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MBIRIZI - LWENGO DISTRICT

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Over view

Kisoboka Africa strives to ensure economic empowerment among women, youth and children in rural Uganda. We believe that ensuring financial inclusion and building business skills of vulnerable individuals can catalyse positive change leading to improved livelihoods at a family level.

Rural development and Tranformation remains the primary focus for Kisoboka Africa once again this year. With major emphasis put on eradicating poverty within a two generational approach of empowering the household head and the children withn the household.

This quarter, Kisoboka Africa focused on increasing access to economic opportunities for 20 youth, scaling out the young savers program to over upto 1300 young people in school. Kisoboka Africa as well focused on establishing the economic capacity of the school community banks as a medium of preparing them for project trainings.

The organisation as well focused on streamlining internal proccess, review and development of key policy documents including the strategic plan. The organisation pursue opportunities for collaboration, partnerships and funding.





Our two-generational approach considers both the needs of the parents and their children. This clearly comes out from design and delivery of our programs

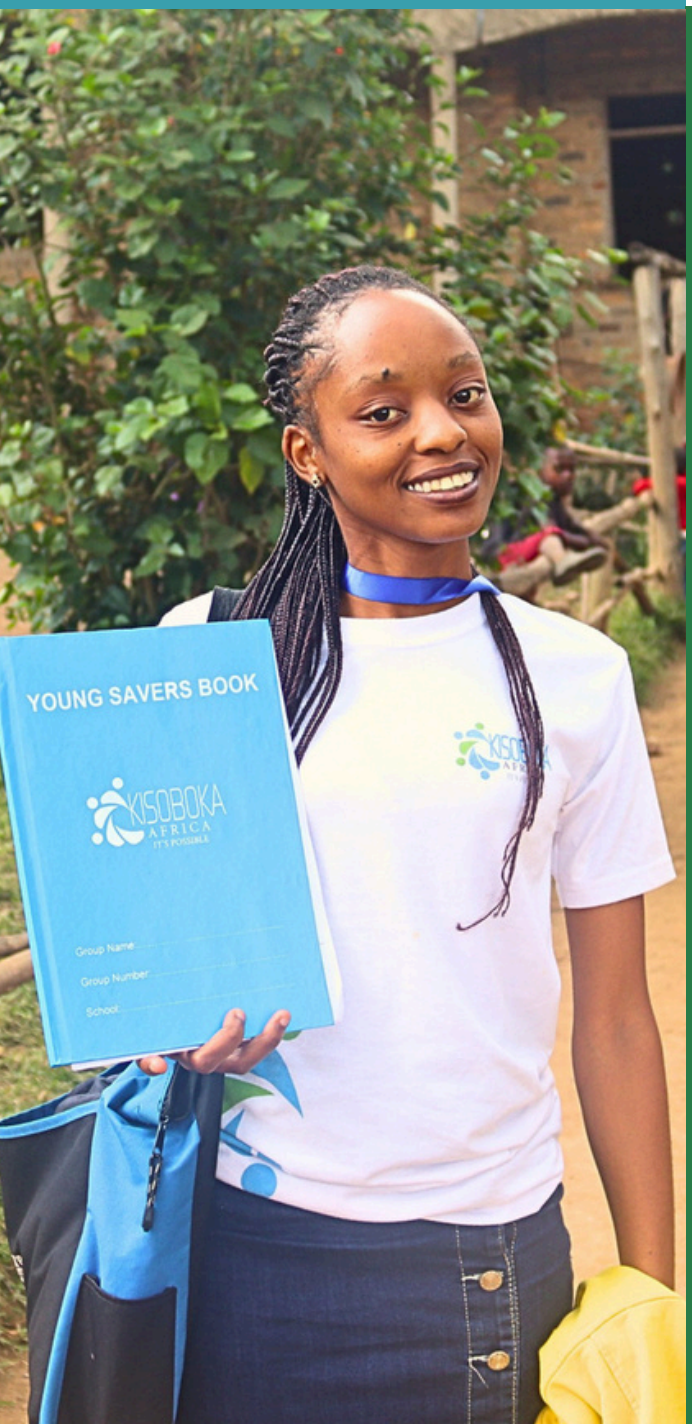
YEAR 2023

Our Purpose

To catalyse Economic empowerment for the underserved in rural Uganda.

