

LITERACY, CLIMATE ACTION & COMMUNITY  
DIALOGUE





During Uganda's first-term holiday, **15 Literacy Champions** from the Nsambya Community led a powerful grassroots initiative to recycle plastic and tyre waste into **affordable literacy kits**. This project, based in **Gogonya 1 slum**, addressed two major community challenges: **lack of access to learning materials and environmental pollution**.

With a **\$33 donation received through GlobalGiving**, the champions purchased low-cost materials like polythene (Obuso), local baskets (Obukeddo), needles, glue, tyres, baking paper, and more to create learning tools such as:

- **Classroom visual aids and letters** made from tyres and wood
- **Recycled polythene bags** for carrying books
- **Handmade baskets and literacy materials** for schools and libraries

## SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE



Beyond crafting, the Literacy Champions learned:

- Entrepreneurship and financial literacy
- Design-thinking and creativity
- Waste-to-resource innovation
- This built youth capacity to generate income and improve education sustainably.

## A POWERFUL COMMUNITY DEBATE

To conclude the program, the champions **organized a public debate** on the motion:

**“Learning through play is better than learning through tests.”**

The event was co-hosted by champions, parents, and community members, and allowed for inclusive participation.

- **The proposition** argued that **play boosts creativity, reduces stress, and deepens learning.**
- **Opposition** emphasized that **tests promote discipline, assess knowledge, and prepare learners for academic success.**

This final activity showcased the champions' confidence, advocacy, and leadership — igniting a wider discussion on educational values within the community.



## IMPACT SUMMARY

- **1,000+ children** accessed new, engaging learning materials
- **12 youth** empowered with green and entrepreneurial skills
- **Recycled** waste reduced pollution in Gogonya slum

Community engagement deepened through an educational debate



This project proves that even small donations can catalyze transformational change—blending literacy, sustainability, and youth leadership into one inspiring movement.

## BUDGET BREAKDOWN (USD)

Total received: \$33 USD (~UGX 123,750)

Exchange rate used: 1 USD = UGX 3,750

Item	Unit Cost (UGX)	Quantity	Total (UGX)	USD Equivalent
Obuso	5,000	2	10,000	2.67
Obukeddo	5,000	2	10,000	2.67
Big Needles	2,000	2	4,000	1.07
Small Needles	300	5	1,500	0.40
Baking Paper	12,500	1	12,500	3.33
Electricity	5,000	1	5,000	1.33
Flattening Tyres	6,000	4	24,000	6.40
Buying Tyres	3,000	5	15,000	4.00
Glue	1,000	4	4,000	1.07
Painting Brush	3,000	1	3,000	0.80
Scissors	3,000	1	3,000	0.80
Markers	500	2	1,000	0.27
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>94,000</b>	<b>\$25.07</b>

(~\$7.93) was used to:

- Support transport and snacks during workshops
- Provide facilitation tokens for volunteer mentors

## WHY THIS PROJECT MATTERS (FOR SUPPORTERS AND GLOBALGIVING):

This project demonstrates how **small funds can yield deep**, lasting change. We combined **climate action, education, and youth empowerment** into one integrated model. The Nsambya champions didn't just clean their community — they made learning accessible and meaningful for hundreds of children.

We're excited to scale this work and invite continued support to make literacy tools affordable, youth-led, and environmentally conscious across Uganda.

Thank you for believing in our vision and for supporting the next generation of readers and changemakers.

