

**REPORT ABOUT SUPPORTING BACK TO SCHOOL
CAMPAIGN FOR ORPHANED CHILDREN STUDYING
FROM KIBIMBIRI PRIMARY SCHOOL KIHIFI SUB
COUNTY KANUNGU DISTRICT UGANDA.**



The image above shows the 5 beneficiaries for the support from Bujubuli HC IIV Believers fellowship through Queen Elizabeth Medical Foundation Uganda

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ABOUT US

Queen Elizabeth Medical Foundation (QEMF) is Community Based Organization that has been in existence since 2018 with the mission to help the needy by adopting practical ways to root out poverty from the world through provision of health, education and livelihood services to Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC). QEMF emphasizes more on the HIV infected and affected populations in communities near Queen Elizabeth National Park in western part of Uganda with the aim of extending its services to the whole country and internationally. We have experience in supporting vulnerable children and adolescents, who do not go to school due lack of support in raising scholastic materials and the necessary dues at school. It has been observed that such categories fall victim of circumstances like sexual harassment, food denial, child labour and their health is deprived. These challenges hinder them from achieving their career potentials.

QEMF's projects generate support from key stakeholders/donors to champion mechanisms to end Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), Wildlife protection, early child marriages and teenage pregnancies, ensuring safe delivery of age-appropriate reproductive health education. QEMF offers child education and protection support, livelihood skilling and health promotion to orphans, vulnerable children, women and youth both in school and out of schools through empowering them with SRH information, integration of education and training and implementing a systematic behavior change communication campaign to transform attitudes of target community on wildlife crime and eradicate gender based violence and empower affected families, women and youths to know there is hope and recourse to the violence. The Organisation works in collaboration with local groups, local leaders and other organizations through partnership in order to raise awareness on SGBV issues, improve people's livelihood and improving prevention care and treatment for TB/HIV/AIDS in Kanungu district.

MISSION

- To provide high-quality family centered health care, education, livelihood and protecting the rights of children in Uganda.

VISION

- To have rural communities established on healthy settings and empowered to sustain their livelihoods.

MOTTO: "Restoring hope to the vulnerable"

CORE VALUES: Transparency, Confidentiality, Accountability **and** Team Work

BACKGROUND

Despite improvements of educational attainment in Asian countries, levels of primary enrollment in Sub-Saharan Africa continue to lag behind the rest of the world. Indeed, primary enrollment rates in Africa are claimed to have fallen between 1980 and 1990 (Merhotra & Vandermoortele, 1997) and African governments often devote more attention to secondary and higher levels of education rather than to achieving basic coverage (Schultz, 1999).

It is widely believed that levels of educational attainment and human capital are an important ingredient to overall economic growth. Countries like Uganda with low levels of numeracy and literacy will have difficulty to achieve and sustain high levels of growth. This will make it more difficult to take advantage of the opportunities offered by a globalized economy where liberalization and educational expansion can either, in a virtuous cycle, reinforce each other or lead to a low level equilibrium (Kim & Kim, 2000).

Educating children has long been regarded as an important element of economic improvement in developing countries. Although well-designed school furniture has been shown to contribute to the learning process, school furniture used in these countries often hobbles rather than facilitates education. Moreover, the furniture is of low quality, has rough writing surfaces, falls apart quickly, and does not fit the children, yet it is relatively costly and consumes a disproportionate amount of limited educational budgets.

JUSTIFICATION SUPPORTING ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN (OVC)

In the PEPFAR concept the term OVC is defined as a child 1-17 years old who is either orphaned or, made more vulnerable because of HIV/AIDS. OVC has become a term of global significance that attracts the attention of both national and international governments who care for the future of their nations and the world at large.

It is estimated that there are more than 2 million orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC) in Uganda. These children face multifaceted challenges in their lives including poverty, conflicts, poor health and lack of food, housing, sanitation, and education. While there has been increased funding dedicated to OVC in recent years, policymakers and program implementers have limited information regarding the cost of programs to serve these children.

In KANUNGU, as in many districts of Uganda, the problems of the orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) are numerous. Despite concerted efforts by government and development partners, a large proportion of these children are still out of school. Without a doubt, education is one avenue that will lift this group out of the poverty trap and empower them to be better able to meet their own needs, live a fruitful and productive life, and become contributors to the wealth of their nation.

Kihihi Nyanga and Nyamirama sub counties are neighbouring Queen Elizabeth National Park and they have registered high numbers of clients with HIV/AIDS and high deaths of family heads which occur in the national park while poaching contributing to high numbers of OVC. It's also found out that lack of scholastic materials in terms of school uniforms, bags, and sandals among others have contributed 40% to the causes of school dropout rate among the children and adolescents living with HIV/AIDS in Kanungu district Uganda. All the children agreed that it will be a big relief to have somebody donate all these to them because their caregivers could not afford.

Therefore Queen Elizabeth Medical Foundation Uganda is looking for support and partnership from wishers to assist OVCs continue with education for this year 2024.



the image above the a group photo for the beneficiary together with Twebaze Jedah the founder of QEM

KEY OBJECTIVE FOR THE ACTIVITY

- To promote access to education for orphaned children.
- To empower orphaned children by providing them with the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills through education as Education is a powerful tool for breaking the cycle of poverty and vulnerability.
- To facilitate holistic development orphaned children as education do not only provide academic knowledge but also fosters social, emotional, and cognitive growth.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION

In a heartwarming collaboration, the Queen Elizabeth Medical Foundation (QEMF) Uganda recently received a generous contribution of **125000/=** (One *hundred twenty five thousand Ugandan shillings*) from the Bujubuli HC IV believers Fellowship. This funding was earmarked to support the education of orphaned children in the Kanungu district, a noble cause championed by both organizations.

