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EMPOWERING THROUGH EDUCATION OUR JOURNEY SO FAR AND THE PATH AHEAD

About Kigezi Education Fund

The Kigezi Education Fund (KEF) was initiated in 2004 as the International Community of Banyakigezi's (ICOB) beacon project. Primarily sustained by funds amassed during our annual conventions in Canada, the UK, and the USA, our core aim has been to champion technical and vocational education. This is rooted in our vision to cultivate skills that would make Kigezi attractive to investors and empower the local youth, especially those who couldn't complete their primary and secondary education.

Introduction

Two decades ago, we envisioned a future where ICT literacy would be the cornerstone of education in Kigezi. Today, as Uganda integrates ICT into its secondary school curriculum, it's imperative that we redouble our efforts. We urge our esteemed donors and well-wishers to continue supporting our initiatives, for each contribution brings Kigezi a step closer to a brighter, more empowered future.

OUR PROGRESS TO DATE

Until June 30, 2023, we've proudly supported five transformative projects across Kigezi, spanning Kabale, Kanungu, Kisoro, and Rukungiri districts. Here's a brief overview:



1 Rukungiri Technical Institute, Kyamakanda, Rukungiri District

- Launched our first Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Center in 2008.
- Our **US\$20,000** funding facilitated the establishment of a robust local area network.
- Collaboration with the Uganda Government brought ICT teachers onboard.
- Secured an impressive **US\$4 million** funding from the African Development Bank for extensive upgrades.



2 Nyakatare Technical Institute, Kanungu

- In 2009, we embarked on an Electrical Installation Program.
- **KEF's funding of US\$25,000** facilitated a workshop and procured vital equipment.
- This initiative attracted **US\$5million** from partners like the African Development Bank and South Korea.



3 Muhabura Vocational Training Centre (MVTC), Seseme, Gisoro, Kisoro District

- Our 2012 endeavor saw **US\$7,000** allocated to jumpstart the ICT Center at MVTC.
- Collaborative efforts led to the acquisition of essential hardware and furniture.



4 Uganda Martyrs Polytechnical Institute, Nyarushanje, Rukungiri District

- By 2013, KEF contributed **US\$30,000** towards another ICT center.
- Collaborative efforts with Kabale Catholic Diocese saw the Institute become a focal educational point not just for Kigezi, but for students from Rwanda, Congo, and broader Uganda.



5 Kizinga Technical School, Kizinga, Kabale District

- Our most recent project in 2017 saw the establishment of an ICT Center with **KEF's funding of US\$26,000**.
- Saw the learner population jump from 100 students in 2016 to 450 students in 2023.
- 50 Computers.



Festo Karwemera Archive at Kabale University

Festo Karwemera devoted himself to advancing the Banyakigezi culture through his writing which captured the rich history and norms of the Kigezi region. ICOB has pledged **US\$11,000** towards establishing the Karwemera Archive. The University of Michigan has graciously offered to provide backup digital archiving.



ICT Centre at Kihanga Senior Secondary School, Mparo, Rukiga District

ICOB will be funding an advanced ICT Center here, pledging **75%** of the total cost, capping at **US\$ 30,000**. We're collaborating with the Kihanga Alumni Association and community partners for this venture.



PROPOSED INITIATIVES

ICOB will continue to scout for the next ICT center in other districts of Kigezi that may or may not already have an ICT center. To this end, ICOB will need the support and collaboration of partner organizations that believe in corporate social responsibility.

The next two districts for an ICOB funded center are Kisoro and Rubanda district.

Impact Assessment

Our projects have consistently yielded encouraging results:

- ★ Enhanced ICT literacy among students, which has in turn ensured over **95%** of them find immediate employment or successfully venture into self-employment.
- ★ Broad community outreach, with our centers acting as hubs for local residents to acquire ICT skills.
- ★ Increased enrollment numbers in institutions like the Kizinga Technical School.
- ★ Securing significant third-party funding for our projects, amplifying our reach and impact.

THE DONOR IMPACT STATEMENT



Every contribution to the Kigezi Education Fund represents more than just a monetary donation. It symbolizes faith in a brighter future for the Kigezi region.

As a donor:



You Influence Change

Your support directly empowers the youth of Kigezi, equipping them with modern-day skills and tools that are pivotal for success in today's digital world.



You Foster Sustainable Development

With each investment, we not only educate but also improve community infrastructure, making Kigezi a magnet for investors and businesses.



You Gain Recognition

All our donors are acknowledged in our programs, publications, and on our digital platforms, showcasing your commitment to quality education and community upliftment.



You Build Partnerships

ICOB ensures that you are kept abreast of all developments, inviting you to witness firsthand the changes your contributions are making on the ground.

Joining hands with ICOB means being a part of a transformative journey, where every dollar creates ripple effects of positive change across Kigezi in particular and Uganda as a whole.

ICOB 2024 UK CONVENTION

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THEME Consolidating our gains, building towards a sustainable future

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