

# 2020 AMAZING LOVE SCHOOL PROJECT

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*"I miss school, I would be in grade five next year, I don't know whether I will ever go back to school. My parents think I should get married!" This is what we are hearing from our children.*

Since the closure of schools in Uganda in March, there has been deafening silence as to when, if at all, the school year will be salvaged before December 31, 2020. While waiting for the government decision about the reopening of schools, ALDO has been engaging people on the ground to prepare for the reopening.

## Children of Amazing Love School:

ALDO is aware that to balance our response to the pandemic for school reopening and look beyond the crisis, requires new ways of thinking. In addition to the need for digital transformations, ALDO is considering the social and academic impact on the children with regard to the rise in school dropout rates, early marriages, poor nutrition, interrupted learning... the list goes on especially amongst the children like those of the Amazing Love school.

A survey conducted by the chair of the School Management Board revealed the despair among the children. Many of these children have not been able to access radio or TV lessons offered by the government. Because of the curfew and need for social distancing, it has not been feasible to prepare materials for individual children. These children have been out of school for over five months!



ALDO reproduced some reading materials for the upper grades, but there is no way of assessing whether children understood the content of the materials.

## Teachers of Amazing Love School:

Without jobs and salaries, teachers are under pressure to find ways of supporting their families. We read the Ugandan local newspapers with daily articles of how many teachers have given up hope of ever returning to work. Some have branched to casual labor to survive.

The teachers were supported until April with full salaries. So far, the teachers are being helped with food and beans...

## How ALDO is preparing for the reopening:

### Water Source:

ALDO has secured money to replace the dried-up borehole and provide a reliable water source. Work will be starting in September, thanks to the ETFO Humanity Fund.

### Single Seater Desks:

ALDO has increased the number of single desks from 20 to 90. This is in addition to the four-seater desks which will be allowed to accommodate only two students. We still need to make an additional 60 single seater desks to accommodate all the children and comply with the COVID-19 restrictions.

### Face Masks:

ALDO has secured 600 facemasks ahead of reopening to help both the staff and students. More masks will be required once the schools open.

“Education is a powerful “vaccine” against the pandemics of poverty, disease and ignorance”.





Digitizing teaching records



Installing new windowpanes to the dining hall



Yes, to membership!



Eager minds!

**Digital capture of instructional Materials:**

Prior to COVID-19, our teachers used to write their long- range plans, day plans and notes in notebooks and planning books. ALDO wanted to modernize the process to save time in handwriting the notes.

In preparation for re-opening, we invited teachers back, five at a time, to digitize their instructional materials using the school laptops. The first cohort will finish on September 12, 2020.

**Repairs and Maintenance:**

- a) ALDO has completed the installation of 50 windows and 8 door glass panes in the dining hall and the day care. We have also replaced 15 broken windows that had not been replaced since 2015.
- b) Work is under way to repair a crack that developed in the teachers’ pit latrine.
- c) Due to the heavy rains, the grass grows so fast. Almost every three weeks we need to cut the grass.

**Our New Website: [Amazing Love Development Organization](#)**

ALDO has modernized its website to make it more appealing and easier to understand. ALDO has conducted a full redesign of our website to stay modern to make it more user-friendly.

**Applying for Charitable Status:**

ALDO is grateful to the Uganda Relief and Development Organization (URDO) for taking ALDO under their umbrella since 2009. Thanks, URDO, especially Mr. George Okurapa for all the sacrifice you have made to help ALDO to succeed.

ALDO is currently applying for a charitable status. Once successful, ALDO will issue the tax receipts to all our donors, but we look forward to continuing to work with and learn from URDO.

**ALDO Membership:**

When you become part of the ALDO, you are involved in changing not only the lives of our students, but also the lives of future generations to come. Later this year, we are introducing a new membership drive to all our dedicated supporters. We are better together in our effort to create a positive impact on underprivileged children with great potential. There are membership perks for joining. Membership is only \$20 per year.

**Appeal for Volunteers:**

ALDO is seeking to strengthen its Board of Directors with individuals with skills, and experience necessary to take the organization through the next stage in its exciting development. ALDO is looking for the following skills:

- a) Information Technology: Help with our website and online fundraising projects.
- b) Legal expert: To advise on legal issues
- c) Leadership & Strategy: Help with the strategic planning and direction.
- d) Project Development & Management: Help with sustainable projects and for future capital development.

