to assess impact	\$3,836
Program resources	Training materials, participant handbooks, local transport for trainers to rural training sites	\$2,726
Total	Total project cost: \$86,000. Rise funding: \$50,000 (approx. 58%)	\$50,000

Stella's Story

Stella started a solar product business in her rural community and could not grow with formal training or reliable resources.

Through Imagine Her, Stella learned how to monitor sales, plan inventory, and manage expenses – and she gained funding support that helped her expand her business to more solar products tailored to the needs of her community. Today, she serves 10 – 20 customers a day and has three employees.

“I want to light up more homes, support more families, and show other women that they can do this too.”



