

FAWE Uganda Higher Education Access Program (HEAP)



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About

FAWE Uganda

Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE) Uganda Chapter is one of the 34 National Chapters of FAWE, a pan African Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) founded in 1992 by five women ministers of education to promote girls' and women's education in Africa. FAWE Uganda was established in February 1997 with the goal of accelerating female participation in education and closing the gender gap within the education system at all levels in Uganda.



The overall goal is “Girls across Uganda are able to access quality education.” This is supported by the five strategic objectives: 1) improved levels of gender responsiveness in the education sector policies for girls and women; 2) enhanced adoption and integration of positive gender norms and pedagogical practices at national, community and school level; 3) improved access, retention and completion rates for girls in schools at all levels of education; 4) strengthening research and knowledge management systems to inform policies and support the development of new approaches and set pace for girls’ agenda in Uganda; and 5) strengthening institutional development to efficiently and effectively deliver its mandate.

FAWE Uganda is unique because of its inherent focus on girls’ and women’s education and development while also working with boys. We work with multi-sectoral stakeholders to compliment Government of Uganda efforts in four key areas;

- 1 Education Support/Scholarship;**
Higher Education, Secondary and Tertiary/ vocational (skilling) that includes systems strengthening.
- 2 Protection;**
Child Protection and Gender Based Violence Prevention and Management, mentorship.
- 3 Research;**
FAWE Uganda has undertaken various studies so as to avail information that consequently informs policies.
- 4 Advocacy;**
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) for girls, Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health (ASRH), Girls Education, positive school practices, prevention of Violence Against Children.

The organization is governed by a Board of Directors which is critical in ensuring that the organization remains focused on its core priorities as it strives to realize its mission.

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WE ARE COMMITTED TO KEEPING OUR PEOPLE SAFE.

Dignity is at the core of our reason for existence as an organisation and permeates in all aspects of our work. The need for Dignity for girls is at the core of our organization's development and consequently the vision, in which we aspire to see; "A Ugandan society where girls and women lead dignified lives." In our work, in and with communities, and the numerous stakeholders, we anticipate dignity as central for all. We value and respect children and other vulnerable adults and cherish them in their diversity and absolutely emphasize their safety.

Safety for everyone begins with self. As FAWE Uganda, we've defined what safety means to us. It encompasses our body, mind, and soul. We create awareness and constantly monitor our safety at all those levels. We are mindful to seek and promote safety for all, especially the girls and youth in our midst.

Dignity is at the heart of our safeguarding policy. The policy defines what we will and will not do. It restates our commitment to treat everyone, and especially children and all those most at risk, with dignity and respect. The policy is our expression of commitment to safeguarding in all our processes, programs, procedures, and people. It states how we promote safeguarding and what we do to call ourselves constantly and consistently, to the highest duty of care.

The policy recognizes that we have a duty, while cognizant of the fact that we may fall or fail and sets in place mechanisms both to learn and course correct. It is a living document, which we shall periodically review, to reflect our practice, adaptability, flexibility and growth. We are committed!

Our safeguarding journey begins and ends with dignity.

Ms. Susan Opok Tumusiime
Executive Director, FAWE Uganda.



Higher Education Access Program (HEAP) 2016-2024

Introduction

Forum for African Women Educationalists Regional Secretariat (FAWE RS), with support from Mastercard Foundation, through FAWE Uganda Chapter, is implementing an eight-year (2016 to 2024) Higher Education Access Program (HEAP). The program aims at enabling 300 (70% female and 30% male) academically talented yet economically disadvantaged students from selected 13 disadvantaged districts of Bukwo, Mayuge, Buyende, Katakwi, Amudat, Kaabong, Pader, Amuru, Adjumani, Kanungu, Bundibugyo, Ntoroko and Bullisa to access and complete higher education.

Program Goal

To enable 300 (70% female and 30% Male) young women and men from the disadvantaged regions of Uganda to access and transition through higher education, and secure employment in those sectors that contribute to the development of their home communities.

The Higher Education Access Program (HEAP) has 3 broad objectives;

Objective 1: To provide bursaries to 300 academically able, yet economically disadvantaged students from eastern, northern and western Uganda to access and complete higher education.

Objective 2: To design and implement a (pilot) pre-entry bridging programme to provide second chance opportunities for promising students to transition into university degree programmes.

Objective 3: To facilitate pathways for students' internship, industrial practice and employment.

The Program is being implemented in partnership with the following higher education institutions; Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST), Busitema University, Gulu University, Jinja School of Nursing and Midwifery, and Jinja Medical Laboratory Training School. The Organization has also developed partnership with Kabale University, Mountains of the Moon University, Muni University, Lira University, Ndejje University and Soroti University in order to popularize the Higher Education Access Certificate program as the 4th entry route to University Education.

The program is in its 7th year of implementation and a lot of achievements have been registered including;

- A total of 144 {78 female and 66 male} of 334 enrolled on the program have to date graduated with Degrees and Diplomas at the partner learning institutions of Gulu University, Busitema University, Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST), Jinja School of Nursing and Midwifery, and Jinja Medical Laboratory Training School.
- 8 students out of the 144 that graduated have embarked on further studies in education, pursuing master's degree in Physics, Mathematics, Engineering and Medicine at Gulu University, Busitema University and Mbarara University of Science and Technology.
- The Higher Education Access Certificate (HEAC) program being accredited by the National Council for Higher Education as a 4th entry route into university education.
- 10 Universities (MUST, Gulu, Busitema, Kabale, Mountain of the Moon, Lira, Muni, Ndejje, UTAMU and Soroti) have adopted the Higher Education Access Certificate (HEAC) Program with support from FAWE Uganda.
- The Extended Orientation Program (EOP) has been adopted by the partner universities to enable students settle into campus life, to be equipped with financial literacy skills and receive mentorship.
- The enrolled program beneficiaries have been equipped with skills in entrepreneurship and are now managing income generating activities.
- 89 HEAP graduates have secured full time employment.
- The partner learning institutions have successfully embedded the mentorship program into their institutional activities.
- Successful mentorship program at the partner learning institutions.



