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## COLLABORATION KEEPS GIRLS IN SCHOOL



The new sewing center in Uganda distributes "Save a Girl" kits to local girls.

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According to UNICEF, more than 20 million adolescent girls drop out of school every year because they cannot manage their menstrual period. The Global Uplift Project and the Marin-based Melissa Prandi Children Foundation

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are working to help thousands of adolescent girls in Uganda facing this challenge.

The organizations have partnered with local and international Rotary clubs to build a new sewing center in Nsawo, Uganda that will provide 3,500 girls with washable, reusable sanitary pads. The pads, available in a kit called “Save a Girl,” will help the girls manage their periods so they can stay in school.

According to The Global Uplift Project, similar sewing centers in Kenya, Tanzania, Cameroon and Nepal have distributed more than 56,000 kits to date. The centers employ local seamstresses in well-paying, dignified work that is often their first paying job.

“Keeping adolescent girls in the developing world in school might be the single most effective thing we can do to improve the human condition,”

Giving Marin  
Sponsor  
Melissa  
Prandi said.



A sewing center in Nepal provides opportunities for local seamstresses.

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The project also received support from Rotary International, Rotary districts 5150 and 5160 and several Rotary clubs in Uganda. For more information, visit [tgup.org](https://tgup.org).

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