Our Mission

We build skills and ensure access to finances for women and youth to invest in businesses in rural and refugee communities in Uganda for improved livelihoods



Our Values

1 **Equity**: We ensure that the communities we serve have access to productive resources to catalyze their development

2 **Sustainability** In all we do, we start with a continuity plan to ensure that our projects have lasting impact on the communities we serve

3 **Teamwork:** We move together to achieve more in all we do

4 **Community Led:** We implement community led solutions.

5 **Accountability:** We observe high level of transparency and professionalism i

KEY

MILESTONES

Milestones 01

Two-Days staff retreat and refresher trainings

Milestones 02

Finalising of the youth project in partnership with Uganda Muslim development forum.

Milestones 03

Progam review of the young savers program and SCOBA capacity survey assessement

Milestones 04

Development stages of the of the Mastercard foundation proposals and partnership with ASIGMA

Milestones 05

Finalising of the strategic plan and key policy documents

For last 3 months from January to March 2024, Kisoboka Africa has mainly focused on building its capacity to deliver impactful programs to its beneficiaries

Women, children and youth greatly benefited from the three major programs that Kisoboka Africa operated this quarter.

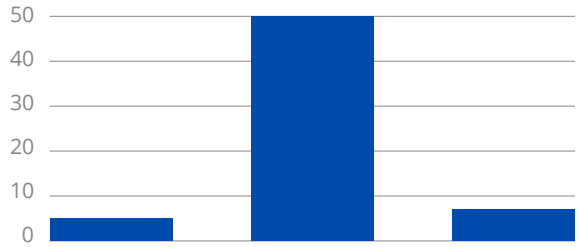
With almost a complete startegic plan, KISA will for the next three years fundraise towards meeting its set priorities.



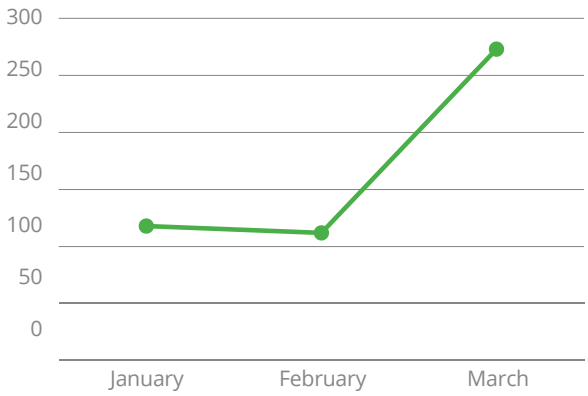
SCHOOL COMMUNITY BANKS

These are saving and lending platforms through which our beneficiaries access micro loans to invest in both medium and small scale enterprises

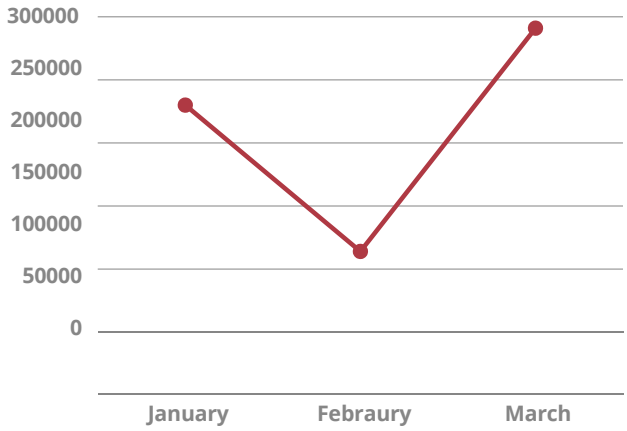
This quarter, we have utilised the plaforms to extend technical support to over 62 School community banks, This focused on those groups that were sharing out, the new groups that had just started and those that were struggling



