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Hi there Esther

REPORT FINAL: WILDERNESS HEIGHTS CROCHET SKILLS DEVELOPMENT - CROCHETING  
COURSE BASIC LEVEL 1

Progress to date:

Over the past 6 months, 5 of the total number of women who initially enrolled in the course have shown an impressive commitment to learning the skill of crocheting and to-date these women continue to show enthusiasm and interest. I am seeing initiative being taken by these women w.r.t the skill they have learnt to-date. This training course has taken them to a point where they can produce scarves and hats with flowers on them.

Observations:

The rate of attendance in this marginalised community is fairly low. Most of the community members in The Camp live around or below the breadline. As a result, they will take any work opportunity that comes their way which often influences their attendance on the course. In order to get a higher rate of attendance and therefore guarantee a higher level of skill acquisition, my recommendation would be to "pay the learner" and attendance fee (daily/hourly depending on the course structure) for their time "in training". This has the added benefit of them attending yet not losing an income (where there is one) for their time in training.

The woman who choose to attend regularly are showing great interest in the acquisition of crocheting skills, particularly as a potential source of income and as a means of producing clothing items for their own children.

Of the 15 women who initially showed interest, 5 of them have attended the full course and have shown a good standard of crochet-skills that should enable them to produce items that can be

sold at local outlets. Of these 5 women - 2 have the potential to produce items under the Sunstone label.

Summary:

Those ladies who have attended all the sessions to-date are at a point where they are able to produce a very good level of skills acquisition at this stage of training. They are currently required to produce a crocheted hat with flower as their second and final "Crocheted Item Assignment". Each item (a hat) will be given a rating out of 100 for:

Neatness

Correctness of stitch used.

Finishing off

Ability to detect own faults (if/applicable)

Yarn Tension

Precision of row crochet

Attached please find a few photographs of the ladies who have attended the full course to-date.



From left to right:  
Emme, Amelia, Shalene, Ronel and Elizabeth



Crocheted hat



Crocheted Scarf



There is a BASIC LEVEL 2 Crochet Course which is on offer. Should you be interested in assisting with the funding of the training of these 5 ladies to take them to the next level, I would be happy to hear from you.

Let me know if you have any queries.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Wahl". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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