

# 500 Sheema youth get vocational skills training

**SHEEMA**

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Over 500 youths from Sheema district are undergoing vocational skills training in various fields.

The courses range from welding, metal works, hair dressing, catering, hotel management, tailoring, knitting to shoe making.

They are being trained from Kyabandara Church of Uganda in Sheema Municipality.

This came after district officials realised that a big number of youth in the district had resorted to crimes, such as robberies, cattle theft and rape, to the extent that some leaders petitioned the Government to construct a government prison.

Wilson Nondijo, the head of the tutors training the youth, said they are targeting the youths who have dropped out of school and even those who have failed to join university due to financial constraints.

"The students we are training here are majorly from poor families whose parents have failed to meet the school demands. We are training them for free because we realised that criminality in Sheema had hit its peak. We thought that by actively engaging these youths here, it is in line with the government efforts of skilling Ugandans," Nondijo said.

David Kamukama, the sponsor of these students under the Bikwase Kamukama Foundation, said he was overwhelmed by the turn up of the students.

Frank Kyerere, the Sheema Resident District Commissioner (RDC), who was the chief guest at the launch of the foundation on Monday, thanked the sponsors of the project, for the initiative.

"The Government has introduced industrial hubs at regional levels and I am sure these students will benefit from such initiatives. Make sure you streamline your programme with the district officials, we shall give you much support," he said.

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