

## **Orphans Secondary Education Support Project**

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The need to educate orphans in Uganda especially those due to AIDS is overwhelming. Thanks to Orphan Care NGOs and Religious Institutions that have tried to respond but their effort is far below the magnitude of the problem yet government has no orphan care programmes. Following the implementation of the Nabbaale schools HIV/AIDS sensitization project and the ongoing Aids Orphans Secondary Education Support Project, funded by Orphans Against Aids (OAA) and a close working relationship with the community and schools, it has been established that the secondary school retention rate is very low due to a high drop out rate of especially Orphans and Vulnerable Children as a result of insufficient educational support in terms of school fees and other prerequisite scholastic materials such as books, shoes, lunch fees, and uniforms..

The project goal is to offer a lifeline through education to AIDS orphans by equipping them with knowledge and survival skills that will make them self sustaining in future. The project will involve payment of school fees and lunch fees, provision of scholastic materials such as books, pens, mosquito nets, shoes, stockings, school bags, uniforms, etc. We shall carry out counseling and career guidance seminars to ensure psychosocial stability of the approved orphans as well. The project will initially take a period of 4 years for an orphan on normal progress to complete Ordinary Level (Form 1 to Form 4) with an annual cost of about \$350. The orphans will be registered and sponsored from approved quality day secondary schools. The project is highly viable as it touches one of the greatest needs of the poverty ridden target communities of Mukono, education.

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