Ms. Susan Opok Tumusiime
Executive Director, FAWE Uganda

“YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN WHAT IT TAKES TO ENABLE YOU EXCEL”

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the management and staff of FAWE Uganda, I take this opportunity to congratulate you, FAWE Uganda Mastercard Foundation Scholars, upon your graduation. We are happy and proud that you have made this great stride in your lives and we celebrate you!

Education is a right; an equalizer, and I am delighted that you have made it. There is nothing anyone could give to a young person that is better than this – the education that you have achieved. Through this, none can distinguish you from any other. This reinforces FAWE Uganda’s mandate to ensure that young people, especially girls, get an education and lead dignified lives. Through initiatives, partnerships and programs such as the Higher Education Access Program (HEAP) we shall continue to educate and advocate for young people to get opportunities that will transform their lives, that of their families and communities, and contribute to the economic growth of this country.

Dear graduates, you have been given what it takes to enable you excel and I am proud to witness that you have completed the first step. This, however, shouldn’t be the final step. In the next 2-3 years, we would like to see you flying higher like the eagle. You are the seeds that FAWE Uganda and the Mastercard Foundation have planted and we would like you to go and pollinate this country, with values inculcated, experience, knowledge and most importantly making sure that the seed of education is sown everywhere. Contribute towards making a better world through education. Best wishes!

The profiles in this directory present graduates from the different regions and districts of Uganda, an affirmation to the great contribution of FAWE Uganda and its stakeholders to making Uganda a better place. I thank the FAWE Uganda scholarship team and all stakeholders that have played a role in making today a reality. Thank you Mastercard Foundation, your contribution is worth a thousand smiles!

Our warmest congratulations upon your graduation!

For God and My Country

Ms. Susan Opok Tumusiime
Executive Director, FAWE Uganda.



Mr. Calvin Okello
Program Coordinator, FAWE Uganda



“GO OUT THERE AND MAKE YOUR MARK IN THE WORLD”

Dear Graduate.

Warmest congratulations upon your achievements!

I know this past year hasn't been easy but I want to offer my congratulations and well wishes for the future. Your hard work and perseverance should be applauded, and you should be very proud of yourself for reaching this monumental accomplishment.

As you are aware, since 2017, FAWE Uganda, with support from Mastercard Foundation, offered you and 333 (208 Female and 126 Male) other scholars, selected from 13 disadvantaged districts of Bukwo, Mayuge, Buyende, Katakwi, Amudat, Kaabong, Pader, Amuru, Adjumani, Kanungu, Bundibugyo, Ntoroko and Bullisa scholarship opportunities to access, transition and complete education.

To date, 144 (78 Female and 66 Male) have successfully completed and graduated from the Higher Education Access program (HEAP). I am immensely proud to note that 101 (51 Female and 50 Male) out of those who completed/graduated from the program have secured voluntary and full-time employment within and outside their home districts.

You have come far, worked hard and achieved your goal. Now go out there and make your mark in the world. Wherever you go, whatever you do, remember to work smart (not hard), and please keep in touch with FAWE Uganda through our alumni body and activities.

On behalf of the program implementation team, we commend your commitment, discipline and hard work that you have exhibited while on the program, which have, in turn, contributed to this tremendous achievement. We are excited that majority of you are already giving back to your communities.

I would like to thank the Mastercard Foundation for availing this study opportunity to both the graduates and others that are still on the program. Thank you scholars for utilizing and making good use of the support.

Thank you FAWE Uganda management, staff, mentors and focal persons for the tireless effort and work done to support these young graduates. It is your constant follow up, mentorship, among others, that have enabled them to achieve their dreams.

Congratulations once again and best wishes as you embark on the next chapter of your life!

Mr. Calvin Okello

Program Coordinator, FAWE Uganda



Meet the Graduates



Anthony Opus

From Katakwi District

Bachelor of Science in Water Resources Engineering

First cohort

Current employment status

Youth Chairperson Uganda Red Cross Society, Katakwi Branch and a volunteer with Youth Climate Lab.

Activities while on program that you participated in

I participated in the Extended Orientation Program at Mbarara University of Science and Technology.

The official launch of the FAWE Uganda Scholars program at Imperial Royale Hotel. The Harvest Money Expo held at Kololo Independence Grounds.

Alumni Community Open day held at Makerere University rugby pitch.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

The Extended Orientation Program equipped me with knowledge on how to conduct my academic and social matters while at university.

The official Launch of the scholars program gave me motivation to work hard and have the best from the support I had attained from the scholarship to better myself and the community I come from.

The Harvest Money Expo equipped me with knowledge on how I can run my agricultural projects, especially poultry and piggery that I have personally ventured in. Even though I met challenges, I was guided on how to overcome them.

The Alumni Community open day helped me network with the Mastercard Foundation scholars from Makerere University and also learn from their activity and entrepreneurial projects that I was able to share with the FAWE Uganda officials.

Future plans

I plan to further my studies and pursue a master's program in a few years from now. I plan to offer my diligent service to my community and nation at large when entrusted with duties in line with my professionalism and competence.

I also plan to change the narrative of agriculture and renewable energy in my community by inspiring them to adapt to modern systems of agriculture like irrigation and adopt green energy investments like solar energy, these being the core skills I have attained from my undergraduate course.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere, heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to The Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for enabling me to realize my dream. I am now an agent of change in my community and this has only been possible because of your generosity.

I pledge to always commit myself to any noble cause once called upon and I'm hopeful that I will build a worthwhile relationship that will propel The Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda goals and objectives to greater heights.

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Boniface Lokuny

From Karenga District

Bachelor of Science with Education - Physical

Second Cohort

Current employment status

I am a part-time Physics and Mathematics teacher at Karenga Secondary School.

Activities participated in while on program

Community giveback

I attended workshops organized by FAWE Uganda, both physical and virtual.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

They improved my psychological health.

I got to focus better on my goals

My vision and ambitions were widened.

I acquired skills in financial literacy, relationship management, and knowledge on how to transform the community.

