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**“Our elders used to say that ‘maize yields for people without teeth’. Meaning opportunities often find unprepared people, but my case is different - mine found me ready!**

Elizabeth Agau is the only child in her family. She is South Sudanese and was born in Uganda, in Arua District. Growing up, her dream was to become a nurse because she admired how composed and smart nurses always appeared. But her parents struggled to make ends meet and it was a constantly difficult for them to meet her tuition while fending for food and their accommodation.

**“My parents couldn’t afford the city lifestyle and relocated to Imvepi in Terego District. I wanted to complete my studies and they allowed me to stay with my aunt here in Arua.**

After the Arua City Central Division Census of Migrants and Host Communities conducted in 2020, Elizabeth was one of the 53 beneficiaries selected for the apprenticeship support program.



**“ I was happy when I heard about the opportunity of being enrolled into the project for skilling. At this point I had just completed my primary seven but my aunt was unable to pay for my tuition. We were given options to choose from skills like hairdressing, mechanics, catering, art and crafts or tailoring. I chose tailoring because it intrigued me the most.**

The tailoring course lasted three months and Elizabeth can now comfortably cut and sew a dress of her own, reduce clothes to fit customers and she was retained to teach other students.

Thanks to the funding from Cities Alliance, Elizabeth was equipped with a skill that she can always use to sustain herself. This is how 273 other migrants like Elizabeth are benefiting from the project in Uganda's West Nile District of Arua.



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