SCOBAS SUPPORTED



NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH TECHNICAL SUPPORT



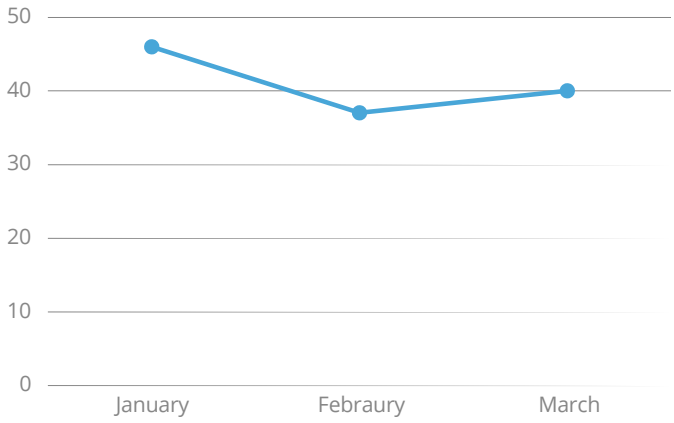
AVERAGE WEEKLY SAVINGS



Over the last month, The school community banks experienced an increase of 60% in the savings per sitting following a decline between January and February due to too much sunshine

FINANCIAL LITERACY AND ACCESS TO FINANCES

Access to credit and proper use of credit obtained remains one of the majr areas we focus on as KISA

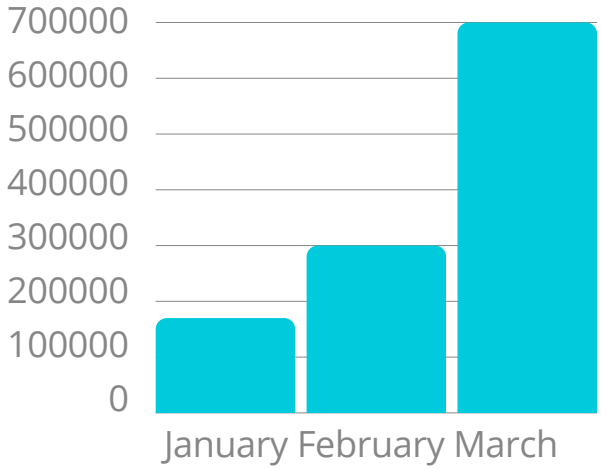


Through out this quarter, a total of 123 loans were given this quarter. Majority of the loans were taken by women.

Theses loans are majorly used to invest in both medium and small scale enteprises. Some of the beneficiaries still borrow to directly pay schools fees

LOANS GIVEN OUT





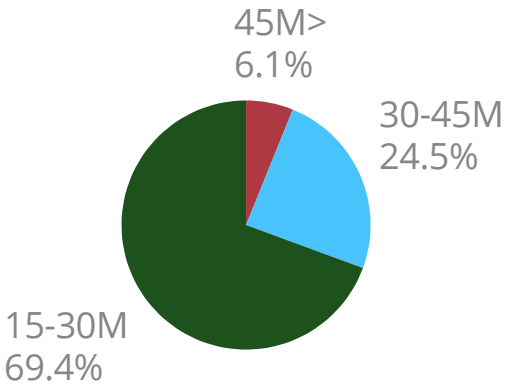
WELFARE SAVED

Over 1,1170,000 was saved inform of welfare. This remains very instrumental in supporting the running of the school community bank activities

SCOBAs have introduced different fees, savings options to allow them run group project and borrow bigger sums of money

SCOBA CAPACITY SURVEY

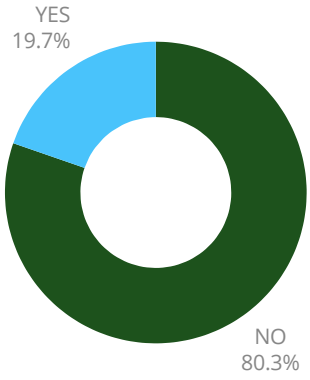
We conducted the SCOBA capacity survey this year to assess the capacity of the different SCOBAS. Among the key things looked at included the registration status, membership, savings, relationship with the School among others



Cumulatively, Only 6.1% of the SCOBAS have saved beyond 45 millions and over 69% of them have saved between 30-15 millions since their formation.

SCOBAS thats have saved beyond 9million per cycle and are registered, have stable leadership are among those that have been shortlisted for project trainings where only 19% of the SCOBAs currently run a group based project.

