



A Lifeline to Vulnerable Youth and their Communities

Southwestern Uganda faces a severe shortage of trained nurses. The region is also home to large numbers of vulnerable youth, many of them HIV/AIDS orphans or refugees from Uganda's long-running civil war. The Mayanja Memorial Scholarship Fund tackles these two critical issues by training youth to work as nurses in the region's fast-growing health care sector.

Mayanja Memorial Medical Training Institute

MMMTI is a medical training institute located in Mbarara, Uganda. The institute was launched in 2008 to address the shortage of health care professionals and to offer marketable skills and job opportunities for youth. The institute is a subsidiary of the Mayanja Memorial Hospital, a multi-specialty health facility with state-of-the-art technologies, laboratories and teaching staff. It is also affiliated with the Mayanja Memorial Foundation, which offers outreach health services for hard to reach communities.





[Nursing Education](#)

MMMTI offers two and three year nursing certification programs that attract students from the ten rural districts that surround the region's capital, Mbarara. The institute currently enrolls 290 students between 17 and 24 years of age. Graduates have promising employment opportunities in both the public and private health sectors or may choose to start their own practice. While the demand for nurse training is very high, one key barrier for students is their lack of resources to pay term fees. Most parents and guardians cover the cost of tuition using their savings, business income or loans; however, vulnerable youth do not have this type of support.

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[Scholarship Fund for Orphans and Vulnerable Youth](#)

MMMTI has launched a scholarship fund to give orphans and vulnerable youth the opportunity to advance their education in the medical sector, build careers as health professionals and secure their future livelihoods. Many of the scholarship recipients, who have often lost their parents to HIV/AIDS or are internally displaced because of the war, are the primary breadwinners for their extended families.

The fund will cover up to 100 percent of the tuition and living expenses for youth who are identified by their community as orphans or as being especially vulnerable. This is estimated to cost \$3750 for the two and a half year certificate program.

MMMTI is seeking contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations to give aspiring health workers the chance to begin a new career and promote healthcare in their communities. Your support will help to educate a particular student or group of students. We are listed on Global Giving and can accept tax-deductible donations! Please view our profile at **www.globalgiving.org**.