



About Kiwimbi

Our mission is to partner with underserved communities to create educational opportunities through locally run community 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 2020, thanks to the generosity of our contributors, KI remitted about \$176,000 to Kiwimbi Kenya of which \$51,000 was for the purchase of land to complement existing land holdings that eventually will be the site of Kiwimbi's new community center. Of the remaining \$126,000, about \$28,000 was 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

- Over 55% of our students passed the 2020 exam, compared to the average of 3% for similarly situated rural students. Passing this exam is the **ONLY** way a student can continue on to secondary education in Kenya, which means 97% of rural students complete their education at Grade 8.

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.

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