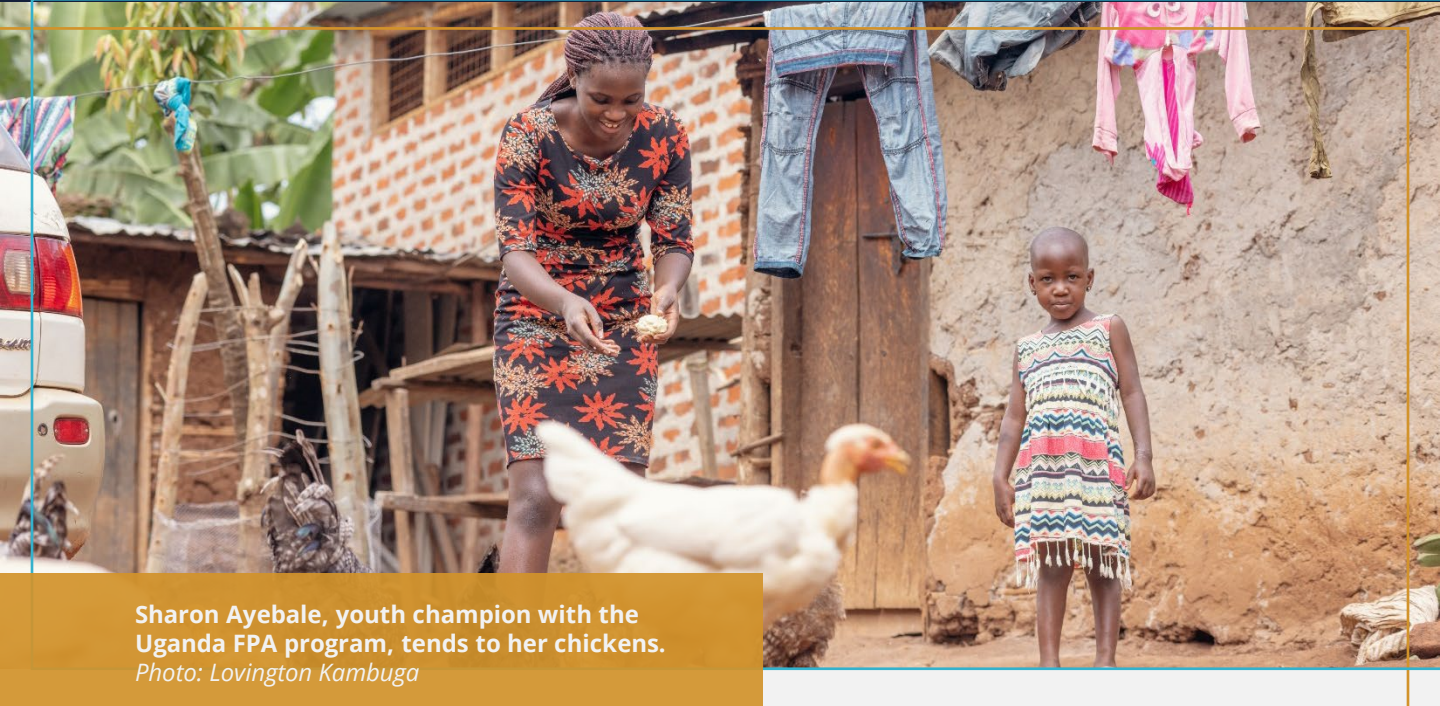


# Pathfinder Skill-Up Project



Sharon Ayebale, youth champion with the Uganda FPA program, tends to her chickens.

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**There is a growing need to equip adolescent girls and young women in vulnerable communities in Uganda with life skills. In Uganda, 25% of girls engage in sex for material support, and 1 in 4 girls aged 15-19 is either pregnant or is a mother.**

**It is projected that about 60% of these teenage mothers will end up in peasant agriculture work with poor agricultural practices if no action is taken.**

The Skill-Up project, led by Pathfinder Uganda aims to train out-of-school teenagers and first-time parents on income-generating skills and provide start-up packs so that they can financially sustain themselves to avoid being subjected to early or forced marriages in pursuit of basic needs.

Pathfinder Uganda works in partnership with accredited training centers and organizations to train selected teenagers on their identified needs and skill teenage mothers to support their babies better.

Through this project, we have provided skills training to over 487 out-of-school teenagers and teenage mothers.

To date, several partners have come together to address the unmet needs. Pathfinder seeks additional partners to support skilling of girls in Busoga, Rwenzori and Lango regions.

Skill up endeavors to provide training in some of the following income-generating skills.

- Tailoring
- Hairdressing
- Bee keeping
- Soap making
- Baking
- Crop and animal production

The skills taught are based upon a clear understanding of the market environment and the demand of those skills/services in the communities.



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