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## ***Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe***

Humanitarian and subject of the book, "Sewing Hope," Sister Rosemary was honored by Time magazine in 2014 as one of its "100 Most Influential People in the World." She has also received the United Nations "Impact Award," and been honored by the "Women in The World" Summit conferences in New York City, San Francisco, Austin, Dallas, Davos, Switzerland, and in London.

Sister Rosemary's story is of one woman's fight to bring hope and dignity back to her nation. For the last 30 years she has answered the call to serve the victims at the epicenter of the bloody and violent civil wars that decimated North Uganda and South Sudan. For years, Joseph Kony and his "Lord's Resistance Army" terrorized villages and stole children from their families, forcing them into slavery.

The gunfire has ceased but one battle remains - the battle to restore the future of the children of Uganda. Armed with only a sewing machine, Sister Rosemary, a Catholic nun of The Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, openly defied the rebels in their 20-year reign of terror. Since 2002, she has enrolled more than 2000 girls who had been abducted and abandoned by their families, into her "Saint Monica's Girls Tailoring Center" in Gulu, Uganda. She has made it her mission to provide a home and school for women and girls whose lives have been shattered by violence, rape and sexual exploitation. She has given them ways to support themselves through job training in tailoring, catering and other practical skills to restore dignity, independence and hope. Anyone who sets foot on the campus will instantly recognize that there are few other places where a community of women learns to become self-reliant and change agents for peace and prosperity, while also showing mercy to those who are less fortunate.

Academy Award-winning actor Forest Whitaker, who has narrated a documentary film, "Sewing Hope," about Sister Rosemary says, "The girls can become themselves again, thanks to the security and comfort they feel-- a tremendous accomplishment in a country still fragile from years of civil war. For girls who were forcibly enlisted as child soldiers, Sister Rosemary has the power to rekindle a bright light in eyes long gone blank. For women with unwanted children born out of conflict, she allows them to become loving mothers at last. The traumas she heals are unfathomable, but the reach of her love is boundless." The film can be seen on Netflix, and the book can be purchased through ([www.SewingHopeFoundation.com](http://www.SewingHopeFoundation.com))



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