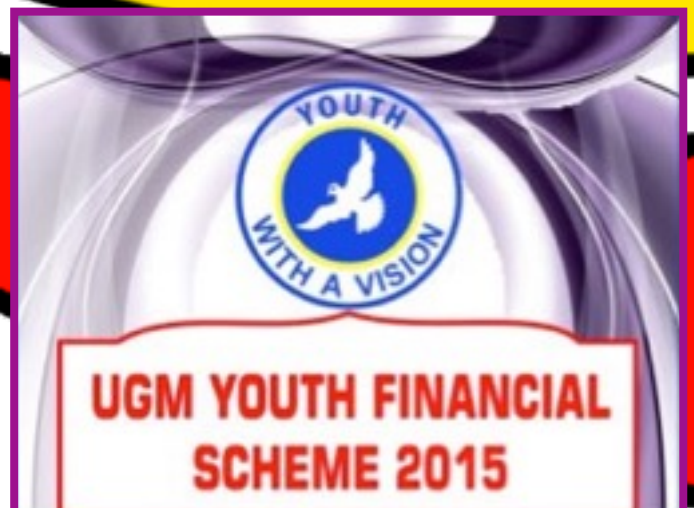


YOUTH WITH A VISION

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THE UGM YOUTH FINANCE SCHEME

September '16 Project Update



ABOUT YOUTH WITH A VISION

[Youth with a vision](#) is a community based youth network in Masaka district, solely and comprehensively embracing young people from all backgrounds. Their objective is to advance the education of young people and their communities in areas of academic, health/HIV/AIDS awareness, environment, human rights, poverty reduction strategies, job creation and employment skills, civic engagement, provision of facilities for recreation and other activities in the interest of social welfare.



Members of Youth With a Vision, Masaka

There are many ways in Uganda. Absent, deceased or neglectful parents can lead to children falling into a cycle of abuse. These children are then caught in a revolving door where they are on the streets and receive no education, They are then harassed by police for illegally being “idle”.

Youth with a Vision places these children with loving foster homes, and help these families financially support those in their care. However, before the marathon in 2015 the support ceased once the child reaches maturity.

The UGM Youth Finance Scheme

In 2015, from the runner's fundraising, we launched the UGM Youth Finance Scheme. This saw 11 young people complete 3 month apprenticeships in relevant local businesses in Masaka, keeping a daily diary and writing a business plan. 2015 runners ran business training for the youth, giving them marketing and business strategy advice from their personal experiences.



The badge, proudly worn by members of the UGM Youth Financial Scheme

This program has now also seen all 11 youths gain a loan at 2% from the UGM Youth Finance Scheme. This is kick starting their road to full independence!



One of the Youth Financial Scheme members fitting solar panels on the roof of one of our other projects, another student in work based placement, learning printing skills

This scheme was such a success in 2015 that are going to run it again in 2016 with your fundraising money! We want to add another 10 young disadvantaged youths to the scheme, to provide them with business training so they are equipped to start their own businesses.

We also want to expand our micro finance scheme to offer more business loans to students who come out of the Youth Finance Scheme. This finance scheme is what makes this project so sustainable as the money that is received back from the loan & interest can go on to fund more students through the scheme.

SEPTEMBER '16 PROJECT UPDATE

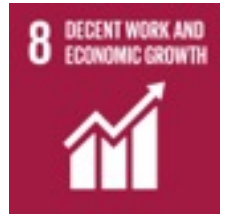
We held one of our quarterly review meetings with all the 10 beneficiaries from Youth with a Vision UGM youth micro finance scheme set up in 2015. It has now been 6 months since the loans were given out and we are very happy to say that 6 of the beneficiaries have already been able to start paying back their loans. The other 4 are working in agriculture and are just waiting upon their chickens to lay eggs and their pigs to have their next litter, upon which they are set to be able to start paying back as well. We are really pleased with all the young business and how they have managed their accounts and are now reaping the rewards.



But we are also looking to the future of this innovative scheme. John the director of youth with a vision has selected 20 new young people for business loans. They have all submitted their business plans and are now ready to start their internships. We have currently found 17 of them internships which, they will be starting immanently. The others we are still trying to find the right relevant business in town to link with.

This year The internships are taking on a slightly different form this year as the beneficiaries who are all out of work are keen to complete an intense 3 week program rather than the previous 2 days a week for 3 month program devised before. They will still be required to keep their journals for reference and will be keeping basic accounts as they provide accountability for money spent on expenses.





We are excited to get this new set of entrepreneurs off the ground and enabling them to become independent!!

THANK YOU FOR MAKING ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE!