

Story telling worksheet

Tell Our Story

Project Title: **Improving access to education through the provision of a bicycle and solar light**

Summary: What will this project do?

The project aims to provide solar lights and bicycles to upper primary and secondary vulnerable school girls between 12 and 16 years of age, who lack safe and permanent lighting, as the single kerosene lamp or candle used by the family cannot provide the desired and safe lighting, and navigate a daily struggle, travelling over 7 kilometers enduring long commutes to get to school in Kadungulu Sub County in Serere District. We hope to do this by procuring and distributing 30 bicycles and 30 solar lamps to enable girls to reach school on time, improve school attendance and performance, while reducing dropouts due to early pregnancies, and provision of more reading hours for adolescent school girls, and creating more opportunities for improved health and savings from frequent purchase of kerosene.

Funding Amount/Goal: How much money do you hope to raise (in USD)?

\$5,000

Challenge	Solution	Long-Term Impact
<p>What is the problem or need?</p> <p>Movement to and from school is a challenge for many students in Uganda. Many students walk distances of up to 10 km to get to school on a daily basis causing them to be late and tired. Some begin walking to school as early as 5am in the morning, leading to poor performance, absenteeism and high dropout rates.</p> <p>One of the most common causes of school dropout among upper primary and secondary school students, especially girls in rural areas of the Serere district is the lack of safe and permanent</p>	<p>How will this project solve the problem?</p> <p>The project gives this opportunity to girls by providing a bicycle and a solar light fulfilling their dreams of going to school. Providing a bicycle and a solar light to a girl makes it possible to save travel time, promote the use of clean energy, and focus on her studies. The journey to school becomes safer and easier than before. This is aimed at reducing protection risks faced by mainly female learners caused by long distance to and from school and lack of appropriate lighting system to do homework and revise their books by promoting access to clean energy lighting solutions among 30 vulnerable schoolgirls who use 'Tadoba'-locally made Kerosene lamps</p>	<p>How will this make a lasting impact in your community?</p> <p>This project is expected to contribute to the improvement of the lives and social integration of 30 girls between 12 and 16 years of age, in vulnerable situations, by facilitating the continuation and completion of their primary and secondary school studies.</p>

<p>lighting, as the single kerosene lamp or candle used by the family cannot provide the desired and safe lighting and the long distances between their homes and the schools they attend, which can be from 7 to 10 Kilometers.</p> <p>The main difficulties in coping with the lack of safe and permanent lighting and length of the journey are the lack of economic resources for the families, the absence of public transport, lack of facilities to facilitate reading at household level and the danger on rural roads, where, above all, girls can be victims of sexual abuse or assault.</p> <p>All these factors push parents to force their daughters to drop out of school, sometimes out of fear that something bad will happen to them, because they prefer that they start working to contribute to the family economy.</p>	<p>for lighting to reduce household dependence on Kerosene which in turn reduces carbon dioxide emission by promoting the use of solar lanterns, thus empowering communities to use reliable, clean and sustainable energy source. The distribution of bicycles and solar lights will enable learners to reach school on time, improve school attendance and performance, while reducing dropouts due to early pregnancies.</p>	
<p>Donation Options: How can you illustrate the impact of a person's donation? For the purpose of this exercise, we recommend outlining three donation options under \$100.</p>		
<p>Amount</p>	<p>Description</p>	

\$30	Will facilitate monthly project monitoring to assess the outcomes, experiences, successes and challenges of the project and identify mechanisms for sustainability
\$50	Will provide one solar lantern to one upper primary and secondary vulnerable adolescent school girl between 12 and 16 years of age, who navigates a daily struggle, travelling over 7 kilometers enduring long commutes to get to school.
\$100	Will provide one bicycle to one upper primary and secondary vulnerable adolescent school between 12 and 16 years of age, who lack safe and permanent lighting, as the single kerosene lamp or candle used by the family cannot provide the desired and safe lighting to enable them to extend their reading time at home.

Photo Gallery

Choose four images that show the impact of your work and draft clear captions. Choose **high-resolution** photos that are positive and empowering and show the community you serve with **respect and dignity**. Before sharing a photo, ask yourself this question: Would I want to be portrayed this way? Does this image instill hope? Upload photos to worksheet however makes the most sense-photos don't have to fit perfectly in box!

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Children walking to school in rural Uganda

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Girls resting after walking to school

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Students riding bicycle to get to school

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School girls getting back home from school in rural Uganda