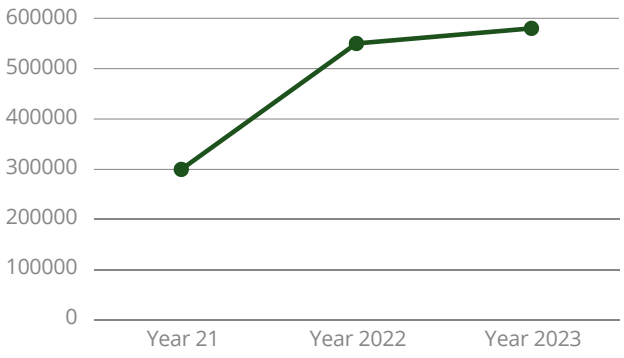
GROWTH IN SAVING



There was a 5% increase in the maximum loans acquired by individuals this year

GROUP PROJECTS

76% of those served were women.



MAXIMUM LOANS

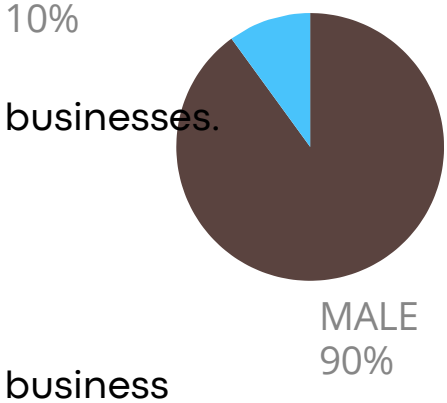
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POSSIBILITY HUB

Through partnership with Uganda Muslim Youth Development Forum, KISA launched a building resilience project that targeted 20 youth.

The project focused on equipping youth with business skills trainings where 16 of the 20 youth pitched their businesses.



YOUTH REACHED BY GENDER

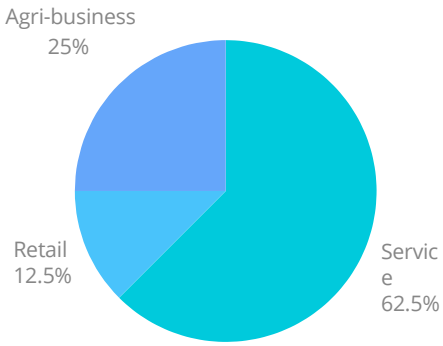
Over 8 youth were awarded seed capital equivalent to 500,000 uganda shillings each to invest in their business

Majority of the youth that got seed capital invested more in the service sector and agri-business sector.

These have managed to start and re-invest in business that can now employ atleast one fellow youth.



OC STATION DURING ONE OF THE PITCHING SESSIONS



NATURE OF BUSINESSES YOUTH INVESTED IN



DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCILLOR AND OTHER STAKE HOLDER S AWARDING ONE OF THE YOUTH A CERTIFICATE

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

This is a platform that KISA creates to allow the duty barriers and affected beneficiaries meet and interact in an organised manner.

This year, in partnership with the Uganda Muslim Youth Development Forum, we collaborated with 20 youth and 5 panelists representing diverse fields of interest, including religion, community development, political leadership, and government agencies.

Together, we discussed the pressing need to enhance access to economic opportunities for the youth. Through this dialogue, both youth and community leaders identified the barriers hindering youth access to opportunities and committed to addressing them.

KISA remains committed to creating platforms like these to improve access to services for the youth.



YOUTH IN BUSINESS

Follow up the youth that benefited from the pilot Youth project with YALI Uganda



In 2023, Jerimah was among the youth that took part in our pilot project Under the enhancing Agribusiness skills Among the youth.

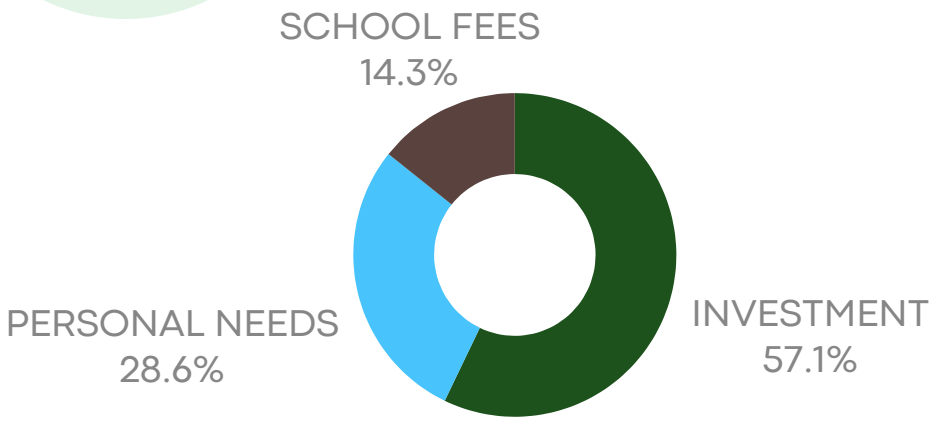
Over 15 youth took part in the project and Jerimaya is among the 3 youth that were awarded seed capital. With the seed capital Jerimah started re-invested in his poultry business purchasing upto 250 birds. Currently Jerimah is working with upto 400 birds and he hopes to grow upto 800 birds.