The experiences boosted my confidence and made me ready for the working world.

Future plans

I am going for further studies, I am already admitted for Masters of Science in Physics at Mbarara University of Science and Technology starting in January/2023.

I want to support the younger generation by taking them to school and engaging the able-bodied in my community in agriculture.

I want to start up an association that aims at developing the community. Right now we have the Karamoja Peace Talk Foundation which is not yet functional, but we hope its activities will take effect in the near future.

I want to become a senior Lecturer and Research Consultant when I am done with my masters.

I want to become a member of Parliament to present, argue and debate on issues affecting my area. This shall improve the standard of living of my community. I belong to the Nyangia community which is one of the indigenous (minority groups) in Uganda, and I believe it's upon myself and a few others to uplift this community.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Great thanks to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda and the officials and the pioneers of these organizations, long live and may God bless you abundantly. May you continue touching lives and helping the needy.

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Bosco Tiondi

From Adjumani District

Bachelor of Science in Food and Agribusiness

First cohort

Current employment status

Communications Volunteer at Uganda Red Cross Society, Adjumani

Activities while on the program

Mentorship

Debate and public speech competitions at National and Regional levels

Students Leadership

Youth innovation challenges

The national agriculture expo

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Won innovation challenge with the International Federation of the RED Cross Red Crescent about gender-based violence in supporting youths and other members of the community with financial literacy training, entrepreneurship incubation, and creative art in Adjumani District.

Started a local community-based organization, the Ma'di Debate Society, that equips the youth with skills in debate, public speech, and research among others in Adjumani district. Under this initiative, we established a public library with thousands of copies of different books, resources, and materials to support academics, improve the reading culture as well as provide an information bank for the community.

Participated in a school outreach program and other various community give-back activities in my home district and beyond.

Future plans

To further my education by applying for masters programs

Professional and personal development

To pursue leadership.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Increase support for education by scaling up master's scholarships and support graduate entrepreneurship by providing start-up capital, graduate mentorship and training programs.

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Brenda Chemutai Rotich

From Bukwo District

Bachelor of Science in Food and Agribusiness

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am a Volunteer Agriculture Extension Worker at Bukwo District Local Government.

Activities participated in while on program

Leadership; I held various positions while at University, both on the political scene and club level such as Rotaract and Community clubs. Community giveback programs through different clubs such as Rotaract where we visited a center for children with nodding syndrome at Odek offered them donations in the form of a medical camp, food and clothing.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Leadership improved my communication skills, self esteem and boosted my confidence levels. Community givebacks gave me a chance to create an impact in the lives of others.

Future plans

To pursue a Masters degree in Food Security and become a food security expert/specialist to curb cases of high food insecurity amongst individuals and households in Uganda.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWA Uganda

Thank you for the opportunity offered to me to acquire a University level education. I promise to lift another person's life through education as Mastercard Foundation and FAWA Uganda have done for me.



Brenda Phionah Kako

From Buyende District

Diploma in Science Laboratory Technology (Chemistry)

Third cohort

Current employment status

Laboratory Technician, St. Francis De Sales Secondary School, Tororo

Activities while on program that you participated in

Community give back activities

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Leadership skills enabled me become the church Librarian Female Counselor in Basoga Nseete Association. I am able to think critically before acting, solve problems, plan and budget for the future as well as be a self-sustained person. I started a small business selling chips, chicken and cocktail juices plus doing some poultry.

Future plans

To upgrade my education so that I can expand my knowledge and skills in my field. To set up my own business in my home district to create employment opportunities for the people in the community.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWA Uganda

First and foremost I take this opportunity to thank the Almighty God for the life He endowed to us and give all the glory back to Him. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to Mastercard Foundation and FAWA Uganda for the love, care, the opportunity and the right to education given to me as a young woman which has brought changes to my life and my family in different aspects. I continue praying to the Almighty God to keep you alive, bless you as you continue supporting young people. I'm grateful that I can also give back to the community in different aspects especially to young and old people in my village. Be blessed.



Cleophas Komujuni

From Kanungu District

Bachelor of Science with Education - Chemistry and Mathematics

Second cohort

Current employment status

Chemistry and Mathematics teacher at Kihiihi High School

Activities participated in while on the program

Extended Orientation Program

Community giveback

Workshop at Mbarara University of Science and Technology

Impact of the activities on me as an individual

I have learnt to handle my finances through the financial literacy training in the Extended Orientation Program.

I acquired knowledge on how to give back to my community. FAWE Uganda taught me that I don't only need money to give back, it taught me various methods of giving back.

I have managed to improve my social capital through the networks I made with my fellow FAWE Uganda beneficiaries and this enabled me to have many friends from all parts of Uganda.

I have learnt to protect myself and live responsibly through the topics taught from workshops like sexual purity among others.

Future plans

Being a teacher, I plan on teaching the nation, building a strong foundation for my siblings who are still studying, looking after my family, helping the needy and acting as a strong pillar for FAWE Uganda in this country through maintaining the set goals and objectives of the organisation.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Today I can stand in public and speak all because of what Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda have invested in me. They found me on the edge of the cliff where all hope was lost and they gave me hope, and now I stand the chance of competing with others in my country. I am really grateful to you. I suggest that more help should be provided to people who are still in the villages to also see the light. I pray to God to richly bless everyone who has rendered any service to us, and may He grant you all your heart desires. Today we are where we are all because of Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda. Words cannot explain it so let me just say, long live Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda!

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Cornelius Chen-Chen

Bachelor of Science in Water Resources Engineering

First Cohort

Current employment status

Not employed, but pursuing a Masters in Water Quality and Wastewater Engineering in Cape Town, South Africa.

Activities you participated in while on program

- Extended Orientation Program
- Baobab Summit
- Mentoring
- Study Tours
- Exhibitions
- Workshops

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

First and foremost, paying my tuition fees reduced the financial burden of the rising costs of university education hence allowing me to find more time and energy to focus on studies.

Networking sessions have enabled build long-lasting relations with persons in the diaspora.

