



WELCOME TO OUR FIRST 2021 NEWSLETTER



Our Team Leader , Stephen Katende (on the right) with Aisha Ali, Founder of our partner organisation I Profile Foundation

We are excited to let you know that we shall be digitizing Village Saving and Lending Groups also known as School Community Banks(SCOBAs), starting with 33 of them

With support from the [Roddenberry Foundation Catalyst Fund](#), we are working with [Ensibuuko Technologies](#), a leading fintech in Uganda to roll out a digital VSLA program that will be used in all our member groups. Using mobile phones, SCOA members shall be able to record all saving and lending processes and each

member will have the capacity to check the progress using their phones wherever they are. The Kisoboka Africa team has been trained and have already started rolling out in the rural areas where work beginning starting with Mayira community in Lwengo at the beginning of February.



While the rest of the world is moving at a very high speed digitally, most rural areas in Africa still lack the opportunities to be involved in the digital economy. We believe that technology can play transformative role in accelerating prosperity and so rural communities need to be digitally financially included in order not be left out. Kisoboka Africa will be working around the clock this year to bridge the digital divide in the underserved communities we operate in for more 33 groups empowering over 900 members. We are super excited about the possibilities this will open up for example easy access to savings and loan information by group members using their simple mobile phones(Using USSD).





Kisoboka Africa team kicked off 2021 with very productive planning sessions that spanned a week

We kicked off 2021 with a very fruitful planning meeting as we prepared to serve our beneficiaries with maximum efficiency and impact this year. With renewed organizational strength, we are more than ever committed to ensuring financial inclusion and economic empowerment for many in underserved communities in rural Uganda.

In these exciting meetings, we shared about Reporting, Resource mobilization, M&E and communications, Business Skills Trainings and finally co-created the Kisoboka Africa 2021 workplan. Thanks to the entire team for their exceptional input. What a productive week!



Our SCOBA groups are engaged in homebased farming to ensure food security for their families

Our Programs team has been diligently paying technical assistance visits to some of the beneficiaries of our demonstration farm project that works to ensure food security for their families. Its amazing seeing what their vegetable gardens have turned into. They now have the capacity to produce their own vegetables, feed their families and can save the money they would spend on purchasing vegetables for investment.



We now have a fiscal sponsor in the USA, so you can donate to Kisoboka Africa by your payment card through King Baudouin Foundation

With the help of [Building Tomorrow Uganda](#), we have been able to secure fiscal sponsorship from [KING BAUDOUIN FOUNDATION](#), which means we are now able to start receiving individual donations through their platform. So friends, we are excited to let you know you can now get involved and support our work by donating through this link [Friends of Kisoboka Africa](#). Thank you!

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The Kisoboka Africa team at end of year staff retreat

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