As we transform lives together, we are pleased to share with you Kisoboka Africa's latest Newsletter

One of the children carrying a savings book for Young Savers Club in rural schools

Kisoboka Africa expands its work to 7 more communities

We are happy to let you know that we have continued to expand our impact to newer communities in rural Lwengo. We achieved the following;

- Mobilized and sensitized 5 communities on saving using the SCOBA approach (Lusaka, Mmayira, Kabuyoga, Nakyenyi and Asiimwe, Ttaba)
- Successfully supported 7 communities to form SCOBAs in Lusaka, Mayira, Kabuyoga, Nakyenyi, Asiimwe, and Ttaba)

- Formed 2 YSCs in Kabuyoga and Jjaga
- Gave out 2 booster grants to Mayira and Lukindu
- Provided 17 technical assistance to SCOBAs (under QCT)

The rural communities of Jagga & Kabuyoga have started two Young Savers Clubs(YSCs)

These new YSCs will empower children with financial literacy skills & build a saving culture in them.

ANNOUNCING BRIGHT IDEAS COMPETITION WINNERS FOR 2020

In partnership with I Profile Foundation Uganda, we run, vetted the potential winners of the bright ideas competition and later conducted 2 visits covering 8 homes to assess the winners. The following six creative young entrepreneurs in rural Lwengo were chosen as final winners.

Bright Ideas Winner

Mbabazi Ruth

Age:14.

Class :Senior.2

School:Kyanjovu Vocational & Secondary School

Business : Handmade Crafts using beads and plastic waste

During the Period of COVID 19 as the school closed, Ruth found herself at home with a lot of time at hand. She decided to use her creativity to begin making Jewelry and craft shoes using both materials she buys and plastic waste she finds in her locality. She says she sometimes uses YouTube to learn a few skills she has been using to make her products especially shoes. Her current main market are the community members in her village and her products are on display in her Mum's Saloon where her customers can easily find them. Her business is currently worth Shs 100,000 and she hopes it will raise enough to pay part of her tuition fees when schools open.

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Bright Ideas Winner

Kikambi Martin

Class: P.4
School: Luti Primary School
Age 13
Business: Banana Re-Selling.

When school closed due to COVID 19, Martin got a loan of 30,000 UGX from his father decided to start buying and re-selling bananas in his community using a bicycle. To date his business has growth to more than UGX 150,000 and managed to completely pay back the loan to his father. With the some of the profits he made, he bought a few hens at home and says he intends to invest in a few goats as he makes more profits. When school re open, Martin will give his capital to his uncle continue run the business for him.

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Faridah Nakaggwa

Age: 11
Class: Primary 4
School: God`s will primary school, Kyassenya

With the support of capital from her mother, Faridah has been making pan cakes since schools closed due to COVID19 that she sells to her community. At the start, her mother bought the ingredients she needed like yellow bananas, cassava/maize flour baking powder among others. She bakes them early morning and hawks them around her village. With the profits made from her small business, she is saving with a Young Savers Club at her school. Her goal is to save enough money that she will use to cater for some of her school needs when need arises. She makes sure she saves 1000 every day.

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Bright Ideas Winner

Agaba Edgar

Class: Primary one

School: Hope Bulemere Primary School

Age: 8 Years

Business: Making and selling brooms

Edgar uses local schrubs to make brooms that he surplies to two shops in his village. He sells each broom he makes at Sh 500 and has so far made 20 pieces since he began making. With some of the money he got out of selling brooms, he recently bought rabbits which he is raring from their home with the help of his little brother. Edgar says one of his his goals is to buy a wrist watch and a goemetry set to aid him in learning when schools open as he continues to sell brooms in his free time.

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Bright Ideas Winner

Bwire Martin

Class: P.2

School: Lukindu BT Primary School

Business: Rabbit and Poultry Raring

Martin has been taking care of his rabbits since the closing of his school at the start of COVID 19 lockdown. He recently sold some rabbits to buy poultry which he now raises along and also runs a small vegetable garden. He says his goal is to sell some of them when they mature to buy a bicycle that will ease his transportation to school when it resumes again.

When the lockdown started, she wanted to start making local baskets for sell but didn't have money. She decided to start fetching water for money to raise capital . She has since wove 8 baskets some of which she has sold to her customers from her community. With the proceeds from the baskets, she has invested in farming growing onions and beans. She has recently got her first harvest from her onion garden and her bean plants are at a flowering level. While farming, she continues to make baskets and hopes to save enough money to contribute to her education by the time schools open.

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