Mentoring from both the university professors and FAWE officials enabled me find a better career goal for my further studies.

Extended Oriented Program enabled me to have a clear understanding of university life and how to handle one self.

Future plans

My long-term goal is to further my education by obtaining a doctorate which will put me in a position of imparting my knowledge and experiences through lecturing and mentoring of future engineers and researchers in my home country, Uganda.

To further the growth of my company Wawtex Solutions Limited (<https://wawtex.com/>) as I solve community problems since we deal in promoting renewable energy consumption and access to clean and safe water. We also deal in solar installations and equipment, WASH projects including baseline surveys, geotechnical investigations, Borehole Drilling and rehabilitation, Shallow Wells, Water distribution, Construction works, Rainwater Harvesting, Filter Systems, among others.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to become a better version of myself. However, I am seeking another scholarship to upgrade to a masters and later a doctorate because as an Engineer, for me to mentor, teach and become a consultant, I must have more qualifications due to the competitive nature of our field. So a scholarship that could avail me access to state-of-the-art laboratory facilities, first class supervision by professors (I have referenced in my academic work and tutelage under reputable senior researchers) would broaden my research knowledge and add value to my previously acquired skills. This will help me carry on with meaningful innovative research and effectively contribute to the advancement of engineering and development in my home country, Uganda.

Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to become a better version of myself.”



Diana Balikenda

From Buliisa District

Bachelor of Science in Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

Physics teacher at St. Joseph Secondary School Nakanyonyi, Jinja

Activities participated while on the program that you participated in
In 2019, I taught in Butiaba Seed Secondary School as a way of giving back to the community, and during that time, I encouraged girls to embrace education. During the COVID-19 period, I trained the young girls in hands-on activities like making mats and plaiting hair which enabled them to earn a living.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Currently, as a senior woman teacher in my school, I am fighting hard to reduce teenage pregnancy and girl child dropouts through advice, continuous meetings, and many more activities.

Future plans

My Future plans are to continue with education (upgrade) and also continue saving young girls by making sure that they stay in school.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I would like to thank Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for giving me a chance to access higher education. May the Almighty God bless you. I also thank them for the trainings we received like the Extended Orientation Program, conventions and school to work transition which gave us valuable skills to survive in life.



Edward Kule Kahwa

From Ntoroko District

Bachelor of Science with Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

A Biology teacher at Buheesi Secondary School Bunyangabo District.

Activities participated in while on the program

Coaching students.
Leading association.
Making a constitution for a C.B.O.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Improved my teaching and communication skills, my interaction with students, and enhanced my innovative and creative skills.
I gained a better understanding of the personalities of people that I lead and learnt how to control and/or manage them.
Improved reading and writing skills.

Future plans

Giving back to the community, improving on student's science knowledge by teaching Biology and Chemistry and connecting other fellow scientists to teach in my society schools.
Going for a master's degree if opportunity arises..

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Firstly, I thank Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for the support given to me and to all of us participants during the achievements of our first degree education.
I request Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda to continue supporting those who are still on the program to completion and support at least a few who are highly interested in upgrading their education status.



Enoch Etapukan Ikojo

From Amudat District

Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness

First Cohort

Current employment status

Employed at Food for the Hungry in Amudat District as a Nutritionist.

Activities you participated in while on program

Extended Orientation Program.

Community giveback to St Francis School of the Blind Soroti, Kalas Girls Primary School Amudat etc.

School to work transition workshop.

Capacity and Mentorship training.

Agricultural expos

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

The activities built my capacity and supported my career growth and transition after studies. I was given networking opportunities and exposure that helped me get my current job.

Future plans

My future plan is to start an enterprise in line with my field of study so that I can be self-employed and also create employment opportunities for the community. I also plan to go for further studies.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

On my behalf, community and parents, I would like to thank MasterCard Foundation for the generosity extended towards me and my community and to Forum for African Women Educationalists, I extend my sincere appreciation for identifying my community to benefit from the Higher Education Access Program scholarship that enabled me attain a bachelor's Degree in Agribusiness that am now proudly working and serving my community. Thank you also for the support and mentorship during my years of study.



Erina Kisakye

From Buyende District

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

First cohort

Current employment status

Internship as a Clinician at Entebbe Regional Referral Hospital

Activities participated in while on program

Community give back in my district (BUYENDE)

Volunteering in a district hospital to impact people's lives.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Volunteering in the hospital enabled me to improve my clinical skills.

Community give back enabled me to identify gaps in my community and the need to reach out to see the gaps addressed.

Future plans

To start up a clinic (facility) in my district for the benefit of my community.

To do health outreaches to schools to impact young girls and ensure their reproductive health is improved.

Would like to go for further studies (masters) as soon as possible after my internship if given a chance of sponsorship.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for how far they have brought me. I had no hope of joining the university and completing, but I have been able to attain a medical qualification and finished without any hardships because of FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation. I am really grateful because my life has greatly changed.



Eunice Masika

From Ntoroko District

Diploma in Nursing

Second Cohort

Current employment status

I am a Clinical Instructor at Kagando School of Nursing.

Activities participated in while on program

- The Extended Orientation Program
- Community giveback at district level
- The launch of the Higher Education Access Program
- The Annual General Meeting at Seroma and at Mbarara University
- The joint MUST-FAWE Uganda Graduation party 2022

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I gained knowledge from the Extended Orientation Program on how to manage various aspects of life like when in leadership, which inspired me to contest for leadership at the university.

I also acquired knowledge in financial management which has sharpened my entrepreneurship skills and instituted in me a saving culture.

It improved my social circle through networking with others.

My participation in community giveback helped me understand that I can put a positive impact in other people's lives. It also occurred to me that I don't have to be very rich to help others.

While at it, I learnt various skills like making reusable sanitary pads, liquid soap among others.

I also learnt that most beginnings are small, and because of this, I do not despise any job opportunities even when they are small.

The different activities helped me discover who I really am, hence boosting my confidence as a person.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

With utmost pleasure, I would like to thank Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for the support they have rendered to me during my course. Much gratitude to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda staff who are always mentoring me. If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have made it to where I am. It's a huge blessing to be a part of this. Thank you for the mentorship, financial, and social support that you gave me, it is a great blessing to me, my family and the entire community. May God continue to bless and uphold Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda.

