

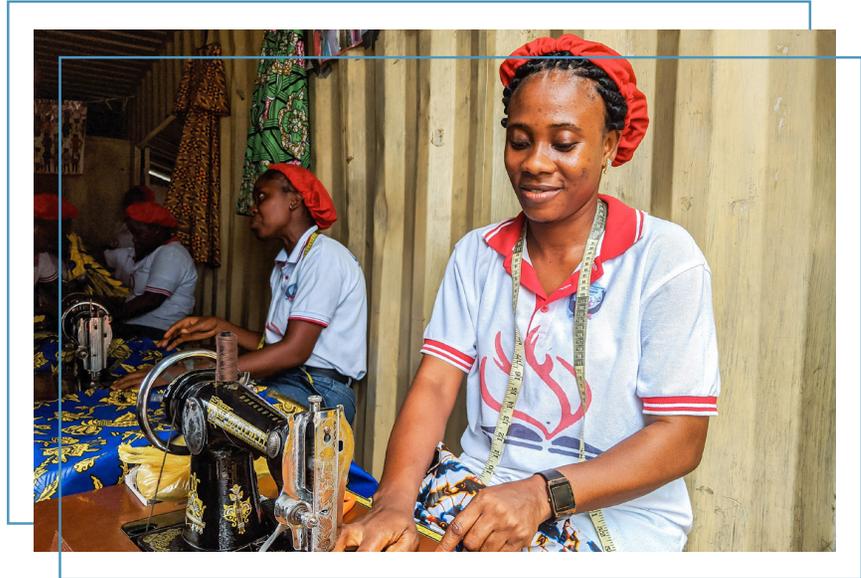


GLOBAL PROGRAM UPDATE: WOMEN AND GIRLS

Your Impact: Empowering Women with Dignity

Around the world, poverty impacts women and girls at a higher rate, compounding their disadvantage in acquiring education, jobs, and essentials. For this reason, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries partners with local churches committed to confronting economic disparity along gender lines. Projects designed to unleash the potential of women and girls reinforce the Christian message that they are made in the image of God. Through vocational training, entrepreneurial savings groups, and child development centers, women and girls can embrace that they are valuable, capable, and equal members in society.

The Empowering Women with Dignity project in Liberia hosts vocational training courses for women at three locations through the Church of the Nazarene. Women can learn soap-making, catering, tailoring, and fabric tie dye—all skills that will allow them to start their own small businesses or earn a livable wage. With the income they earn from their trade, women can also join savings and loan groups, which will help them grow their business and plan for the future.



Rose, pictured, also learned tailoring at another Nazarene church in the program.



In **Ghana**, women teach and empower each other through justice clubs and small businesses.



Churches in **Colombia** provide guidance and companionship to young mothers and their children.



Women in **Liberia** are creating hope for the future through trade-based small businesses.



In the **Philippines**, girls find refuge in a home for children who are survivors of online sexual exploitation.

Empowering Women in Liberia

Linda, a single mother of two living in Liberia, has gained confidence and financial independence since training to be a tailor in the Empowering Women with Dignity project. She once relied on the generosity of relatives for financial support, but now she earns her own money by sewing clothes. "I thank God for this project," says Linda. "[It] is making me to be a woman of dignity."

Before participating in the program, Linda struggled to provide for her children. She had no steady income and lacked marketable skills for gaining employment. The vocational training, however, empowered Linda to change her family's situation. With the money she earns from selling clothes, she can afford housing, food, and medicine for her children. In addition to earning income, Linda proudly displays her skill and creativity in the suits and dresses she produces.

The experience has inspired Linda to invest in women facing similar challenges. "I plan to have my own tailoring shop where I can empower other single mothers like me," says Linda.