



Amazing Love Development Organization



They are back in school! On January 10, 2022, all schools reopened for classes. Our excitement was mixed with apprehension when the government confirmed the reopening barely two weeks prior to the day. Thankfully, we had been preparing, but we were not prepared for all the new requirements and challenges of teacher shortages.

All students in the country are back in school

The school is up and running. We started with 55 children in the first week, but currently we have 360 children (183 boys and 177 girls). 51 children are in the boarding section. We are expecting more children to report in the coming weeks.



Children returned when they had overgrown their uniforms.

- We had few teenage pregnancies, and a young schoolboy was forced to marry!
- Teacher shortages was countrywide - many teachers left the profession to start their businesses while others went to better paying schools. Five of our teachers did not return to teaching.
- There is an increase in children with special needs mostly suffering malnutrition, poor sight, and hearing problems.

2020 Student and Teacher Holiday Support



The children who attended the holiday program are doing much better. Thank you for the support and encouragement during this challenging season. The program cost \$1,160 and it helped 76 children over a period of two months. The teachers are working hard to cover what the children missed because all children in the country were automatically promoted to the next class.

Save the Date: Saturday, October 29, 2022

The Fundraising team is busy preparing for our upcoming fundraiser. Based on the results of the survey, the majority of the people preferred the online fundraiser this year due to the pandemic. Details will be communicated in due course.

Donation Tax Receipts



By now you should have received your 2021 donation tax receipts. Thank you very much for your generosity. Please let us know if you have not yet received your tax receipt.

OUR CURRENT PRIORITIES

Our grant writing team is busy working on grant applications to help us continue with important work that needs funding. The team is focusing on the following priorities.

- The kindergarten project.
- Improved nutrition and feeding program.
- Fencing both the elementary and the nursery school properties.
- Building and purchasing new furniture for the school.



If any of you know of funders that cover these areas or would like to support the team in any way, please contact Tunde Igli at amazinglovedevelopment@gmail.com





OTHER AREAS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Teacher Retention:

January 10, 2022, was a rude awakening for our staffing needs. The pandemic resulted in nationwide shortage of teachers. Many of them abandoned the profession. When we lost a new teacher who reported for less than a week to another school willing to pay a better pay, we realized the need for teacher retention strategy. We need to work on both living wages and additional accommodation.

Boosting the Solar Power:

We have been adding more solar power in the school, but we need a whole school approach. Our boarding section has grown, and we have more staff members in the school. This has created a challenge as the solar power does not last for long periods to help children increase time spent studying at night, charge laptops or the school printer.

The inclement weather limits the electricity produced by solar energy. On cloudy days, no solar power is generated. If we have large size solar batteries and panels, they will enable us to have reliable solar power.

We need to boost solar power in the library, classrooms, dormitories, and the office. We also need to install solar power in the dining hall, the kitchen and other school buildings.

School playground equipment:

The current playground equipment was donated in 2014 when we had fewer children. Much of the equipment is in a state of disrepair due to overuse. As we do not have a lot of space, we need to have the equipment for the children in a small area.

A playground helps children build their gross motor skills and development of key cognitive, social, and physical skills. It improves attention, decreases stress and anxiety, and prepares students to learn. Providing the right equipment is beneficial to children since it keeps them fit and healthy.

Additional Dormitories for Girls and Boys:

In the context of Nakyere village, the boarding section for girls is to help them to complete their studies. Girls face great pressure at home which interferes with school attendance and focus on studies. A boarding section provides a safer learning environment and sets a clear structure to keep the students focused on their studies.

We also have children who travel long distances to come to school. Children from far may be hindered from attending school when it rains heavily and their paths are impassable, during droughts when their bodies are weak from not having enough to eat and fatigue.

Want to be part of a creative board of directors changing lives?

We are better together!!! Consider joining the ALDO's Board of Directors for a rewarding opportunity to change the lives of the children of Amazing Love School. The Board's efforts improve the outcomes, not only for our students, but for generations to come by creating a positive impact on underprivileged children with great potential. ALDO is looking for **two** additional members with one (or more) of the following skills:

- ◆ **Information Technology** to help with our website and online fundraising projects.
- ◆ **Leadership and Strategy** to help with the strategic planning and direction.
- ◆ **Charity Lawyer** to help with legal issues.
- ◆ **Public Relations, Marketing, and Administration.**

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Some of our Teachers

