



# KIWIMBI

## ANNUAL REPORT 2018

# Providing Opportunity through Education

Kiwimbi focuses on communities with weak educational infrastructure. Our goals of improved educational achievement, vocational readiness, and enhanced cultural awareness are addressed by programs provided through our Community Center and Library.

## VISION

We see a world where all people are empowered through education to enrich their lives and reach their fullest potential.

## OUR MISSION

We partner with underserved communities world wide to create educational opportunities through locally run learning centers.

*"Educating all of our children must be one of our most urgent priorities. We all know that education, more than anything else, improves your chances of building better lives." - Nelson Mandela*





# ASANTE SANA

**Thanks to you,** in 2018 we have continued to break down the barriers that stand between people and access to education.

We believe that education is a smart investment - the best investment the world can make to decrease poverty, reduce hunger and disease, enable women, and create profound and meaningful change for the good.

With your support, we will continue to provide  
*Opportunity through Education,*  
changing the world one life at a time!

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## OUR PROGRAMS



Our programs are centered in Busia County, a rural area in Western Kenya, where we:

- Support underserved schools so that primary school students can pass national examinations and progress to secondary school and eventually college or university;
- Provide critical academic support in the foundational subjects of English and Mathematics;
- Provide nutritious lunch to Grade 8 students preparing for their first national examination;
- Provide access to reading curriculum and exam preparation books;
- Provide vocational training to young adults; and
- Provide agricultural training to farmers, demonstrating how they can grow crops more efficiently and counter deforestation.



## OUR IMPACT IN 2018

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we reached several exciting milestones in 2018 including:

- ✦ Purchased land where we plan to build a new and larger Community Learning Center that will enable us to better focus and expand our program offerings – serving our community more efficiently;
- ✦ Introduced dance as a key component of physical education, recently mandated under the national education curriculum; and
- ✦ Harnessed the power of technology by bringing Google Africa's computer coding training closer to the local community.

Overall, our programs continue to enjoy immense success. Thank you for making 2018 a pivotal year for Kiwimbi - we couldn't have done it without you!



*Thanks to  
Kiwimbi's  
supporters,  
Leticia has forged  
her own path to  
success and is  
able to provide  
for her family.*

Exam results on the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) were lower in Busia County (where Kiwimbi operates) than results in any other county in 2018. This means that most children who sat for this crucial national exam will drop out of school. While Kiwimbi works hard to improve the exam pass rate, we also believe that failing an exam should not be the end of education.

### **Meet Leticia..**

Leticia got married at 15 and became a mother of 4 in short order. Her family barely eked out a living on a tiny farm and so Leticia enrolled in our tailoring program in 2017. Her newly-acquired tailoring skills enabled her to earn enough money to buy a sewing machine. She has since opened a workshop near a local school, where demand for school uniforms provides a steady source of income. In the meantime, having forgotten how to read and write, she signed up for English lessons and passed a Grade 3 examination. Her improved literacy skills help her manage the tailoring business. Leticia's goal is to expand the workshop to accommodate other Kiwimbi beneficiaries so that they too can earn a decent living.

# OUR IMPACT IN 2018



**101**

Students learning computer coding during Africa Code Week.

**200**

Number of Grade 8 Students benefitting from Food for Thought Lunch program

**54**

Friends of Kiwimbi, Grade 8 students at 3 schools benefitting from enhanced support

