



IMPROVING ACADEMIC SUCCESS & CREATING JOBS IN ZAMBIA

The Sew Powerful Purse Program

What's In A Purse & What Does It Cost?

1 Purse

Handmade & gifted by a donor

2 Pad Sets

2 shields + 8 liners.
\$1.34 in material and \$2 in labor

1 Bar Of Soap

Sourced locally. \$0.40

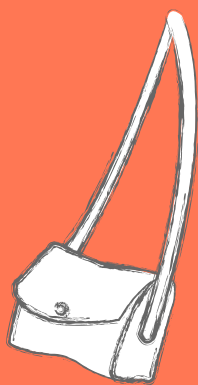
2 Pairs Underwear

Purchased locally. \$0.59 each

1 Note Card

Written by the purse maker. Priceless

\$4.92



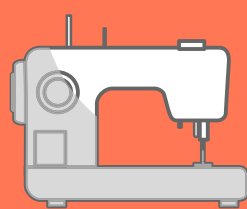
#1 PURSE MAKERS DONATE

Purse makers from around the world download and use the free Sew Powerful Purse Pattern to make beautiful purses. They send completed purses to Seattle as their gift. They also include a personal note card and are encouraged to donate \$5 to cover the program costs.



#2 WORLD VISION SHIPS

On October 11th each year (International Girls Day) we unbox and prep the purses for shipment to Zambia. Each purse maker is thanked during our global live-stream party. World Vision donates the international shipping and the purses arrive in Zambia a few months later.



#3 ZAMBIAN SEAMSTRESSES ARE PAID TO MAKE REUSABLE PADS

Through the Sew Powerful Sewing Cooperative in Ngombe Compound seamstresses are trained and equipped to participate. They earn an above average wage that transforms their household.



#4 TEACHERS & MENTORS DISTRIBUTE THE PURSES

Female students receive purses as a gift during Menstrual Hygiene Management training. The health mentors run afterschool clubs, conduct home visits, and mentor the students on health, academics, and life goals.



#5 PURSE RECIPIENTS GAIN SIX WEEKS OF SCHOOL

Studies show a lack of supplies cost female students six weeks of school a year on average. Our program solves the problem while strengthening the community. Recipients pledge to attend school all month, even on their period. Together we are Sew Powerful.