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[From Polio Survivor to Small-Scale Farmer: The Inspiring Journey of a Kisoboka Africa SCOA Member in Bukumbula](#)

From battling polio at 3 years old, leaving him walking on his hands, he's defied all odds. Meet the remarkable individual who, undeterred, joined a School Community Bank, is saving money, & has embraced small-scale farming.



Abdul, planting a banana in his garden in Bukumbula village

He joined a SCOA near his home in Bukumbula, embarking on a journey of financial discipline and agricultural self-sufficiency. Regular savings and financial

management lessons became his foundation, while comprehensive training equipped him with knowledge of crop cultivation and animal husbandry.

Embracing small-scale farming as his primary income source, he invests his savings and SCOPA loans into seeds, fertilizers, tools, and livestock. His land flourishes with maize, beans, bananas, and an array of vegetables. Selling his abundant produce and animals at the local market, he earns a respectable income that sustains his family's livelihood. We are inspired by his indomitable spirit & resilience.

How Kisoboka Africa is working with Kyanjovu Primary School to empower parents and students through Financial Inclusion and Business Skills training



Mrs Appolo attending to her hens which she bought with funds from Kyanjovu SCOPA in her village

Kyanjovu village is one of the places where Kisoboka Africa operates. It is a place where many people face challenges such as poverty, food insecurity, low education and limited access to financial services. They

lack the capital and skills to start or grow their small businesses, such as farming, trading or crafts. They also struggle to pay school fees for their children and meet their basic needs.

That's why Kisoboka Africa partnered with Kyanjovu Primary School to form a SCOPA for the parents of the students. The SCOPA has 30 members who meet every week at the school to save money, learn new skills and borrow to start income-generating activities.



The SCOPA also has a Young Savers Club (YSC) for the students of the school. The YSC has 60 members who save money from their pocket money or small businesses and learn how to manage their finances and start enterprises. The SCOPA and the YSC have been operating since 2020 and have made a huge impact on the lives of the members and their families.

They have helped them to save over \$3,000 and start or expand their small businesses. They have also improved their food security, education, health and social development. The following pictures are of some of the members impacted by the SCOPA in Kyanjovu.

The story of a Man who finally Achieved his dream of buying a Cow

From saving at our School Community Bank to fulfilling dreams. This is Abdul, a determined member who diligently saved his earnings and bought a cow.



Mzee Abdul proudly interacts with his cow at his home

Abdul is a farmer in Bukumbula village, Lwengo district, Uganda. He has always dreamed of owning a cow, but he never had enough money to buy one. He used to struggle to make ends meet with his small plot of land and his low income.

[But everything changed when he joined the School Community Bank \(SCOBA\), a project initiated by Kisoboka Africa.](#)

The SCOBA is a group of people who save money together and lend to each other at low-interest rates. Abdul started saving regularly and accessing loans from the SCOBA to invest in a popcorn-making business. He also learned business skills from the training and coaching provided by Kisoboka Africa.

As a result, Abdul's income increased. He was able to repay his loans on time and save more money. After two years of saving with the SCOBA, he finally had enough money to buy a cow.

Abdul was overjoyed when he brought his cow home. He said that the cow was a symbol of his hard work and determination.

"I am very happy and proud of myself. I have achieved my dream of buying a cow. This cow will help me to get more income from selling milk and manure. It will also improve my family's nutrition and health. I am very grateful to Kisoboka Africa and the SCOBA for supporting me and making this possible," Abdul said.

Abdul's story is an inspiration to many people in his community. He is now the chairperson of the Bukumbula SCOBA and a role model for many.

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