Lastly, I would like to request Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda to continue supporting myself and other disadvantaged students through other aspects of life. May you continue to bless other students who could be having no hope. Long live Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda! May God bless Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda.

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Fastino Bagalana

From Buyende District of origin

Bachelor of Agricultural Mechanization and Irrigation Engineering.

First cohort

Current employment status

Rearing chicken on a small scale.

Activities participated in while on program

Community giveback in Kidera Health Center IV

Career guidance at Riverside Secondary School in Tororo.

Extended Orientation Program at Mbarara University, Nagongera campus, Seroma High School Mukono

Agriculture exhibition at Namboole Stadium and Kololo Airstrip.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I gained confidence

Exposure to new technologies

Academic excellence

Self trust and esteem.

Future plans

To become an agricultural expert engineer in order to help my community especially in Buyende district.

To attain a masters degree in the next 6 years

To become a great poultry farmer in Uganda.

To become an employer.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

With great pleasure and honor, I thank God, Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for the wonderful opportunity granted to me since 2017. I was able to graduate with an upper second class honors degree. I therefore thank you for the financial support, I promise to remain in touch with you and give my support. God bless you!

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Felix Adupe Legkwo

From Pader District

Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Engineering

First Cohort

Current employment status

Student

If not working, what are you doing?

I am doing a masters in Biosystems Engineering, specialising in renewable energy at Gulu University.

Activities participated in while on program

The Extended Orientation Program (EOP).

I participated in various university activities, especially leadership. I was the Cabinet Minister of Ethics, Integrity and Religious Affairs in the 19th-Guild.

Mentorship

Community charity outreaches.

Post-primary school visit and students' counselling.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

The financial management skills I acquired from the Extended Orientation Program, I was able to save up enough and construct a three bedroom house, start up a pharmacy and a mobile money business.

I am engaged in farming, both subsistence and commercial; growing maize, soya, beans, sunflowers, onions, etc. From these proceeds, I am able to pay school fees for my siblings.

From my position, I acquired great leadership skills.

Future plans

To complete my masters degree and later do a PhD.

To create a unique engineering project in Pader District following the knowledge I have acquired.

To address some pressing community needs in my village including provision of safe and clean water and environment; clean, safe and sustainable energy utilisation, food security, support for girl child and boy child education in Uganda.

To become the President of the Republic of Uganda in the future and support, guide, train, teach, educate and lead the citizens of the country and practice democracy.

Message to Mastercard and FAWE Uganda

I thank FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation for offering me the opportunity to achieve my dream in the engineering field, and restoring my hope and joy. From my family, thank you for loving me wholeheartedly, forever you will be written in our hearts and your footmarks will always remain our family testimonial. I will be grateful for any support from FAWE Uganda towards my pursuit of further studies. Long live FAWE Uganda!

“From my family, thank you for loving me wholeheartedly, forever you will be written in our hearts and your footmarks will always remain our family testimonial.”



Fiona Dribareo

From Adjumani District

Bachelor of Science in Water Resources Engineering

First cohort

Current employment status

Project Support Intern at UNCDF – Uganda. A six-month contract.

Activities participated in while on the program

Extended Orientation Program

Annual convening

Community outreach

Mentorship.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Through the Extended Outreach Program – I learnt to make better financial decisions, effective management of my finances and this has enabled me to invest in piggery from my savings. The project is based in Moyo district.

Through Annual Convening – I felt included, met with other scholars who have had a positive impact on my life. I was especially inspired and encouraged by the testimonies from some alumni like Grace Nayonga and Auma Jackie.

Community outreach – I have been in position to use my public relations skills to promote awareness among the locals and also assess some of their needs. I basically believe this is important in identifying the right resources to channel to specific communities.

Mentorship – The advice and guidance from my mentor from campus helped me overcome the academic challenges.

Future plans

Professionally, I would like to further my education and build my career. I am looking forward to starting a masters program or post degree diploma effective next year if I can get a scholarship opportunity.

Personally; I'm looking into getting a concept to create awareness, information and a sense of self-reform to bring about change among people in my community. I see and strongly believe we need a mind reset.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I convey my honest and genuine gratitude to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for having sponsored my studies. Your scholarship was priceless and it helped me in my educational endeavors. I was super excited to hear of my selection for the privilege and I am profoundly thankful for you for supporting me through my first degree which I wouldn't have got without the scholarship opportunity. In addition, I am looking for opportunities to further my education and for any assistance you can render to this, I will be grateful.

“I was super excited to hear of my selection for the privilege and I am profoundly thankful for you for supporting me through my first degree which I wouldn't have got without the scholarship opportunity.”



Muzamiru Lubanga

From Mayuge District

Bachelor of Science in Water Resources Engineering

First cohort

Current employment status

Part-time sales engineer and volunteering as Team Leader and WASH Officer at NHIIFE INITIATIVE CBO.

Activities participated in while on program

The empowerment From FAWE UGANDA through the following programs: Extended Orientation program (E.O.P); this fully opened up our eyes and exposed us to real life and to understanding the need for community transformation.

The Annual Convening that was held at Seroma Christian School Mukono; during this convening we were given chances to express our community giveback projects. As students from Mayuge we were inspired by many students sharing their achievements. Supportive Stipend; Here I want to clearly appreciate FAWE UGANDA, I am so grateful for the support. It's the upkeep you gave us from where we removed a small portion to also put a smile on other fellow vulnerable people because we came from a very poor background and we know what it takes to be vulnerable, so we had to go the extra mile to help others.

Education Empowerment received from FAWE Uganda; After acquiring this opportunity we looked at our fellow vulnerable young people who didn't get the chance like us, and we felt empathetic, "as it's not sustainable to build mansions when your neighbors are starving one day, they will break into your mansion thinking you're the reason for their suffering".

