



Street Children Ministry (SCM)

Vocational Skills Training (VST)

Biannual Report (Jan–June 2025)

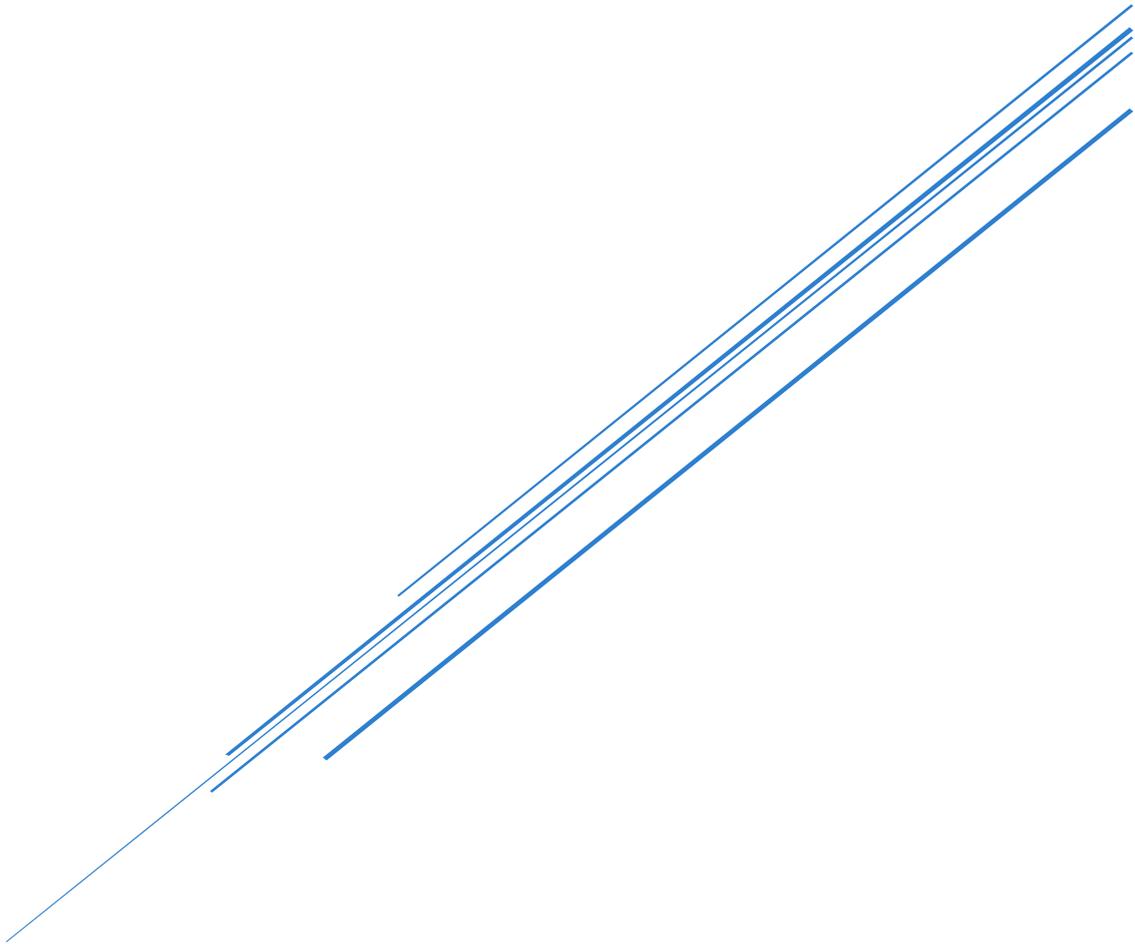


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Overview

The Vocational Skills Training (VST) program continues to serve as a life-transforming avenue for young people especially former street children and vulnerable youth to acquire practical skills, restore dignity, and shape sustainable futures. Over the past six months, the VST has not only trained participants in five key trades but also nurtured confidence, discipline, and purpose through discipleship and mentorship.

This report captures the participation data, graduation outcomes, employment progress, and the voices of those whose lives have been changed through the program.

Enrollment and Participation

Since the commencement of Vocational Skills Training in 2022, it has engendered immense joy and empowered numerous vulnerable segments of the community. A significant number of young men and women, spanning the age range of 15 to 35, have been positively impacted by this project. Notably, the project has provided unwavering support to both boys from the RCH and those who are vulnerable in our reach.

During the reporting period, the VST hosted two 9-month training segments (July 2022–May 2023 and July 2023–May 2024 cohort completion). Then we hosted two 6-month class segments July 2024- March 25 cohort completion and July 2025- March 2026 ongoing cohort).

Total Participants: 160

Trades Offered: Carpentry & welding, Tailoring, Electrical, and Masonry

30 Orphaned & Vulnerable Youth			
Trade	Graduated (2023, 2024 & 2025 Cohort)	Participants (July 2025- March 2026 Cohort)	Total Since Inception
Carpentry & Welding	25	25	50
Tailoring	27	28	55
Total	52	53	105
July 2025- March 2026 Ongoing Cohort (100-120 Persons)			
Electrical	-	30	30
Masonry	-	25	25
Total	-	55	55

The 2025 cohort reflects a diverse composition, including 30 female students, 3 of whom are in carpentry, 21 in tailoring, 4 in electricity and 3 in masonry. Their courage continues to inspire the community and challenge gender norms. Below is the grouped bar chart visualizing the Vocational Skills Training (VST) Summary (2023–2026). It compares the number of graduates, current participants, and total trained since inception across all four trades such as Carpentry & Welding, Tailoring, Electrical, and Masonry.

