

Tools for Self-Reliance

The project works in Kumbungu District in northern Ghana and is supported by Reading Quaker Meeting.

The grant is part of a wider project delivered by Wunizooya Development Programme (WUDEP), a local NGO. 60 young people are being trained in vocational skills and provided with the toolkits they need to set up in work once they have finished their training.

The young people receive practical training in hairdressing, carpentry, tailoring or bicycle repair. They are also introduced to general business skills, such as creating business plans, calculating profit and loss, marketing, and leadership.

Nearly 80% of people in the region earn a living from agriculture, but the area is vulnerable to climate change and drought, which means people migrate to the south in search of work, which often isn't available. The project will give the young people involved alternative ways of earning a living all year round, and provide useful services, like bicycle repairs and tailoring, for the rural communities where they live.