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A World Of Difference

Dear Friends,

2022 is Kiwimbi's 10th year of operation, and it has been an amazing time for all involved! THANK YOU for creating so much to celebrate, for without your generosity and commitment, the accomplishments summarized in our Annual Report would not have come to be.

In this report you'll see a "Top Ten" list for these 10 years, and you'll see an overview of the exam results from the 2021 national exams. It is harder to show you the impact you have had on the thousands of children and adults who now have access to the first free library in the county of about a million people, the children progressing in school when they wouldn't have before, the subsistence farmers learning ways to adapt to the changing climate, or the budding artists and artisans whose lives have been changed thanks to your generosity. But believe us, you have made a world of difference to the lives of children and adults!

The future is bright, not only for the current program beneficiaries, but for others, as we explore ways to replicate our model elsewhere. It is on behalf of all current and future participants that we thank you!

Lynne Rathgeber, Board Chair
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CHANGING LIVES

Ten years have passed, and you have changed the future for thousands, partly by creating a culture of reading where there were previously no books, but also by enabling Kiwimbi to develop our programs and adapt as needs have changed.

In 2021, Kiwimbi...

- Introduced our own quarterly internal testing at our three Focus Schools where we provide our Prep for Success Program including a daily lunch, teaching assistants and other services to support the children preparing for a national exam and at six other schools to monitor and compare progress with and without Kiwimbi services over time
- Reworked in-school programs at our Focus Schools to provide teaching assistants trained to mentor, “teach-at-the-right-level” (TaRL), supervise remedial-reading of tens of chapter books per month by each child, and teach remedial mathematics in a friendly and encouraging setting
- Achieved remarkable results (20% increase in scores using our internal testing protocol) leading to wonderful national exam success stories
- Introduced our carpenters to whole new skill sets while building new chairs for the Library and desks for a needy school and preschool tables for our Library
- Introduced aspiring artists to free locally sourced ingredients and pigments, teaching them of the vast potential available to them
- Planted our own crops of banana plants to serve as a source of food for our students and income for Kiwimbi

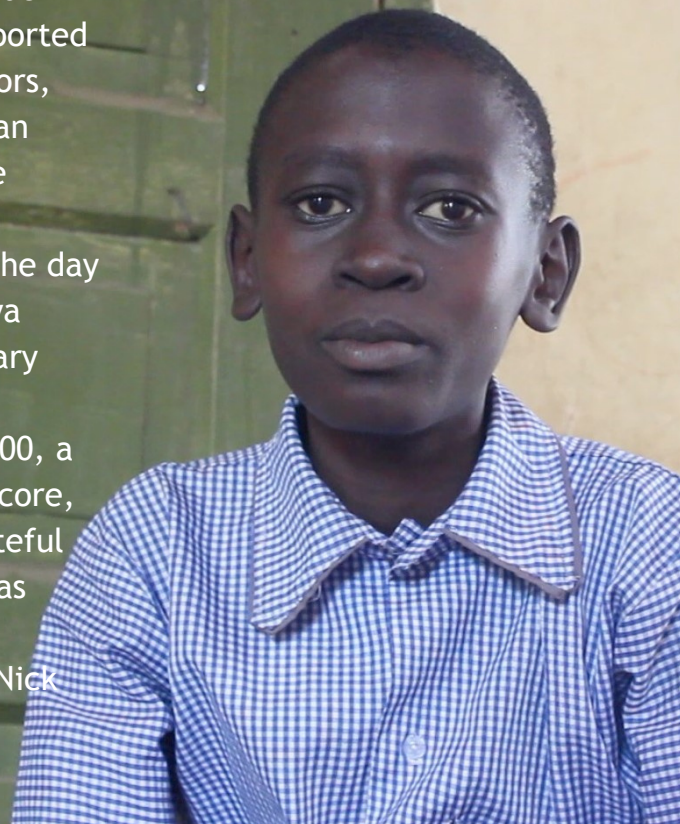
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THE LAYDEN FAMILY