Mentorship programs

Study tours e.g., Agricultural Expo at Kololo, Engineering study tour at Kamuli National water. On my side I also carried out some activities during the programs: Student leader for beneficiaries from Mayuge District, community givebacks through formation of CBO that is supporting the girl child and fighting teenage pregnancy and Education, construction of three (3) water sources for my community as a community give back.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

My life has not remained the same after going through the program and different activities. I have been able to exercise a lot from what I learnt from FAWE Uganda workshops, career guidance and the mentorship program. Even if I have not yet gotten a job, I am able to support my family, and relatives through the skills I gained from campus and from FAWE Uganda. Being an orphan with a single parent, I have set up a simple agribusiness so that I can create some self-employment for myself to earn a living to support my mom and sisters. Happiness is seeing my community happy while taking water from a water source that I constructed for them. It's one of the best achievements in my life. I have learnt to support my fellow youths and the teenagers in my community. My life has been impacted because I now have a voice to speak for fellow youths and teenagers on aspects of teenage pregnancy and entrepreneurship skills.

Future plans

My future plan is focusing on how to help vulnerable youths in my community get employment. I have a plan of starting an engineering water supply and construction company aimed at employing the youths who have attained skills in plumbing, building, welding and fabrication because there are many in my community, but they have no jobs.

I also plan on getting contracts that will absorb many youths in different sectors of work and use the CBO we formed to also continue to support the vulnerable teenage mothers, fight teenage pregnancy and support education.

In this I have a belief that my community will have a sustainable future and my legacy will be an inspiration to others.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

FAWE Uganda you liberated my future. I, Muzamiru Lubanga, deep from the village, abandoned by my paternal uncles after the death of my father who died of HIV/AIDS and left me at the age of 6 years, went through volunteers' hands till senior six, and then I had no hope of continuing my studies. While at Mayuge market in 2017 selling silver fish (Mukene/omena), I received a call from FAWE Uganda after applying for the scholarship. I thought it was a dream until I found myself in Mbarara for the Extended Orientation Program. I promise you, from the bottom of my heart, that I will uphold the values I got from FAWE Uganda; I will serve my community with all my heart, I will always give back to FAWE Uganda in any form I can because I am what I am today because of you. FAWE UGANDA I will continue saying that the Extended Orientation Program and Annual convening have had the best impact on our lives. Please, it should continue.



Miriat Nangobi

From Buyende District

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

First cohort

Current employment status

Operating a produce store and mobile money. The store deals in groundnuts both grain and paste, rice and beans.

Activities participated in while on program

Formed FAWE Uganda Buyende Beneficiaries Union and registered it as a Community-Based Organization with Buyende district where I serve as a secretary. The following are the activities we carried out as a union:

Gave back to patients in Kidera Health Center III. Items given out included soap, toilet paper and liquid soap, we cleaned the facility as well.

Planted trees and donated hand washing jerrycans at Bugaya Health Center III.

Besides the union, I volunteered as secretary of the Youth Advocacy Network Buyende where I spearheaded advocacy.

I also volunteered as an Agriculture Specialist of Dream Support Uganda, a local CBO where we trained youth on Agriculture Enterprise Development.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual:

Improved my communication and interpersonal skills

Exposed me to organizational work ethics

I learnt how to develop meaningful partnerships between organizations

Got useful networks and connections

Future plans:

Looking forward to developing FAWE Uganda Buyende Beneficiaries Union through proposal development and raising funds to implement projects.

Furthering my studies to acquire more knowledge and skills to uplift my community.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you for taking me to school, may God continue using you to change peoples lives. If there is any help you can render me to further my education at masters level, I will be grateful.

“ I want to promise from the bottom of my heart that I will uphold the value I hold from FAWE Uganda, I will serve my community with all my heart, I will always give back to FAWE Uganda in any form I can because am what I am today because of you.”



Peter Jerry Igama

From Adjumani District

Bachelor of Science Education - Physical

First cohort

Current employment status

I am a Physics teacher at Archbishop Flynn Secondary School in Pader district. I am also overseeing a partnered business enterprise in electronics and electricals developed by my brother and I operating in Adjumani district.

Activities participated in while on program

To begin with, the Higher Education Access Program (HEAP) has been a tremendous and called for opportunity for my career in education. It has opened doors for me to explore and experience so much in life besides the education career itself. There were so many activities that I participated in while on this program.

At the beginning, I participated in the Extended Orientation Program which made the start of my career with groups of scholars from other institutions.

We had one-on-one mentoring sessions with mentors who were assigned by FAWE Uganda to guide us throughout our time at campus. I took part in training sessions on entrepreneurship skills and business management.

During my semester breaks I was able to volunteer and do charitable activities with the organization implementing programs for the benefit of the community in my district.

I also participated in the school-to-work transition program which availed me the Graduate Scholars Internships Program opportunity.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I am able to stand and speak for the people in my community for ventures that benefit us.

Participating in the school-to-work transition workshop broadened my ability and mind to think critically and deductively in handling matters of importance. It has built confidence in me to seek employment and I have been able to achieve it.

I have had the opportunity to create networks with different groups of people from different backgrounds who are very helpful.

Future plans

I plan to further my studies when opportunity avails itself to better understand the problems faced by my community and develop possible strategies and find solutions for them. This will be especially in the education sector as there are many out there who are illiterate.

I also intend to work harder to be a better person in order to support students in their education career.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Higher Education Access Program (HEAP) Scholarship. Thanks to your generous support I am the first in my family to attain a university degree. Growing up in a less privileged community with financial and academic challenges helped me realize the value of university education. My educational pursuit would not be possible without the generous support from scholarship sponsors like you. Thank you again for your generous and thoughtful gift.



Ronald Amodoi

From Katakwi District

Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering

First cohort

Current employment status

Volunteering at Katakwi Health Center IV as a Biomedical Engineer and serving at Christ Embassy Church, Mbarara

Activities participated in while on program

Extended Orientation Program

Community giveback at district level

Launching of the Higher Education Access Program

Annual Convening at Seroma Christian School and Mbarara University

Joint MUST FAWE Uganda Graduation party 2022.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

During the Extended Orientation Program, I was given further insight on how to be excellent and as wise as a serpent at campus.

