



Rise Uganda

EDUCATION MATTERS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ryan Humbert

On the 10th of January 2022, Uganda ended the nearly two-year-long school lockdown which affected 15 million children. Rise Uganda's second General Assembly on the 2nd of December elected its 2022 committee members. We completed the recruitment of several new interns spread across the main areas of need. More motivated than ever, we will give our very best not to leave behind those who need us the most at a crucial time. We are thankful to our community in Switzerland and Uganda for your continuous support.

SCHOOLS REOPEN

For what seems like the light at the end of a tunnel, over 10 million Ugandan learners are able to return to school for in-person classes after a two-year-long wait. The education lockdown in Uganda was the longest in the world during the pandemic. Parents, frustrated by the lockdown, believe that the lockdown was long overdue. Families have criticized the government for its failure to supporting home-based learning during a critical time. With their children's academic futures at stake, they worry about how long it may take for their child's needs to be met, and what it would mean for the finances.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On December 2nd, Rise Uganda held its first public in-person event at its second Annual General Meeting. Full of expectations and apprehensions, we were extremely happy to meet and exchange with many of you around a presentation that outlined our work during the year 2021. This year, we focused on visualizing our efforts through the testimonies of partners as well as parents and children beneficiaries. We are also grateful for the interventions of the Ambassador for Uganda at the United Nations (Mrs. Eunice Irungu Kigenyi) and Cartapulse, our recent fundraising partner. The year 2022 had a wonderful beginning!



TESTIMONIAL OF ROKIA

As a student of international relations and being strongly passionate about humanitarianism, when I came across the offer of an internship to join the Fundraising team of Rise Uganda, I didn't have to think long, my application was instantaneous.

I'm on my third university degree so it goes without saying that I believe education plays a major role in everyone's life, knowing how lucky I was it almost seems like a duty to give the same opportunity to others and that's what I liked about Rise Uganda.

The members of the NGO are relatively young and there is an immediate sense of dynamism and comfort, hence the excitement I felt when I learned that I would have the chance to be part of this great team.

In keeping with the goals of the organization, I am eager for us to clearly identify the barriers to education, provide sustainable solutions, and allow as many people as possible to access education in the best possible conditions.

I can't wait to start this incredible adventure which, beyond being a very noble cause, is a personal conviction.

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