

THE MTAALA FOUNDATION



OUR MISSION

The Mtaala Foundation creates and supports educational communities for vulnerable children and at-risk youth, including those affected by poverty, war, and HIV/AIDS. Empowering youth through learning and giving back to their community is a central tenet of our work.

The foundation partners with individuals and villages to create secondary schools where none exist, and connects the schools' students with international sponsors to fund their educations.

Our **Educational Partnership Program** and **Student Sponsorship Program** are the core of our work in Uganda.

OUR PROGRAMS



Educational Partnerships

The Mtaala Foundation partners with individuals and communities to create schools where none existed. We are committed to providing our **partner schools** with proper facilities, boarding school supplies, academic resources, quality teachers, electricity, and water. Wherever possible, Mtaala makes efforts to do this as self-sustainably we can, so that the schools may operate independently for years to come. Our **current partner school** is Awegys School in Kigo, Uganda.

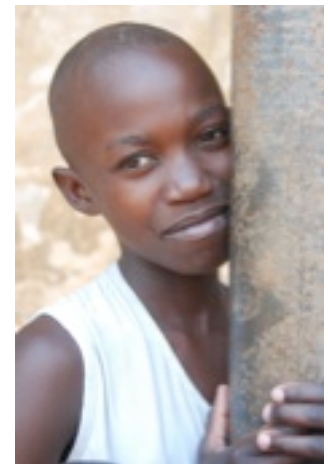


Student Sponsorships

Our **Student Sponsorship program** provides the opportunity for secondary students to attend school by connecting these students with sponsors around the world. The students eligible for sponsorships attend our current partner school, Awegys School. A sponsorship is \$650/year and covers tuition costs for the student. To become a sponsor, visit www.mtaala.org.

WHY UGANDA?

- As of 2005, 52% of Ugandans were living below the international poverty line of \$1.25 per day.
- Secondary education in Uganda is not free; to pay their school fees, students often drop out of school and work.
- Only 14% of male students and 16% of female students **attend** secondary school after completing primary. Of these students, only 40% complete secondary school.
- Uganda has a population of 30.9 million people. 2.2 million of them are orphans. According to the UN, there will be 3.5 million orphans in Uganda by 2010.
- In 2007, over 80,000 people died from AIDS in Uganda, and an estimated 5.4% is living with HIV. In 2003, over 12,000,000 cases of malaria were reported; malaria is responsible for 25% of all visits to hospitals. Additionally, 40% of Ugandans lack access to safe drinking water.



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