**53**

Schools accessing Kiwimbi's Library

**3**

Satellite Libraries lending Kiwimbi books

**24**

Teachers working for Kiwimbi

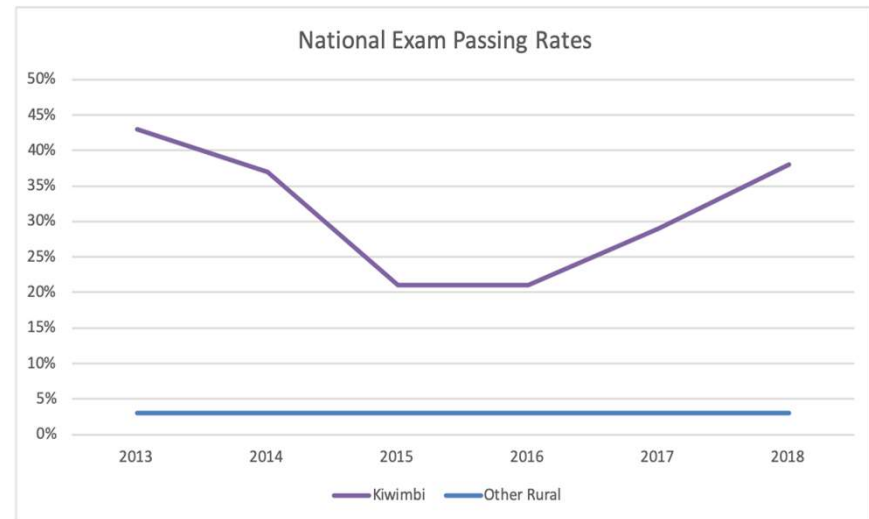
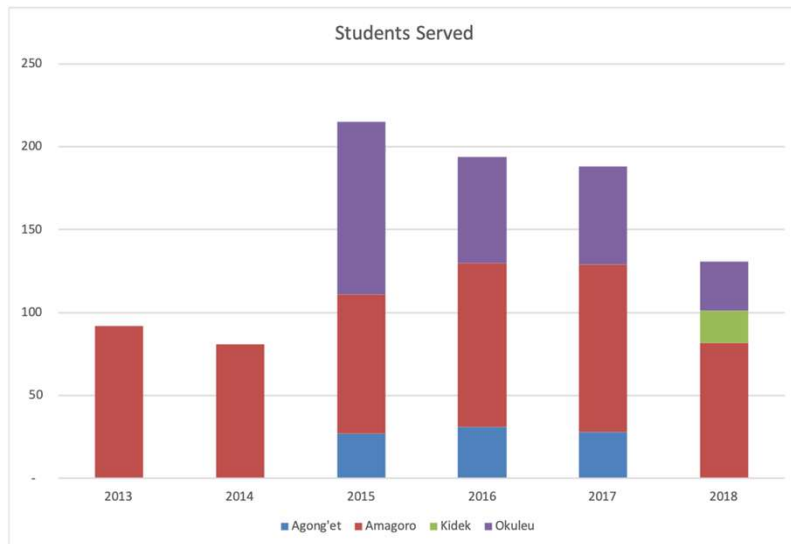
**Thousands**

Of Children with access to books thanks to Kiwimbi's Library

**10**

young adults trained to teach coding

## National Exam Passing Rates for Grade 8 Students supported by Kiwimbi



*The number of students in these schools fluctuates widely from year to year. Note that each grade level in a school will have one teacher no matter how many students. This is part of the reason why Kiwimbi efforts are so critical.*

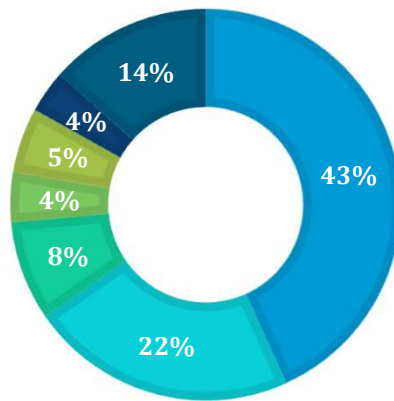
Kiwimbi has introduced an ability based learning strategy to teachers at local schools where students are divided into three broad academic groups. Teachers can then differentiate their focus for each group based on shared academic accomplishments. This approach ensures that students are appropriately challenged according to their abilities, with additional support at hand for those with specific weaknesses. This is a foundation of student support that Kiwimbi provides.

*We are very proud of our students' performance on the 2018 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education! Our top student scored 395 marks (A Minus) – no mean feat in Busia County, which was ranked last nationally, performance-wise.*





## ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES



Teaching and library salaries and wages	43%
Lunch program	22%
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Operations	4%
Facilities management and maintenance	5%
Vocational teaching supplies	4%
Other	14%





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*Swahili for seed ~ Seeds are a beginning, fundamental building blocks and like the child herself*



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*Swahili for a branch ~ Symbolic growth demonstrating the impact of development in a visceral way*



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