Currently Jerimah works with over 20-25 youth in Kyazanga supporting them to tap into the Agricultural value chain with the Agriculture and livestock



YOUNG SAVERS PROGRAM

We establish clubs in schools to cultivate a savings culture among children aged 6 to 17. Through these clubs, we provide financial literacy training and support the students in launching school-based enterprises.



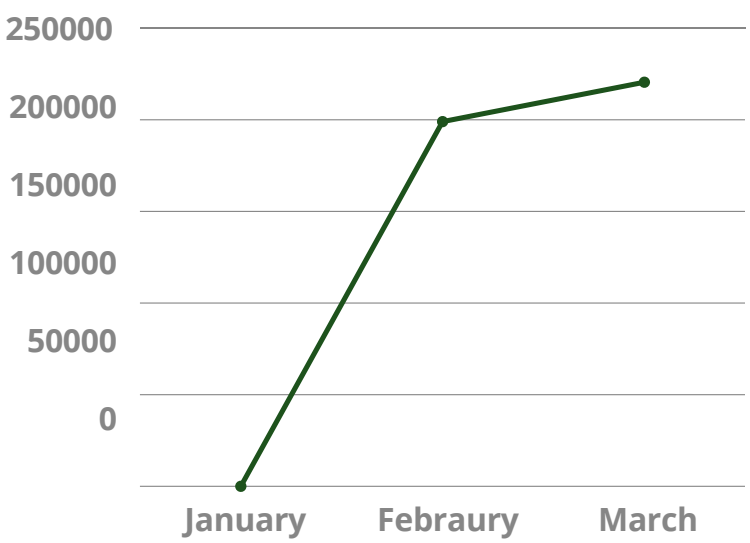
57% of the children invested their savings to allow them grow in order to meet bigger dreams in the future.

"I bought 2 local hens because they are resistant to disease and can quickly multiply for me to sell in 2 years and buy a goal"

Primary six pupil at Kaserutwe primary school - Lwengo



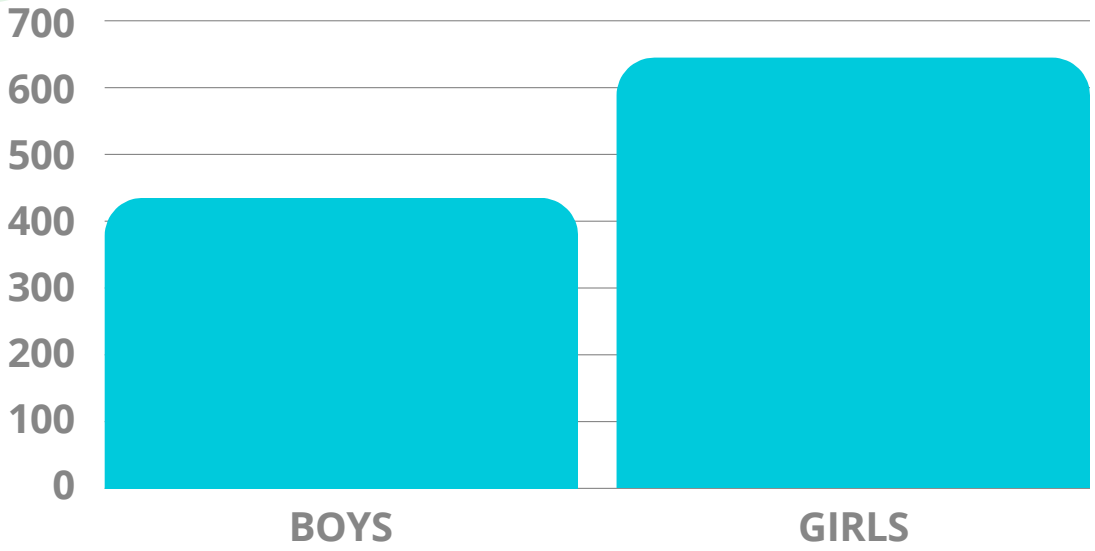
Testimony



16 clubs resumed their cycles this quarter. saving Upto 420,500. Children continues to save and meet their financial needs.

