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### **TURU BAGAJA TAILORING JOURNEY**



Turu Bagaja was a beneficiary of OVC sololo project registered under Fam.No. 024. She attended Sololo Makutano primary school and completed in December 2017. She did not perform well and hence did not join Secondary school. On our advice Turu opted to join Obbu village Polytechnic to pursue a course in tailoring. OVC sololo project paid for her fees to complete the course where she acquired knowledge and skilled to make dresses and repair torn clothes.

After completing her course in August 2020, and graduating with grade 3 which was the lowest entry point, OVC Sololo project provided her with a sewing machine in September 2020.

Turu was married and got a son in October 2020 and was not active until December, 2020. Since then she has been doing tailoring in dress making, for the ladies but can also make dress and shirts for small boys and girls. She operates her sewing machine in the open space under a veranda

Turu charges about 50 shillings for sewing (diiraai), long and loose women wear and also charges 100 shillings for dress making.

Turu still use the same sewing machine she was provided by the project and was able to repair and maintain it from the same income she generates.

Turu makes about kshs 300 daily and have 5 -7 customers daily. From the income she was able to save 50 shilling daily, she now has accumulative savings of shillings 15,000/=.

Turu was able to buy treads, needles and do minor repairs with the income she get from the sewing machines.

She further added food vendor where she cooks chips near her working place and sell a plate of chips at 50 shillings.

With the income Turu was able to put food on the table for her young family and also contribute to her maternal family and matrimony family.

She also contributes to the education of her siblings in primary school and enrolled in Qolcha academy. She can buy clothes for herself and has made her financial stable to provide for her specific needs. According to her there are 6 more sewing machines in Sololo Makutano and she is the most sort and admired among them. Turu believes the business will improve her social economic status if her business will be boosted to sale women clothe materials.

Turu plans to expand her business by purchases clothe pieces materials for women wear and sale to them and also to make dresses which will be double business. She will then move from open air space to a shop where she can display the clothes for the women wear.

If the project can extend a supporting hand of 20,000 shillings, Turu plans to establish her business by December 2021.

The site was visited by Mr Gufu and Abdi, we were impressed with the caring mother who breastfeeds her son while also sewing the clothes and making other women happy with her designs of dresses.

Thank you, GUFU