

Equal Chance: Books and Digital Skills for Jinja's Youth, an opportunity to break the poverty cycle in the region.

Summary:

This project will establish a book nook/ revision space and ICT training corner at the Students Support and Philanthropy Program (SSPP) Eastern Regional Office and Multipurpose Center in Jinja, Uganda. The space will provide rural students with access to curriculum-based books, exam preparation support, and hands-on computer training. By bridging the resource gap, students and youth will be better prepared to compete with peers from well-established schools in national exams, while also gaining vital digital skills for future opportunities.

Challenge:

In rural Jinja, particularly sub counties along the Ambarcoat-Mbulamuti road, many schools lack libraries, up-to-date curriculum-focused books, and computers for student learning. As a result, students often perform poorly in national exams compared to peers in urban and well-resourced schools. This leaves a low qualification rate to higher levels of studying leading to high dropout rates among others. Without access to books, mentorship, and ICT skills, rural youth struggle to compete academically and professionally. This widens the education inequality gap, limits career options, and leaves many young people unprepared for a digital-driven world.

Solution:

The SSPP with support from you wishes to operationalize the SSPP book Nook and ICT Corner at the Students Support and Philanthropy Program Eastern Regional Office and Multipurpose Center which will among others Ensure that students during their weekends and holidays can access revision material and an adequate supportive environment to revise, practice, read and train for better academic needs. Having it in a central place will among others increase networking amongst schools and access to other SSPP service offerings like SRH and WASH education and Livelihoods.

The SSPP Book Nook and ICT Corner will provide:

- A library with relevant textbooks, revision guides, and resource materials, with at least 2 books of a kind for all the 4 subjects in primary 6 and 7 (16 books), 20 subjects in Olevel (40 books) and Alevel 10 Subjects (20 books) totaling to 76 curriculum based books as a need in the first year and 24 books for inspirational and overall literature. A total of 100 books will be needed.
- A safe and supportive environment for student discussion groups and guided study sessions.
- Volunteer teachers and exam facilitators to help students understand core subjects and exam strategies.
- Computer literacy and research training for students and youth, enabling them to use technology for learning and career development.

Long-Term Impact:

The project will directly benefit over 300 students annually and indirectly inspire thousands of rural learners in Jinja District over time. With access to books, mentorship, and computer skills,

students will achieve higher scores in national exams, unlocking opportunities for further education and scholarships. Beyond exams, ICT skills will prepare youth for the modern job market, entrepreneurship, and leadership roles in their communities. By investing in this initiative, donors will help close the education gap and create a generation of empowered, competitive, and future-ready young Ugandans.

Additional Information:

The SSPP Eastern Regional Office already serves as a multipurpose center for education and community development. The Book Nook and ICT Corner will enhance this work by creating a dedicated space for structured learning, revision, and skills training. Donor contributions will fund textbooks, furniture, computers, internet access, and stipends for volunteer facilitators. With your support, we can turn this vision into reality and transform the future of rural students in Jinja.



A picture impression generated by AI to depict the intended plan and emphasize access to ICT by the low resource communities. Below the Ugandan flag are photos of the SSPP efforts in ICT community trainings, education and capacity building



Budget Breakdown (Estimated in USD)

Item	Unit	Unit Cost USD	Total Cost (USD)	Narration
Book Nook and Library setup				
Curriculum textbooks & revision guides	100	20	2,000	Support to the procurement of curriculum and non-curriculum books
Bookshelves and Storage units	1	1,000	1,000	A bookshelf to accommodate the 100+ books
Study tables	10	100	1,000	10 tables that can accommodate 4 students on each table at a time. And 40 students at any one given time.
Lighting, Library Fittings and labelling	1	800	800	This covers the setup of the library including the branding of the rules and regulations of the Nook
Subtotal			4,800	
ICT Corner and trainings				
Laptops	10	450	4,500	Good and strong laptops for training practical.
basic software licenses and antivirus	1	500	500	Maintenance and security.
Subtotal			5,000	
Trainings and facilitation				
Exam facilitators	6	50	300	Twice every month for 3 months
ICT trainers	6	50	300	Twice every month for 3 months
Training materials and printing	6	100	600	
Subtotal			1,200	
TOTAL			11,000	

Every dollar counts.

- \$10 provides a student with a semester of computer training and exam facilitation.
- \$20 buys one curriculum textbook.
- \$100 Buys a study table to accommodate at least 4 students at a time.
- \$450 Buys a laptop that can train 14 students a week.
- \$600 Buys training material and printing for entire quarter.

