



**FOCUS**  
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL  
& SPIRITUAL

**LOCATION**  
MBALE, UGANDA

**LEADER**  
ANNA OCEN

**OUR MINIMUM ANNUAL TARGET**  
£2200

Partnering with  
Bright Hope World  
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The micro loan scheme in Mbale, headed up by Anna, involves a group of widows and single mothers. A number of them are HIV/AIDS widows and their ages range from 30 to around 60. The scheme has been in operation for around ten years and has been very effective.

The ladies have gelled into a very close knit group and are quick to help each other out. As stated above, a number of the team have been impacted by HIV/AIDS and when these members are unwell and temporarily unable to carry on their small businesses other members of the group step in to help.

There is a strong Christian ethos within the group and the ladies meet together weekly for Christian fellowship as well as to deal with business matters.

Anna Ocen is the key person in this partnership. Anna is married to Simon and they have a small family of their own but also care for a few other children that they have brought into their family. They live in Mbale. She is an accountant so is able to provide good reports. Two of her brothers who were both doctors were murdered by the Lord's Resistance Army as was their father who was a Christian pastor.