During the Annual Convening Meetings, I met my fellow colleagues and discussed current and **Future plans** academically and general life goals.

The mentorship program streamlined me to find and maintain my focus.

The joint graduation was a time to share joy and success obtained with honesty and awe-inspiring testimonies of the impact of the program on my friends. I was also challenged by their testimonies.

Future plans

I want to find three jobs I can do concurrently, even as I apply for the Chevening and Commonwealth scholarships in the UK.

I also want to have some impact on the community I come from.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am eternally grateful for the support accorded to me from day one. Not only have you supported me, but also families at large. Thank you for birthing a hope in me that has come into fruition today. God greatly bless you FAWE Uganda, I am proud to be associated with FAWE Uganda.

“Not only have you supported me, but also families at large. Thank you for birthing a hope in me that has come into fruition today.”



Trevor Amanya

From Buyende District

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

First cohort

Current employment status

Field Extension Coordinator at Jesa Farm Dairies

Activities participated in while on the program

Extended Orientation Program, National Agricultural Extension Symposium, Harvest Money Expo, and University visits.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I was exposed to sector players, armed with new ideas and I observed important spaces that are present today in my field.

I was inspired to work hard to achieve my ambitions as I am well-positioned with the knowledge to go about work, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

I also identified viable fields I can venture into to further my studies.

Future plans

Furthering my studies, exploring entrepreneurship in line with my profession, empowering others, and becoming a FAWE Uganda donor.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Immeasurable appreciation to you for moving me from vulnerability to empowering and arming me with an education, resources & opportunities to lead a productive, decent, and merrier life as a global citizen.



Abraham Lorot

From Amudat District

Diploma in Animal Production and Management.

Second Cohort

Current employment status

Purchased a motorcycle and is currently making money from transporting people and goods.

Activities participated in while on program

Community giveback which included buying detergents for patients in the health centers.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I learnt that helping people is the most important gift you can offer and I know I am blessed because of their prayers.

Future plans

To be a veterinary consultant and help my people treat their animals.

I also want to be a politician to represent my people in Parliament.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

My sincere appreciation to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for giving me hope for a brighter future and for pushing me steps towards the realization of my dream. May the Almighty God bless you all abundantly.



Aggrey Musoma

From Buyende District

Diploma in Nursing

First Cohort

Current employment status

Nursing Officer at Maliya Foundation

Activities participated in while on program

Charity work with The Red Cross Society

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I learnt that no one can help everyone, but everyone can help someone. You don't need to be rich first to help people.

Future plans

To start up my own health unit to be self employed and employ others who are jobless.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am really proud of you because through those workshops of Extended Orientation Programs I have become a good citizen. Above all, I appreciate you for enhancing my future through education. Lastly, I request you, if there is any way you can liaise with different service commissions, to help us secure jobs. It is so hard for people with a background like mine to compete favorably in the job market. Big thanks God bless all of you.



Alice Stella Nakaibale

From Buyende District

Bachelor of Arts with Education - English and Literature

Second Cohort

Current employment status

Volunteering as an English Literature teacher at Bagiire Memorial School

Activities participated in while on program

Community givebacks

Organising charity outreaches both at the university campus and in my home district.

Leadership; I was the Chairperson of Charitas, where we would donate scholastic materials and pay fees for the younger ones.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Improvement of my self esteem and confidence.

Future plans

To get a good paying job so that I can construct a home for my parents.

I plan on starting up a business so that I can take some of my disadvantaged relatives through school.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am who I am because of you; without you I would not have this degree right now. I humbly request you to keep on supporting the underprivileged. Otherwise, thank you so much, God bless you all!



Wilfred Okello Obonyo

From Kaabong District

Bachelor of Science with Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

Biology teacher at Kaabong Secondary School, Kaabong.

Activities participated in while on the program

Extended orientation program (EOP).

Mentorship sessions.

General conveying workshop at Mukono.

Transition workshop.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Enabled me to learn entrepreneurship skills.

Financial management systems.

Computer literacy.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I really appreciate the support that Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda has rendered to the disadvantaged individuals in selected districts of Uganda. My message is that Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda continue to extend their support to masters and phd courses.



Anne Phoebe Ipieu

From Katakwi District

Diploma in Nursing

First cohort

Current employment status

School nurse at Toggo Children's Center, Nakaseke.

Activities participated in while on program

Chairperson Teso Medical Students Association

Hostel Leader

FAWE Uganda Leader Jinja School of Nursing and Midwifery

Sports (volleyball, athletics, handball)

Red Cross member

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I became better at teamwork, endurance, responsibility, confidentiality, punctuality, using available resources, giving first aid to mention, but a few.

Future plans

To open my own clinic in my home district with the little I will have gathered by the end of this year, and then go back to school to upgrade. I would also want to invest in a business.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you so much for making me who I am, may the Almighty God bless you much more. We are well-aware that this is just, but a stepping stone for us. We hope to upgrade and further our studies, and if by any chance there is an opportunity, please we request you not to leave us behind. We will never give up on pushing forward no matter what circumstances so that our family members and community never lag behind. We will build them into stronger foundations for a better Uganda. For God and my Country, long live FAWE Uganda, long live Mastercard Foundation.



Boniface Anywar

From Pader District

Bachelor of Science in Education

Second cohort

Current employment status:

Volunteering as a teacher at Ocer Champion Jesuit College Gulu

Activities while on the program that you participated in

Community givebacks in Pader district

Participated in leadership and agricultural activities

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

It was fulfilling for me to see people gain hope when we visited the health center i.e. patients.

Future plans

Become a member of parliament

Become an entrepreneur

Be an educator since I am a teacher

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Gratitude to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for taking me up to where I am now. I would request that they continue supporting even more young people and the possibility of providing a Master's program at the university. a



Boniface Kite

From Amuru District

Bachelor of Science with Education - Agriculture

Second cohort

Current employment status

Head Teacher at Mother Dorothy School in Amuru District

Activities while on the program that you participated in

Community give back at Kaladima Health Center 11.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I made many friends and got useful connections, especially with district officials. I am now sought after in the community to speak to young people, give council and guidance.

