



Home-School Program

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

AN URGENT CALL FOR SUPPORT



Education in Crisis, Students at Risk

From school closures, to isolation, to a persistent sense of fear and anxiety, **the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are threatening to dismantle progress that has been made toward Musana's mission.** With the continued closure of schools throughout Uganda, our students are at risk. In 2020, Musana successfully sustained the salaries of 383 full-time employees and met new safety regulations that will keep students healthy once they are allowed to return to Musana's campuses. However, **with schools remaining closed far longer than anticipated, we must pivot rapidly to meet the needs of students that don't have access to learning.**

Many students have shared feelings of stress, anxiety, isolation, and depression, which they linked back to missing their school community. A Musana teacher explained how the pandemic exacerbated the already dire living conditions for many of his students: **"They live with siblings and extended family in small houses and lack basic items like food. Most parents to these children have lost their source of livelihood making their already strained living conditions much worse."**

Children are not only twice as likely to be in poverty as adults, they are also more susceptible to suffer from its lifetime consequences. Rarely do children have a second chance at getting the critical early nutrition, quality education or decent health care that enables them to survive, thrive and flourish. The sooner these children get back to learning, the more we can protect them from increased rates of child labor, forced early marriage, teenage pregnancy, and domestic violence. Without action, the consequences could last a lifetime.

The longer a student stays out of school, the more likely they will never return. Currently, 14 million students remain out of school in Uganda. These children have not been in school for a whole year, causing them to fall far behind in their studies. How do we engage their minds so they are not sitting idle or engaging in harmful activities? How can we lift them up and counter the hopelessness and discouragement of future leaders? **How do we make sure their futures are not lost?**



"There has been an increase of street children. Now that there is no food at home, children have resorted to looking for food on the streets."

- Teacher, Musana Primary School

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“Years don't wait for them. They have already lost a lot... What will become of our uneducated children?”
- Mother of 3, Iganga District



Musana's Solution: Bringing the Classroom Home

The road ahead will be challenging, but this is no time to be intimidated or paralyzed. We have to reimagine what is possible and adapt to evolving challenges. Seeing our students in turmoil, we have developed a new program to bring the classroom to rural villages. **Musana's new Home-School Program mission is to provide quality education and psychosocial support to nursery and primary school-aged children within the villages of Eastern Uganda.** Musana's strategy focuses on employing local teachers that will travel to villages every day to teach lessons to small groups of students in order to provide them the education they desperately need to reduce the learning gap that has been exacerbated by school closures.



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

In order to respond to the urgent needs of our community in real-time, we must temporarily shift our model from growth and sustainability to relief and rehabilitation. The success of this program depends on contributions from donors and partners to immediately restore hope and dignity into our rural communities. Musana's Home-School Program requires **\$250,000** to fund the solutions outlined below. **Reaching this goal is only possible with your support!**

- Provide free home-school style education to 20,000 nursery and primary-aged children in 100 villages through daily in-person lessons and provided scholastic materials and workbooks
- Employ 600 teachers who are currently unemployed due to school closures
- Employ 50 women to make masks and mats for students to sit on during home-school classes
- Employ 100 boda-boda drivers (motorcyclists) to transport teachers to and from home-school sites each day
- Employ 20 social workers, 6 data collectors, and 4 program coordinators
- Provide monthly health checks and psychosocial support to all 20,000 students
- Provide meals to children identified by social workers that need nutritional support

To Support 3 Months of the Home-School Program for:

1 Student	\$12.50
1 Village (200 Students)	\$2,500
100 Villages (20,000 Students)	\$250,000 (GOAL)

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