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# NEWSLETTER

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## THE MEN'S COLLEGE OPENS

This month marks a milestone we could hardly have imagined a year ago. In early May, village elders, community leaders, and citizens gathered for the ceremonial opening of our newly constructed Men's Vocational Training College and did something remarkable. Standing before their community and local law enforcement, the elders publicly committed to ending female genital mutilation, child marriage, and the abuse of women, signing a formal document to mark their promise.

The path to the Men's College opening began with the girls. The success of our Women's Vocational Training College convinced the village council that change was not only possible, but already underway. They watched women gain skills, saw infant mortality fall because of the new hospital, and recognized that their young men were being left behind. Too many were still unemployed and without direction, so in February the elders asked Director Gladwell to train the men as well. Her answer was immediate: yes, if the cutting and the abuse would stop. Construction began that very week, funded by the generosity of our donors. Just months later, the Men's College opened its doors.



**A Plumbing Student at Work**



**The Electrical Class Training on the Solar Power System**

Today, the metals shop, plumbing, and electrical classes are in full swing. Students are learning real, certifiable trades, such as welding, metal fabrication, electrical and solar installation, and plumbing. They are already giving back: fabricating windows and doors for campus buildings, installing plumbing in the new dormitory, and training on the solar systems that power the facilities. The college will add courses in carpentry and water-well drilling to meet the needs of those living in the seventeen surrounding villages.

# WOMEN'S VOCATIONAL TRAINING UPDATES



Fashion and Fashion Design Students

## A VERY SUCCESSFUL FIRST SEMESTER

- Our Women's Vocational Training College opened in January 2026 and has now completed its first semester with tremendous success. The center offers **four dedicated programs**: tailoring and design, automated knitting, hair care and personal beauty, and computing.
- In the **fashion and design class**, students produce clothing and uniforms on modern electric sewing machines and on new manual machines that let them work from home, where many still have no electricity. They are already filling uniform orders for Bright Spark Academy and other schools across the region.
- This spring, our **first four students** took their practical examinations, completing a sewing project of their own design toward certification in tailoring. These four are the college's first credentialed graduates in the making.
- The **40-station computer lab**, opened in April and connected to high-speed Starlink internet, now serves students in grades 7 through 9, college-age learners, hospital and teaching staff, and village adults entering the Pathways program.



The TVET 40-station Computer Lab

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