With the financial assistance provided by the Bujubuli HC IV believers Fellowship, QEMF successfully facilitated the payment of school fees for the five (5) orphaned children in Kanungu studying from Kibimbiri Primary School. The impact of this support was palpable, not only in the lives of the children but also in the hearts of their caregivers and the wider community.

The children, who had faced barriers to accessing education due to financial constraints, were now able to attend school with the burden of fees lifted from their shoulders. Their caregivers, often struggling to make ends meet, were immensely relieved and grateful for this lifeline extended to them and the children under their care.

The partnership between QEMF and the Bujubuli HC IV BELIEVERS Fellowship has not only made a tangible difference in the lives of these vulnerable children but has also fostered a sense of hope and gratitude within the community. As prayers of thanksgiving echo through the villages of Kanungu, there is a shared sentiment of appreciation for the ongoing collaboration between these two organizations, with hopes for its continuous success in bringing positive change to the lives of those in need.

TARGET POPULATION

- The support targeted a total of 5 orphaned children in the selected different villages Kihihi sub county kanungu district Uganda also in the aged group between 0 -19 years mainly who had dropout of school and their parents died of HIV/AIDS. This group was targeted because of being vulnerability

METHODOLOGY

QEMF, in collaboration with local authorities and community leaders, identified orphaned children in Kihihi sub county Kanungu who were in need of educational support. Criteria for selection included orphan health status, financial need, and academic potential. Detailed records were maintained for each beneficiary, documenting their personal information, family background, educational status, and financial circumstances. This ensured transparency and accountability in the distribution of funds.

Upon verification of beneficiaries, funds from the Bujubuli HC IV BEIEVERS Fellowship were disbursed directly to the respective schools to cover the school fees of the identified orphaned children. QEMF liaised with school administrators to ensure timely and accurate payments and the receipts were provided in the names of each beneficiary for proper accountability.



"We are pleased to inform you of a partnership between Queen Elizabeth Medical Foundation Uganda and Bujubuli HC IV BEIEVERS Fellowship. Together, we have committed to supporting 5 orphaned children's education covering school fees for this term one. We believe this initiative will significantly impact the lives of vulnerable children and foster their academic success." Said by MUHUMUZA AMONIZ QMEF representative

ACHIEVEMENTS

- The 5 Orphaned children who would have otherwise been unable to afford school fees gained access to quality education, thereby enhancing their prospects for a better future.
- The initiative empowered vulnerable children to break the cycle of poverty, equipping them with knowledge and skills to pursue their aspirations
- The collaboration between QEMF and Bujubuli HC IV BEIEVERS Fellowship fostered community engagement and solidarity, highlighting the importance of collective efforts in addressing social challenges

DETAILS OF THE BENEFICIARIES

S/N	NAME	CLASS	AMOUNT PAID
1	TWENGYEIGWE ABILITY	PRIMARY 5	25000/=
2	NAHURIRA PRINCE	PRIMARY 6	25000/=
3	AKAMPURIRA FAITH	PRIMARY 5	25000/=
4	KAMUGISHA CLINTON	PRIMARY 7	25000/=
5	ASHABA SECRET	PRIMARY 3	25000/=

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

- It's also found out that lack of scholastic materials in terms of school uniforms, bags, and sandals among others.
- 2 of the beneficiaries presented lack of beddings as most children sleep on *dried banana leaves, spear grass and papyrus mats* on the floor
- In regards to the school fees, there was an increment of the fees structure for the beneficiaries in primary 6 and 7 where the 25000/= paid covered 70% of the total supposed to be paid.

CONCLUSION:

The partnership between Queen Elizabeth Medical Foundation Uganda and Bujubuli HC IV BEIEVERS Fellowship to support orphaned children's education in Kanungu district exemplifies the transformative power of collective action and targeted interventions. Through strategic planning, effective implementation, and unwavering commitment, the initiative has made a tangible difference in the lives of vulnerable children, laying the foundation for a brighter and more hopeful future.

Looking forward to sustaining and expanding the initiative to reach more orphaned children in Kanungu and beyond. Continuous collaboration, fundraising efforts, and community involvement will be key to ensuring the long-term success and impact of the program



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GENERAL RECEIPT

Date:

20th/3/2024

Received with thanks from

BUBULI HEALTH
CENTER IV BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP

The Sum of Shillings/Dollars

One hundred twenty five thousand Shillings

Being payment of

School fees for
vulnerable children (VCS)

Cash/Cheque No:

Name of issuing officer:

Mukunda Amos

SHS./\$

125000

Signature:

With Thanks

For: QUEEN ELIZABETH MEDICAL FOUNDATION

KIBIMBIRI PRIMARY SCHOOL
P.O. BOX KIHIIHI
TEL: 0774002122

RECEIPT DATE 2/4/2024

No. 2117
Received with thanks from Iwangirwa
Ability P5
The sum of shillings Twenty five thousand
(25000)
Sign: Bursar Thank you

KIBIMBIRI PRIMARY SCHOOL
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RECEIPT DATE 22/4/2024

No. 2115
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Prince P9
The sum of shillings Twenty five
thousand (25000)
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2118 RECEIPT DATE 2/4/2024

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Faith P5
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(25000)
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Clinton P7
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thousand (25000)
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KIBIMBIRI PRIMARY SCHOOL
P.O. BOX KIHIIHI
TEL: 0774002122

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Secret P3
The sum of shillings Twenty five
thousand (25000)
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