SCALING OUT THE YSC

This year, KISA continued with the formation of new clubs in new communties. The focus was as well put on the recruitment of new club members into the already existing clubs expanding their membership to upto 80



Today, KISA Boasts with over 1080 beneficiaries in the YSC from over 18 schools and 5 sub-counties that make up Lwengo district. Majority of these are females aged between 6 to 13 years of age.

The YSC members are those belong to the class of primary 4, 5 and 6. The YSC clubs operate an annual calendar that directly follows the school calender to allow better planning and better execution of different activities



KEY CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNT

Through our programs and operations , we experienced the following challenges and learn the following lessons

Limited integration of the club activities into the school calendars . This has resulted into limited allocation of time to the clubs to do their activities.

Limited allocation of funds towards follow-up visits to the youth beneficiairies those especially those have recieved seed capital

The bad weather that limited the movement of the staff most especially the rains

Limited funding for the organisation to meet the strategic needs for the year 2024 including human resource and program costS

LESSONS LEARNT

There is need to continue innovating around the new techniques of recruiting and interesting more more female youth into the programs due high levels of dropout and limited interests.

Increasing KISAs visibility within the local stakeholders assists in easing KISA's implementation of activities. Among the key stakeholders include Police, Local government officials, Polical leaders among other s

Children are interested in under taking investment opportunities, therefore there is a growing need to identifity joint investment ventures for children to contribute to their household wealth

There is a growing ability among SCOBA members resulting into borrowing beyond the money saved, members are borrowing upto 2 million uganda shillings from the SCOBA and puting securities like land title among others



THE EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

Through the strategic committee, KISA has managed to secure and as well work on a few different opportunities. These target to build the organisations capacity, infrastructures, and expanding KISA's impact.

SMART GIRLS FOUNDATION

Through a partnership with Smart Girls foundation Uganda, This quarter KISA secured 10 scholarship for 10 girls from 10 households of SCOBA members within rural Lwengo.



MASTERCARD FOUNDATION

This quarter KISA through the strategic committee is exploring the opportunity of working with Mastercard to empower over 900 young people in rural Lwengo. Major progress is expected in quarter 2

ASIGMA

Leveraging on its impact and coverage, KISA is partnering with ASIGMA to implemenent a livelihood restoration project under enterprise development with in the Cruide Oil Pipeline affected areas. Major work has been done this quarter and implementation is scheduled for quarter two.

CONCLUSION

In the first quarter of 2024, Kisoboka Africa (KISA) continued its commitment to economic empowerment in rural Uganda, focusing on women, youth, and children.

KISA collaborated with the Uganda Muslim Youth Development Forum to launch a project empowering 20 youth with business skills, resulting in 16 pitching their ideas and 8 receiving seed capital.

The organization facilitated 123 loans, predominantly for women, supporting both medium and small-scale enterprises. The School Community Banks (SCOBAs) saw a 60% increase in savings, totaling over 1,117,000 Ugandan shillings, aiding their operations. KISA expanded its Young Savers Program to over 1,080 beneficiaries across 18 schools in Lwengo district, promoting financial literacy and savings among children aged 6 to 17.

Despite challenges like limited integration of club activities into school calendars and funding constraints, KISA is exploring partnerships with organizations like the Mastercard Foundation and ASIGMA to further its impact.

In conclusion, KISA's dedication to rural development and empowerment is evident, and with ongoing efforts to refine its strategies, the organization is poised to continue its meaningful contributions to the communities it serves.



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We greatly appreciate our partners that have made it possible for us to create meaningful impact in the lives of our beneficiaries.

We are still open for partnership in the different ways with primary focus on creating a poverty free Lwengo and Uganda at large.

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