VST Graph



Graduation and Certification

In March 2025, 27 trainees successfully graduated after completing both theoretical and practical training. The ceremony, marked by gratitude and testimonies, was attended by local leaders, ministry staff, and community members. Graduates received certificates endorsed by executive director of the Street Children Ministry and director general of the state ministry of education, enabling them to seek employment or start their own small-scale enterprises.

Several graduates showcased their work including carpentry furniture, and tailored garments, demonstrating tangible skill mastery.

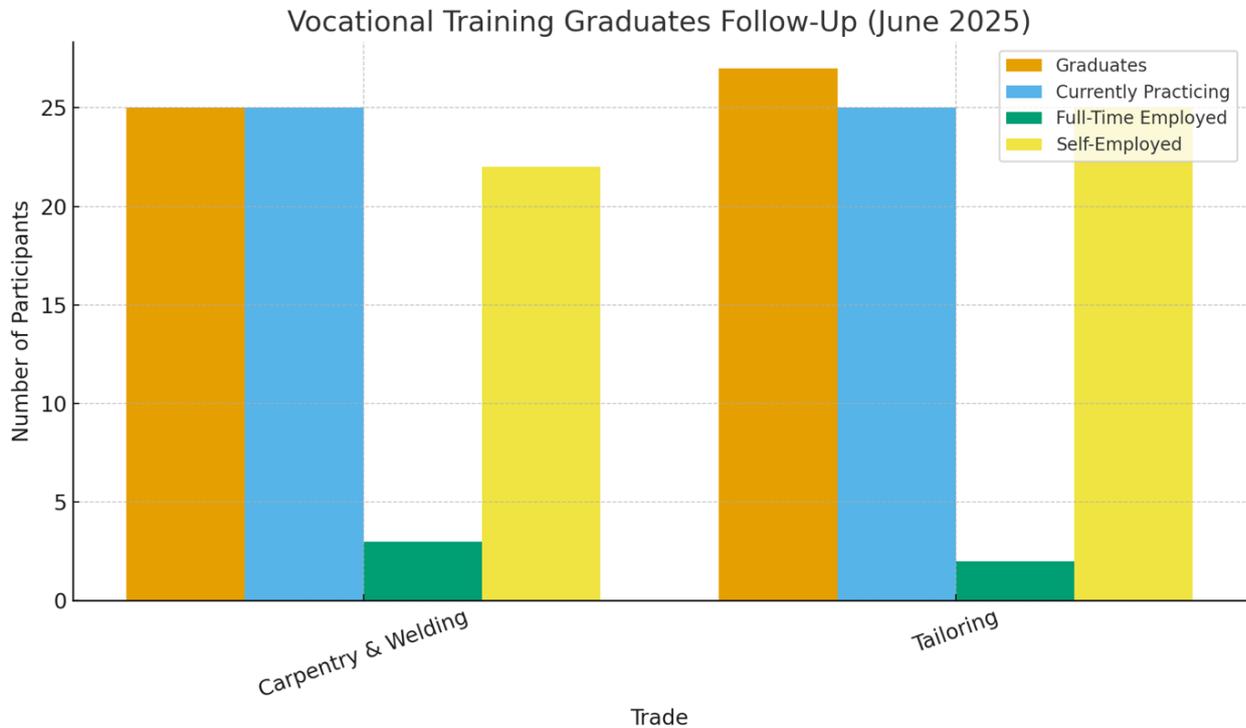
Post-Graduation Tracking and Employment Outcomes

Street Children Ministry maintains ongoing contact with graduates to assess sustainability and career progress. Of the 52 graduates from the previous cohort, the follow-up revealed the following:

Trade	Graduates	Currently Practicing Trade	Full-Time Employed	Self-Employed
Carpentry & Welding	25	25	3	22
Tailoring	27	25	2	25
Total	52/60 (86%)	50	5/52 (10%)	47/52 (90%)
July 2025 -March 2026				
Electrical	-	30	-	-
Masonry	-	25	-	-
Total		55		

Graph for graduates follow-up

Here is the graph visualizing the Vocational Skills Training graduates follow-up showing how



many graduates are currently practicing, employed full-time, or self-employed across each trade.

According to the follow-up assessment conducted in June of this year, we discovered that a total of 90% of graduates continue to actively engage in their acquired trades. Conversely, 10% have secured full-time employment with local companies, workshops, or private households. The remaining 70% derive income from their skills, albeit with certain limitations.

Feedback, Pictures and Testimonies

- “Through VST, I am now earning my daily bread as a carpenter. Before, I had no skill, no hope but today, I make furniture in my community.” – Wani, Carpentry Graduate
- “Learning tailoring gave me more than a trade. It gave me confidence. I now make school uniforms for local children.” – Florence, Tailoring Graduate
- “I never imagined I could handle the wood work. Now I do home make nice beds and furniture and earn enough to support my younger siblings.” – **G.J**, Carpentry Graduate



Graduates consistently express gratitude for the holistic approach of the program, emphasizing mentorship, faith building, and hands-on learning as transformative components.

Future Plans (2026)

- Increase the VST intake capacity to accommodate over 100 trainees.
- Introduce advanced modules on entrepreneurship and digital skills.
- Strengthen graduate mentorship and job placement support.
- Develop VST Alumni Network to facilitate peer support and business growth.

Conclusion

The Vocational Skills Training program continues to serve as a transformative catalyst for South Sudanese youth, supplanting despair with purpose and poverty with productivity. As we anticipate the future, Street Children Ministry remains steadfast in its commitment to empowering a greater number of young men and women to attain skill development, Christ-centric values, and self-reliance.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” **Colossians 3:23**