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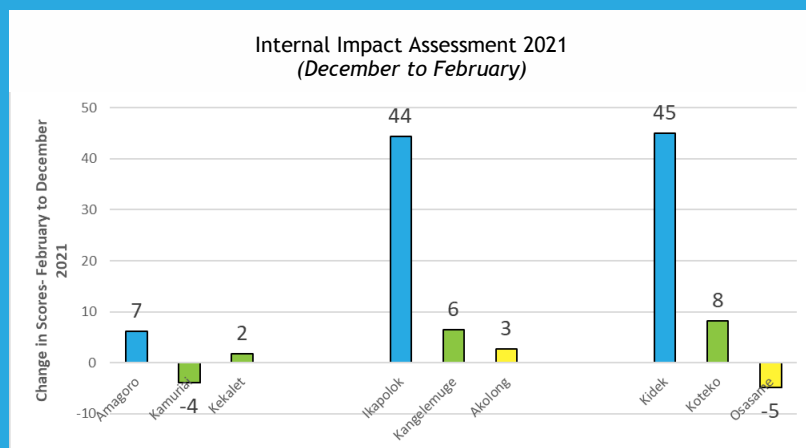
When I reached grade eight, Kiwimbi supported our school with tutors, daily lunch and clean drinking water. The Kiwimbi teachers mentored us until the day we sat for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE). I scored 321 out of 500, a very good passing score, and I am really grateful for what Kiwimbi has done towards my education (life). ~ Nick



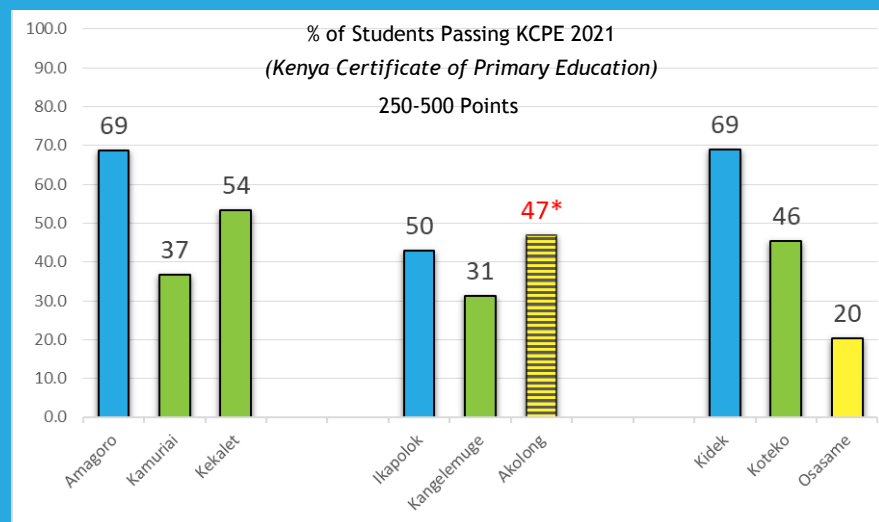
Your Support is Helping Kiwimbi Change Lives

To measure impact, a diagnostic test (Internal Impact Assessment) was given to Grade 8 students in nine schools every three months. Of these nine, three are Kiwimbi Focus Schools; four receive only access to books, and two currently have no additional resources.

As you can see, the scores for Amagoro Primary did not change much. There are two reasons for this. First, due to limited funds, Kiwimbi was unable to provide teaching assistants to Amagoro Primary School in 2021. Secondly, the Amagoro Primary students have had daily Kiwimbi Library access for the last 10 years due to the proximity of their school, literally next door. Their Internal Impact Assessment scores started high for them and remained so. The improvement in scores of students at the other Focus Schools clearly illustrate the significant impact Kiwimbi is making.



BLUE = Kiwimbi Focus School / GREEN = Books Only / YELLOW = No Kiwimbi Support



Akolong's* KCPE scores are surprisingly high because of a practice some schools use to inflate scores. They discourage low-achieving students from sitting for the exam or include scores of students registered for the public school, but who actually attend a high-quality private school. Their "results" can not fairly be compared with other schools.

