



Improving livelihoods in rural Uganda

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# About BESO

BESO Foundation is a Ugandan grass-root organization founded in 2010 that works in rural Uganda to provide Children, Women and Youth access to quality education, health services and economic empowerment.



# Background

BESO Foundation was founded in 2008 by Aaron Bukenya. Aaron grew up in Wanteete village, Bugerere County in Kayunga District, Uganda and was the only child in his village sent to the capital to enjoy a quality education. As an adult and a teacher by profession, Aaron observed the vast differences in his quality of life in comparison to his siblings and neighbors.

He started by reaching out to Kampala schools who equally shared his passion and provided half bursary to 350 students from his village, at this point the concept of starting the grass root organization took shape and founded Bugerere Education Support Organisation “BESO Foundation”



# Vision

A community of children, youth and women with improved livelihoods

# Values

- Responsible
- Learning
- Big Dreamers
- Compassionate
- Transparent

# Mission

To improve livelihoods of children, youth and women in rural Uganda through access to quality education, health services and economic empowerment

# What we do

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- **Build** and fully operate model schools in rural Uganda starting with St. Mark School; Make classrooms look better, make them more comfortable and put a lot of technology in them for students.



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- **Educate** children- *the future leaders of Uganda* through scholarships to the brightest but poorest children in rural Uganda from early childhood, primary to Secondary education/tertiary.



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- **Support teachers,** equip and mentor teachers with modern teaching technics and technologies to deliver quality education and skills to unlock a better future for a child.



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- **Organize** families and local women into Village Savings and Loan Associations and support them with training in agriculture, business, micro-financing and health initiatives to improve lives





# Why we do what we do?

- **52%** of Uganda's population is under the age of 15.
- **67.6%** of children who enroll in primary school drop out before reaching grade seven.
- **25%** of Ugandan women are not paid for the work they perform.
- **84%** of Ugandan teachers want to quit.
- **250 million** children worldwide graduating from Primary school without the ability to read, write or count well

# Outcomes of what we do?

- Better student learning outcomes.
- Improved teaching practices.
- Increased comfortable learning environment
- Increased completion rate.
- Increased household income and standard of living.

# Theory of change!

Our Theory of Change is that better school infrastructure equipped with technology, improved teacher teaching practices, increased household income leads to quality education, which in turn, results in the future leaders of tomorrow and able to make significant contribution to the development of society.

# The St.Mark School story!

In 2010, a child called Mark Mubiru of 6 years was knocked to death by a local taxi motorcycle while taking a long walk of 5 miles to the nearest school from this community, Wanteete. At that school, 100+ students are crammed into one room. Driven by this injustice, Aaron- BESO founder joined with 80 mothers from his village and successfully received a microgrant of \$1,600 from Spark Microgrants to start the first school in his community. They enlisted him, a son of the village, as a good example because he was fortunate to get a good education and start a grassroots organization, BESO Foundation. Together with the mothers, BESO worked to start a school for Mark and other children like him. The school opened in 2011 with 100 students, 2 teachers, with temporary shelter with only a roof as classrooms and on quarter piece of land.

# Our Impact

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Improved livelihoods, ambitions and smiles cannot be quantified, but we have done our best to break our community impact down into numbers.

## **COMMUNITY REACH**

- 10 Communities in Kayunga District are served

## **EMPLOYMENT**

- 34 full time staffs employed, all Ugandans. And 20 casual laborers employed from the community at the school.

# Our Impact

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## EDUCATION INITIATIVE

- A Nursery and Primary Model school in Wanteete Village established. It sits on 5 acres of land
- 514 brightest but poor children attend BESO's [St. Mark Primary School](#) on full scholarships
- 840 total children have received access to education through BESO directly
- 1,760 children have received quality education through BESO's Teacher Mentorship Initiative in Kayunga District in partnership with STiR Education.

# Our Impact

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## LIVELIHOODS INITIATIVE

- 500+ acres cultivated, 100 tons of food produced.
- 2,400+ family members reached
- 6 Village Savings and Loan association groups have been formed.
  - 100 households "Women" participate in each.
- 50 pregnant mothers enabled to deliver with the support of a qualified a health worker

# Our DNA

## Board

1. Salim Sekajja
2. Kagwa Baker
3. Francis Tucungwirwe
4. Kabaale Abdallah
5. Bukenya Aaron
6. Kasozi Samuel

## Executive Staff

1. Aaron Bukenya – Executive Director
2. Linus Tushabe – Operations manager
3. Esther Nakityo – Finance and Admin
4. Patricia Igelit – Livelihoods programs officer
5. Julian Nassuuna – M&E and office admin
6. Hillary Kirangwa – Volunteers and visitors manager



# Our Partners



Issroff Family Foundation



**The School of St Jude**  
FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION



**Cubit Family Foundation**



# How to get involved?

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- Volunteer with us
- Make a general Donation  
\$10 can buy 3 text books
- Sponsor a child at \$300 annually
- \$2500 can furnish a classroom and construction
- Spread the word about us!



**Your support will help us color our world in four ways.....**

## 1. EDUCATION RESOURCES

Help our students to think critically, be curious, be creative and have a thirst for knowledge so that they may eventually become leaders in their community



## 2. MAINTAIN OUR SCHOOL

Keep our model school running well into the future. We need help to add more classrooms, fix plumbing, fix drainage systems, fix our furnishings, paint classrooms, and renovate walls.



### 3. FOOD & NUTRITION

You can invest in the brains of our students by providing meals. Anemia, high blood pressure and diet related illness are endemic in Uganda, Please help us provide our students with a nutritious, balanced diet and encourage good eating habits for long and health life so we are able to educate the future leaders of Uganda.



### 4. UNIFORM, HEALTH & WELFARE.

Help us provide lifesaving programs and ensure our students are physically and mentally able to take full advantage of their free education. Your gift will allow us to keep a close eye on children at risk, providing annual medical checks, emergency care for the students and full school uniform.



# Contact us

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Kanyanya opp. GAZ petrol station  
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