



## About Kiwimbi

*Our mission is to partner with underserved communities world wide to create educational opportunities through locally run learning centers*

- 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization
- Founded in 2011, began operating in Kenya in 2012
- Kiwimbi Kenya received its approval as an NGO (Non-governmental Organization, the Kenyan equivalent to a US charity) in 2015

### In Kenya we...

Support underserved schools so students can pass national exams to progress to secondary school and university

- Focus on English and math
- Provide nutritious lunch for Grade 8 students preparing for their first national exam
- Provide free access to reading curriculum and exam preparation books
- Provide vocational training for young adults
- Provide agricultural training to enable farmers to grow crops more efficiently and counter deforestation



### Kiwimbi Library & Community Center

**First free public library** in Busia County, visited by as many as 500 patrons daily. **Schools borrowing books:** 52. **Satellite**

**lending libraries:** 3. **Students borrowing books:** about 21,000 (ranging from 100 to 1,800 per school). **Number of books:** over 20,000 volumes and growing. **Number of E-readers:** 23. **Museum** to display artwork and cultural artifacts.

### Kiwimbi Funding

In 2019, thanks to the generosity of our contributors, Kiwimbi was able to send over \$130,000 to Kiwimbi Kenya to cover program expenses, including almost \$30,000 for student lunches.

### Programs

National exam preparatory programs in English and math at 3 primary schools for Grade 8 (approximately 200 students), including lunch so students can focus on their studies rather than walking home and back mid-day

- While contemporary data is not yet available, the passing rate of Kiwimbi students on the national exam is typically higher than the national rate and 10-fold higher than that of children in similar rural communities.

**Learning camps** at Kiwimbi Library 3 times a year during school breaks as well as on weekends

**Mentorship programs:** Informal and formal, such as Women of Substance and Life Skills

**Outreach programs** focusing on English literacy and public speaking at 33 schools: 3,300 students

**Vocational programs** in tailoring, carpentry, art, weaving, beading, and agro-forestry

### COVID

The pandemic in Kenya has meant the cancellation of the 2020 school year and cancellation of national exams.

Kiwimbi continues to provide lunches, mentor students and take other steps to assure that education continues even as social distancing is in place. Children served by Kiwimbi will enter the 2021 school year better prepared to tackle the academic work ahead.