**“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”  
Henry Adams**

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

### COMPLETING THE STOREYED BUILDING:

This building is very essential as we do not have a lot of land to expand. The second and third levels will house the administration office, girls' dormitory, and additional classrooms. With COVID-19 issues, we shall need extra classrooms to be able to practice safe distancing. Boys will be moved to the current dormitory used by girls.

### IMMEDIATE COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

Protective measures must be in place before the schools can re-open. These will have major financial implications as the school has many children. Some of the measures include:

#### a) Recruitment:

- **School Nurse** This is part of the School Health Policy.
- **Additional Teachers** will be required if we must divide classes into two or three groups to allow for physical distancing.
- **School Cleaners** will be required to ensure the classes are thoroughly and regularly cleaned and all common surfaces sanitized.
- **School Bursar** As the school has expanded, there is need for a dedicated person to handle finances. Up until now, we have relied on the service of one of the teachers, but we require her services back in the classroom.
- **School Matron and Patron** to help the boarding school children. This is especially important with the COVID-19 challenges.

b) **Construction of a sick bay:** to provide an isolation unit for sick children (especially those in the boarding section)

c) **Regular cleaning supplies like soap, brushes, disinfectants, etc.**

d) **Fire extinguishers** for the boarding section

e) **Additional handwashing water tanks** placed in different locations for all people entering the school grounds.

f) **Construction of additional classrooms:** social distancing will require additional space to ensure that children keep a safe distance. Additionally, some classes will take place outside, which is very normal for our area.

g) **Student desks:** Currently, four children use one desk. We may need to have two children per desk. Many more desks will be needed to allow for social distancing.



Status of the storeyed building- 2019



Government Approved Masks



Junior Kindergarten – March 2020



Cooks and a security officer

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.  
Edward Everett



### TEACHER SPONSORSHIP

A teacher is integral to the functioning of the classroom and the child's learning. He/she opens the door of opportunity to our students' education. ALDO's biggest challenge is the recurring monthly salaries for teachers. The families of the children are asked to pay a small fee for the children's attendance, which often goes unpaid.

- ***Sponsor a teacher's monthly salary for one of our 15 teachers for \$200/month***

### STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

For people who prefer to sponsor and have a personal connection with one of our students, ALDO is introducing a Student Sponsorship program. Details of this program are still being worked out. Please reach out if you are interested.

*Any contribution is greatly appreciated.*

## SAVE THE DATE

### ALDO VIRTUAL Fundraiser OCTOBER 24, 2020

This year's fundraiser will be different, but exciting. There is a lineup of creative, fun-filled, engaging presentations and demonstrations.

We will introduce you to some of our students from Amazing Love School and let you hear their stories. You can peruse a silent auction, watch authentic African dancers, music and much more ....

Please save the date, encourage your friends to participate, donate and support this worthy cause.



## Thank You!

With your help, ALDO has provided hope and opportunity for a better future to hundreds of students. Students who had never held a book can now read and understand basic literature. Our students dream of becoming doctors, engineers, lawyers, and leaders in various sectors. Our students, teachers and community have greatly benefited from your generosity. Without your help, this would not have been possible. Thank you for the financial and non-financial donations, volunteer hours and prayer support.

Because of you, ALDO is making progress in our preparation for the school reopening. Your support has provided the much-needed water, masks, desks, and many other things that ALDO is working on. Thank you so much. Your support is making a real difference for the children at Amazing Love School.

ALDO is a non-profit organization operating under the umbrella of the **Uganda Relief and Development Organization**. A tax receipt will be issued for any donation of **\$20** and above.

For donations, please send an e-transfer to [amazinglovedevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:amazinglovedevelopment@gmail.com) or [amazingloveschool@gmail.com](mailto:amazingloveschool@gmail.com), use PayPal at [Amazing Love Development Organization](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.amazinglovedevelopment.org) or send a cheque to: Amazing Love Development Organization, 83 Sandford Crescent, Whitby, ON L1R 2S1.

### Amazing Love School

*A School where children attend regularly, learn effectively and complete successfully.*

#### **Vision:**

*Excellence through Education, Training and Leadership*

#### **Mission:**

*Inspire students to excel in their academics, social and spiritual development*



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