

KIGEZI ORPHANS PROJECT

“Bringing shelter, education, and love to those who had been deprived of it”



Join our Mission & Support our deserving community

- The Problem

In Uganda, overpopulation and agricultural challenges have led to economic crisis. Vulnerable children have been pushed into labor-intensive activities instead of attending school. AIDS has left many children without family or support.



There is an urgency to implement a long-term plan to improve education standards and help children to build up a future and break through the poverty cycle.



- About Us

The Kigezi Orphans Project was founded in 2012 by Kigezi natives Katushabe Egidius and Julius Mubangizi Katemba, who are united by a belief in serving their community. Julius and Egidius developed KOP to serve Kigezi and beyond, hoping to make a difference and inspire others to join their cause. Their integrity and cooperative spirit attracted long term supporters including Dr. William Mbabazi of the World Health Organization (WHO), Warren Ankwasa, Founder of Kikooko Safaris, and others around the world.

Our core values are: Integrity, Transparency, and Trust.



- Our Mission

We work to promote the education and health of orphans and other vulnerable children in Kigezi, Uganda. Through businesses such as poultry and cattle rising, bee keeping, and other small businesses we hope to promote the financial sustainability of the project and develop the marketable skills of our children.



"If you want to walk far, walk together."
- Julius and Egidius / Founder of the Kigezi Orphans Project



- Our Vision

Our dream is the wellbeing of all orphans and vulnerable children. Through equipping them with marketable skills, we hope to prepare them for an independent and successful future.

KOP envisions establishing additional Community Schools across the region and collaborating with existing institutions to increase the quality and effectiveness of our mission.



- Our Main Goals

- Educational Empowerment > Ensure a quality education for the orphans as well as provide scholarships, school supplies, and vocational training so children can be successful.
- Health and Well-Being > Provide healthcare services, including regular check-ups, vaccinations, and access to medical facilities for the orphans in our community.
- Shelter and Infrastructure > Improve our students living conditions by constructing or renovating homes and ensuring safe and adequate shelter for orphaned children.
- Training Programs and Workshops > to equip orphans with essential life skills, vocational skills, and entrepreneurial abilities to enhance their future prospects.

Improved education serves as the catalyst that extends far beyond the classroom, shaping a future where our community not only survives but thrives.



- Our Main Goals

- Sustainability: Develop long-term sustainability plans, including community involvement, local capacity building, and the establishment of mechanisms to ensure the project's lasting impact on the lives of orphans.
- Partnerships and Networking : Collaborate with local and international organizations, NGOs, and government agencies to leverage resources, expertise, and support for the Kigezi Orphans Project.
- Monitoring and Evaluation : Implement a robust monitoring and evaluation system to track the progress of the project, assess its impact, and make necessary adjustments for continual improvement.

By focusing on education, skills development, and community health, we aim to create a resilient, empowered, and self-sufficient community.



- Project Activities

- Quality Education > Implement a curriculum that meets national standards and addresses the specific needs of the community.
- Infrastructure Development > Improve school facilities, including building classrooms, libraries, and computer labs.
- Scholarship Programs > Implement scholarship programs to ensure that economically disadvantaged children have access to higher education.
- Extracurricular Activities: Develop sports and students talents, including arts and cultural activities to provide a well-rounded education experience.



Sports, arts, and cultural activities help develop well-rounded, educated individuals.



- Our Students

We currently have 320 primary students and orphans from the Kigezi sub-region. 148 of our pupils rely on KOP for shelter. Here at KOP we are proud of their dedication and good manners despite the challenges they have faced.

“The capital of a humble man is trust.” Julius and Egidius



- Our Team

Our dedicated team consists of twenty-five educators and support staff. They work hard to ensure the smooth operation of the project. Additionally, Julius and Egidius work as non-resident directors and oversee the comprehensive management of the Kigezi Orphans Project.

It's crucial that our team maintains a strong connection with the local community and adapt their activities to the specific needs and cultural context of the Kigezi region.





- Social Benefits

Prioritizing education, health, sports, the psycho-social well-being, and the skills of our children supports the economic future of our students and the Kigezi region as a whole.

As these individuals experience advancements in their economic well-being, they become catalysts for positive change within their families and villages.



-Environmental Awareness

Our students participate in reforestation initiatives by planting native trees to help protect and restore the natural ecosystem in the Kigezi highlands region. KOP works to promote sustainable land management practices that can enhance soil fertility and reduce environmental degradation. We also promote the use of renewable energy and incorporate eco-friendly technologies in our projects to foster a sustainable approach to development in the region. We currently have a solar panel system at the Kigezi Community School.

Educating the community about ways to protect the environment helps limit the danger of landslides and ensure the long-term economic health of the region.



Essential Expenses

Operating Expenses	Yearly Estimated Expenditure
Food	18,879
Electricity / water	352
School supplies	1,595
Rent	1,962
Staff salaries	18,762
Repairs	2,110
Equipment	516
Transport	652
Firewood	1,289
Staff Welfare	1,595
Telecommunications	285
Gas/Fuel	773
Cleaning supplies	516
Special functions/ceremonies	1,572
Sports equipment	352
Total Expenditure	50,694

LONG TERM GOALS

FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS	ESTIMATED COST IN EUROS
Girls & Boys hostels	146,243
Dining Hall	44,178
Administration Block	78,921
Computer Hub	68,216
Library	70,838
120 Computers & Internet installation	87,915
Books (Text Books)	11,688
Health Facility	241,939
School Bus	175,090
Land for Agriculture and Livestock	70,117
Playground and Football field	180,749
Vocational Center	432,865
School Band	18,230
Staff Quarters	73,992
Furniture	20,397
Total	1,714,836

Phase 1 (2024-2027)

Upgrade and increase our Hostel and dining facilities

- Dining hall
- Girls & Boys hostels
- Furniture
- Staff Quarters
- Administration Block

Investment: 363,731 Euros

Capacity: 750 children

Phase 2 (2027-2030)

Upgrade and increase our educational sports, & health facilities

- Computer Lab
- Computers
- Library
- Textbooks
- Health facility
- Sports Ground

Total, 492,284 Euros

Capacity: 5.000 children

Phase 3 (2030-2033)

Upgrade our educational, climate initiatives

- School Bus
- Vocational center
- School Band
- Land for Agriculture

Total 858,821 Euros

Capacity: 5.000+

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How can you contribute?



Become a Volunteer

Join us in beautiful Kigezi, Uganda or volunteer remotely. Any contributions to our goals in education, construction, healthcare, or management are welcome.



Donate

Support us financially or sponsor an individual child. We will keep you informed of your student's progress.

Do you want to make a donation or become a volunteer? Go to our website or contact us directly.



Join us on our mission & become a donor

Any contribution you can make will resonate across our students lives, the Kigezi Sub-region, and all of Uganda.

Any donations, equipment, or other assets are welcome and will help us make a real, lasting difference in our students' lives.

Warm regards,

Julius & Egidius

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