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A black and white photograph of a young child with short hair, wearing a denim shirt, looking intently at a chalkboard. The chalkboard has some handwritten text, including the word 'City' and 'Here'. A dark blue rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing white text.

**A LOW-COST HIGH-QUALITY
CHAIN OF PRIVATE
SCHOOLS FOR
UNDERPRIVILEGED
CHILDREN**



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East Africa

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Project Cost: €125.000



MISSION

To provide high quality and low cost education for pupils in Uganda in order to empower them to lead socially responsible and economically productive lives..

PROJECT ABSTRACT

Kirabo Academies is seeking a grant and donations to construct a three-classroom kindergarten and seven-classroom primary school for over 500 underprivileged children hailing from the poorest families in the communities that cannot afford to pay for quality education in other schools. The objective is to provide low cost quality education that will equip underprivileged children for the future. Funding to the amount of €125.000 is requested for the





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Currently, there are approximately 2.7 Billion people in World living on less than €2 a day. In their communities, there is a huge gap between the education offered and the needs of the population. Too often the schools available to them fail to deliver the same quality of education availed to their more privileged age mates elsewhere. Teachers are absent from class as much as 50% of the time, teaching only 2 hours and 30 minutes a day. 65% of these teachers can't pass exams based on the curriculum they teach. Not surprisingly, many of the children who manage to complete primary school can't even read at the second grade level.

To make matters worse, these schools can be expensive. Even "free" government schools can cost anywhere between €12 and €20 per month after all of the additional fees (some sanctioned, some not) are added up. 60% of families end up choosing private schools instead, but then fear for the stability and sustainability of their choice as many schools close after only a few years of service due to poor management. Ugandan families are constantly searching for a better academic alternative.

By developing a scalable solution, Kirabo Academis will be able to break this cycle. Our academis will leverage on world-class pedagogy and school management and will be able to sustain themselves on fees that are lower than 70% of the other low-cost private schools in our communities. At an average cost of just €10 a month, 90% of families in our communities will be able afford to send all of their children - both boys and girls - to our academis, plus we have a sponsorship programme to provide additional support to high achievers and Orphans..



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Kirabo Academies is a chain of low-cost private schools that will be serving poor communities in Uganda especially slums near urban centers. Girls will make up 60 percent of enrollment and all pupils will be from the bottom of the economic pyramid. A partner hardship fund will extend access to orphans. Its first school will be opened in July 2022 and by 2030 it aims to serve 100.000 pupils and demonstrate a workable, scalable, sustainable and replicable model of how to extend access to high-quality, low-cost education for low-income families across Africa. The inspiration for Kirabo Academies is research showing burgeoning low cost private school markets around the world, affordable to parents on minimum wages. After controlling for socio-economic background, pupils have proven to have higher achievement levels in low-cost private schools than in public schools. The realization is that quality in low-cost private schools can be further improved, and access extended, through the creation of a chain of schools, where economies of scale and the ability to share information will enable dramatic quality improvements to be made while still keeping fees as low as, or lower than, existing low-cost private schools. An innovative “pay-as-you-learn” weekly all-inclusive fee model fits in with poor parents’ daily or weekly cash flow, enabling many who otherwise feel they cannot afford private education, even though they desired it, to avoid the need to save sufficient funds for termly fees. The cost of sending a child to Kirabo Academies will be hardly more than sending a child to a government school, where all extras have to be provided. This innovation, coupled with the improvements made through lesson plans, pupil workbooks, computing applications and dedicated teacher/management training, will make Kirabo Academies popular with parents. Demonstrated by the fact that a new school is typically full within 10 days of opening. Each school will thus be self-sufficient almost from day one.



HOW TO SUPPORT KIRABO ACADEMIES

There are at least 3 ways you may support the Kirabo Academies:

1

You may want to give a direct scholarship to the poorest children that will be enrolled in our school. It will cost about €150 a year to educate a child (this amount includes tuition, meals, school uniforms, books, assessment, health insurance, etc.)

Our families will be making sacrifices to pay weekly installments (of about €4) over the course of the 270 school days. Your donation would lessen the financial burden on these poor families. Your donation goes into a scholarship fund which we use to purchase the academy weekly pass and shared to the poorest children in our schools based on their need level: a third (€50), half (€75), or in the case of orphans they get 100% (€150) scholarship

2

You may want to donate towards specific aspects of our work, e.g. you can choose for your donation to support reading in our school. We will have a library so the children can borrow a book and take home to read. Kirabo Academy will be able to sustainably bear the cost of maintaining the library and Librarian. However, we are seeking for donations to acquire many books. We hope to spark the reading appetite of over 100,000 plus children when we roll out to many more new locations and we need help to achieve that.

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