

SAM OWORI ROTARY VIJANA POA VILLAGE



EVERY YOUTH WORKING

THE NEED

“Africa’s youth population is rapidly growing and expected to double to over 830 million by 2050..... Of Africa’s nearly 420 million youth aged 15-35, one-third are unemployed and discouraged, another third are vulnerably employed, and only one in six is in wage employment...” (African Development Bank, 2016)

THE CONSEQUENCES



Desperation and destitution driving youth to crime, drugs, and militias that fuel the increasing vicious spiral of violence and instability in many Africa countries

PROGRESS AND OTHER DETAILS

- 40 Acres of Land Purchased by the Rotary Club of Kampala North
- Village to be established as a Trust with an international Board of Trustees
- Master Plan, Architectural Drawings, and Cost Estimates completed through donated Rotarian services valued at USD 450.000.

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OUR RESPONSE

The Rotary Vijana Poa (“*Youth are Cool*”) programme, piloted throughout Rotary District 9211 as an initiative of then DG Robert Waggwa Nsibirwa. ***It has worked!*** 47 Clubs have initiated projects and internships to create employment, investing over \$80,771 to train the youth and fund their enterprises: 2,934 youth have been trained; 1,119 commonsense enterprises started; 141 internships offered; and 1,817 youths are now making a living. See <http://www.rotaryvijanapoa.com/>; www.facebook.com/rotaryvijanapoa, and www.twitter.com/rotaryvijanapoa. The Key Intervention Objectives include:

- For non-educated youth and those who drop out of school for various reasons: to generate “commonsense” enterprises in communities and in the real world where their skills will be honed by situations that cannot be replicated in an educationally sterile environment

- For graduates that are hard to employ: to provide school-to-work transition starting with mind-set change, re-skilling as needed, and re-focusing to “commonsense” enterprises, and/or work-based programs (internship and apprenticeship placements)



SCALING UP

- Promote multiple small scale Rotary Club-led interventions planted around the continent, exploiting key lessons drawn from a regional center of excellence;
- The Sam Otori Rotary Vijana Poa Village, a District 9211 Regional Center of Excellence spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Kampala North, combining (i) Training; (ii) Resource; and (iii) Research Centers, carrying out the actual interventions with youth while using these as an opportunity to gain better insights and develop improved approaches.
- Generating best practices that African governments can use to make curricula more effective in creating work-ready youth at any stage of education.

THE VILLAGE CORE ACTIVITIES

Entrepreneurship skilling; Artisan skills development and refinement; Enterprise Incubation; Demonstration Farming; Innovation Hubs; Linkages /Outreaches; Research; Resource Center; Recreation; Conferencing; Outdoor Learning.

THE MASTER PLAN ELEMENTS

- Main building “The Mary Howard Block”
- 10-12 Multi-skills and Competence delivery building each with an indoor and out door learning area
- Spaces for outdoor activities (camping, games, sports, demonstration gardens, large events)
- Accommodation (trainees and staff)
- Future development (demonstration school)

FUNDING RECOGNITIONS

- Named buildings when a building is fully funded by an organisation or an individual
- Recognition through permanent memorial name plates when an organization or individual contributes more than \$500 equivalent to any building

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

	Priority Items	Cost (USD)
1	Solar powered water system with storage tank	50,000
2	12 Skills Workshops and Labs, per building cost, for construction only	50,000
3	12 Dormitories, each accommodating 50 people, per building cost, construction only	80,000
4	18 Staff units, per unit cost	36,000
5	Multi-purpose Main Building: The Mary Howard Memorial Building	3,000,000