

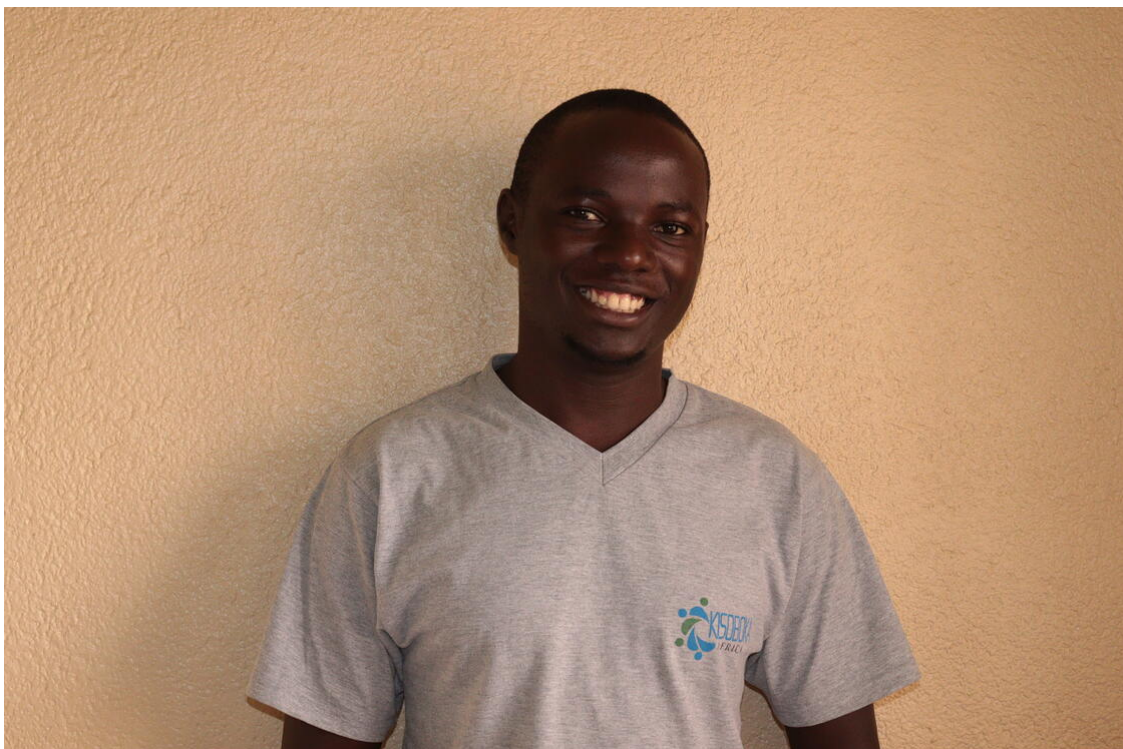


Kisoboka Africa's Latest Newsletter - Impacting Lives for Prosperity

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The Power of One

By Stephen Katende

I have always believed in the power of one. In 2016 while in Building Tomorrow fellowship, we needed to support communities in Lwengo district where we worked from to finance children education, there were high levels of poverty and they always asked for help. Funny enough even us they ran to, didn't have the resources to help but we had the knowledge of how we could intervene.

This is why we came up with the school community bank(SCOBA) model where we mobilized parents to come together in schools save the little money they had and collectively use it to invest in children education.

We started with one school, Lukindu BT academy. The model has had tremendous success with these people raising millions of money starting businesses and, improve their standards of living a home and paying children education, mind you, they are leading all this development using their own money in these groups. The model has now been scaled to over 30 schools and the results are amazing. Working together using resources around you is a powerful tool to collectively elevate ourselves out of poverty.

Join us in this cause by volunteering with us, donating to our cause or spread the word around

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Meet one of our committed SCOBA members(in Picture above) , a Kisoboka Africa programs beneficiary in a rural community we support. From her savings with the School Community Bank(SCOBA), she is securing goats which she is raring from her home to produce more and create a sustainable source of income for her family. Allen is being empowered to chart her way out of poverty for good.

Many other women are getting small loans from their SCOBAs and investing in

animal rearing to create sustainable sources of income, which was difficult before because there were no financial institutions in this area. Apart from goats, some have started piggery projects and poultry rearing. Many are investing in animals because Lwengo is usually affected by dry spells that do not favour crop production. Animal husbandry is more secure and tends to have a high return on investment and has ready market. That is why most SCOBA members are starting these projects since they have proven to be secure investments over time.



A SCOBA member showing us her Piggery Project recently when we visited her home

Kisoboka Africa SCOBA program provides much needed financial services in Lukindu Community



Youtube video: <https://youtu.be/WjPO6NpgozM>

The chairperson of Lukindu SCOPA shares about how Kisoboka Africa's SCOPA is enabling affordable and accessible financial services in her community. She is seen in her Green Paper Garden which provides vegetable both for her family consumption and for sale. She also runs several other projects ranging from Zero grazing for her cow, poultry rearing, coffee growing and a small retail shop as seen below in the pictures.



She credits Kisoboka Africa's SCOPA project for providing a platform for her and

several other members to easily access money that they invest in these projects which is transforming their economic status. We are proud to empower her and many others to determine their destiny and lift themselves out of poverty.

Head Teacher of our partner school Lukindu P/S talks about Kisoboka Africa's impact on his community

Back in 2016, we launched our first ever SCOBA at the school he leads and have been working with him since then to make a difference in the community. We are pleased to bring you this short video as he shares about Kisoboka Africa's impact since then. Watch him below as he shares the story <https://youtu.be/PHo1QlqPUcE>



Lwentale Primary School community creates a second SCOBA in record time.

Right after creating the first ever SCOBA at the school with the support of Kisoboka Africa's programs team, Lwentale P/S Community immediately created a second group in just a week. Click below to read more of this story on our latest blog <https://kisobokafrica.org/.../lwentale-community-starts.../>



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