It is important to note that Ikapolok was a Focus School for only half of the year and still scored higher than almost all of the other schools in our evaluation group. The Kiwimbi Library resources and the Prep for Success Program gave the Focus School students an impressive academic advantage, which is reflected in their high KCPE exam scores.

Thanks to you, our students are achieving!

The test results clearly show that through Kiwimbi's programs students are achieving academic success and are moving to a place of literacy. This puts them firmly on a path that makes a better life possible for themselves and their families.



Top Ten List of Achievements

In honor of our 10th anniversary, we want to share a Top Ten List of Achievements made possible by your partnership:

#10 - Opened the first free public library in a county of 1 million people

#9 - Established the only free vocational programs available in the area

#8 - Created and maintain the only museum in the county

#7 - Made arts lessons available in an area devoid of such opportunities

#6 - Formed ongoing collaborative relationships with village elders, other individuals and organizations

#5 - Brought clean water to the Library where all visitors now have access

#4 - Gained designation as a county Innovation Hub and Youth Empowerment Center

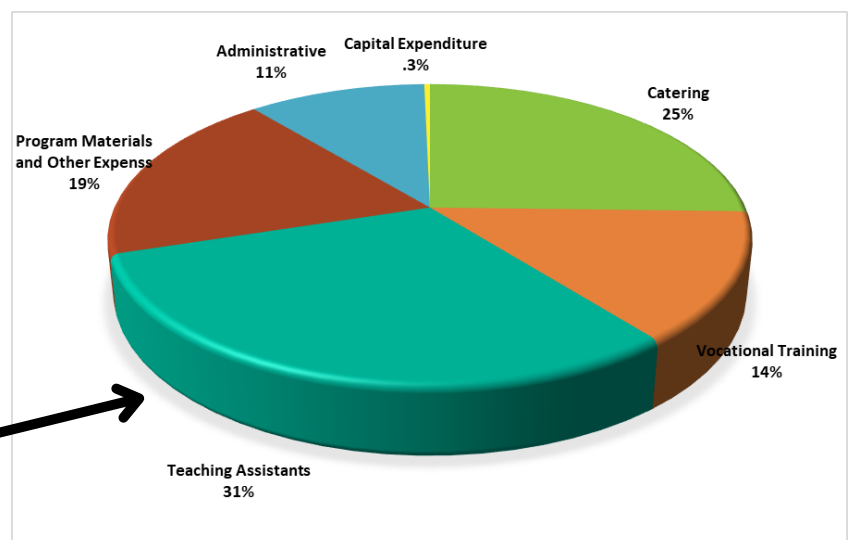
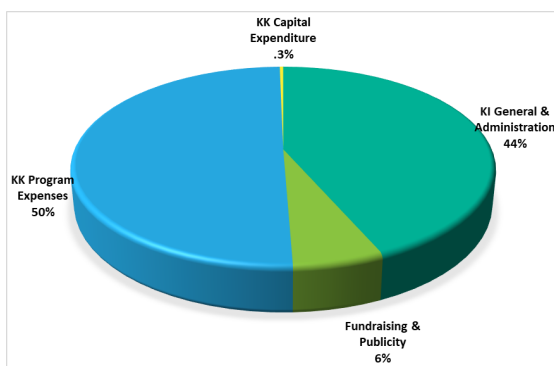
#3 - Created educational programs for forest preservation and farming

#2 - Developed a local culture of reading and added a Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) inspired approach to local education

#1 - Implemented Prep for Success, including academic support and daily lunch, for Grade 8 students at three schools (200 children annually), increasing the national exam pass rate from zero in some classes, to as high as 69% in 2021

Annual Report 2021 Financials

Most of the funding for Kiwimbi Kenya is provided by Kiwimbi International. We can best illustrate the whole story with these two graphs.



Kiwimbi International continues to invest in staff to transition from board volunteers to professionals.

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