

How your money will be used

Your money will go directly to the people we're trying to help – practical help in the form of skills and business training, and practical help in the form of tools. Here are some of those who we're helping at the moment.



Davie Chiku ran away from home aged 16 and lived on the streets of Blantyre, Malawi, suffering beatings and with no regular income or prospect of getting one. Our partner the Samaritan Trust stepped in and offered him some carpentry training. Davie acquired a new set of skills and was given his own Tools for Self Reliance toolkit which he now uses to repair and make furniture.

Agnes Victor received training in tailoring from Tools for Self Reliance partner SDDO in Tanzania. The training included a short course on how to repair sewing machines. She is now able to repair her own machines instead of paying others to do it for her. She also learnt about HIV/AIDS in a community where there is still much ignorance about the disease.



Agoro vocational training centre in northern Uganda is changing lives thanks to Tools for Self Reliance and its volunteers. "The quality of tools will contribute to a better standard of living. ... you can be assured that you are making a direct contribution to the restoring of humanity in a very difficult post conflict zone." (Christopher Singer of the British Consultancy Charitable Trust)

"Tradespeople in Ghana are using their tools and new-found skills to increase their businesses and provide vital services to their local community. Using these tools blacksmith Alhassan Issah has learnt to make other tools – such as pipe thread taps from old bolts – a necessity when such items are in short supply." Luke Caley, Partnership Officer, Tools for Self Reliance



"I am one of those people benefitting from your organisation. I am a person living with HIV and the life skills I am getting from Hope House Skills Training in Kabwe, Zambia, is so great and beneficial it will greatly change the perception of people living with HIV in my community and in Africa as a whole." Francis Sikana, artisan in receipt of training, Zambia