Future plans

Expanding my fish farm and venturing into large scale piggery.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

To continue supporting young Ugandans, especially vulnerable girls.



Brendah Ampire

From Kanungu District

Bachelor of Science in Water Resource Engineering

First Cohort

Current employment status

Part-time plumber in my community

Activities participated in while on the program

Radio talk show in Kanungu

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

The talk show enabled me to interact more with my fellow scholars from Kanungu and on how we can continue to give back to the community.

Future plans

To make Kanungu a better place

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you for the support rendered to me in all aspects.



Brian Paul Ambaku

From Adjumani District

Bachelor of Science with Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

An Economics and Mathematics teacher at St. Mary Secondary School Adjumani.

Activities participated in while on the program

I participated in outreach programs in schools within Adjumani
Community facility cleaning at Cessia Health Center Adjumani

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Improved my confidence in speech writing.
It helped me create good sanitation in public health facilities

Future plans:

To become an educational administrator.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Continue to extend a helping hand to the vulnerable communities and continue helping humanities.



Bridget Akankunda

From Kanungu District

Bachelor of Science with Education

Second Cohort

Current employment status

Teacher at Sheema Premier Secondary School and Baker at Bridge Confectionary Bakery.

Activities participated in while on program

Athletics
Counseling
Cultural Gala
Volunteering work in schools
Cleaning the community

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Gained leadership and communication skills
Networking

Future plans

To become the best Chemistry Teacher
To own a bakery
To help young girls attain quality education

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I would like to thank Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for restoring my hope and for the chance that afforded me in education.



Catherine Musiimenta

From Kanungu District

Bachelor of Science with Education

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am operating a mobile money business.

Activities participated in while on program

Agriculture

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I was able to raise enough capital that started the mobile money business.

Future plans

To invest in order to increase capital.
To start up a store for agricultural products.
To do a masters degree.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

We still need your support if possible because of the scarcity of Jobs in Uganda to improve on the economic status. Great thanks to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for giving me a foundation.



Christopher Musinguzi

From Ntoroko District

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Livelihood and Farm Production

First cohort

Current employment status

An agronomist in Ntoroko District

Activities participated in while on program

Entrepreneurship trainings

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

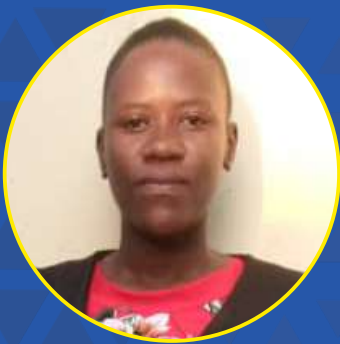
They sharpened the entrepreneur in me so now I use my resources more economically

Future plans

To develop my career in agriculture as a practitioner and use it to create employment opportunities in my community and even beyond and pursue further studies

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I thank FAWE Uganda for opening the gates for the future we are yet to see and taking up the role of educating us when our parents could not afford the cost. I am proud of the achievement of becoming a graduate. As we start life after school, we shall always remember that it was you that started our careers, and we shall stand with you for any social cause.



Collinah Ampeire

From Kanungu District

Diploma in Nursing

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am a nurse at St. Paul's Medical Center Kanyantorogo.

Activities participated in while on a program

Community giveback.

Volunteering at Kambuga Hospital during all my holidays.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

My career was advanced

My interpersonal skills were greatly improved.

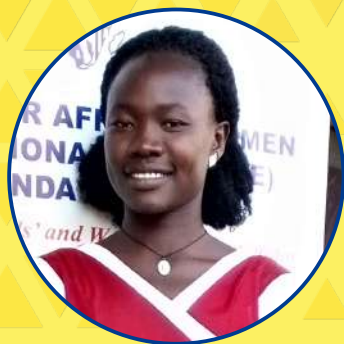
My social networks were broadened.

Future plans

To open up a private health facility

To give a hand to some under privileged people so they attain quality education.

As promised, I am providing health service guidance and counseling to people in the community.



Concy Dianah Auma

From Pader District

Bachelor of Science in Education - Agriculture

Second Cohort

Current employment status

Volunteering in Kayunga District as a fellow at Teach For Uganda.

Activities participated in while on the program

Training schools for regional and national debates.

School visits, reach out to young adolescent girls and child mothers in the community while providing sanitary materials and reminding them that they still have a great future.

Training rural women farmers groups on savings and credit services, food security for improved community nutrition.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Exposure, opportunities to meet new people and learn new skills, increase in knowledge.

Future plans

Having a personal income-generating enterprise and going back to school for further studies.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Create strategies to reach out to the Alumni in regards to project grants to potential youths.



Conerious Bazaale

From Buyende District

Bachelor of Science with Education

First Cohort

Current employment status

Teacher at Kagumba Seed School

Activities you participated in while on program

Community giveback by cleaning Buyende and Tororo.

Extended Orientation Program.

Higher Education Access Program launch.

Transition in Kavumba Recreation Center

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I acquired better finance management skills.

I became computer literate.

I learnt how to write a professional C.V.

Future plans

To play in my profession to change people's lives positively.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you for all the support and help.



David Engole

From Katakwi District

Diploma in Nursing

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am a Nursing Volunteer at TASO Uganda

Activities participated in while on program

Community giveback

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I built on my social network

Future plans

To open up a nursing home

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am greatly honored to say thank you for all the support given and I pray The Almighty God gives you more blessings as you continue to support the disadvantaged children who have dreams, but lack finances to make them a reality. I also pray that as my journey to the work environment has started, may He continue to bless the work of my hands so that I also be part of you in supporting more disadvantaged children in achieving their dreams.



Derek Bamusomeire

From Buyende District

Higher Education Access Program/ Diploma in Nursing

First Cohort

Current employment status

Working with Jehovah RAPHA Medical Clinic Kamuli Kakiri Wakiso as a Nurse.

Activities participated in while on program

Menstrual hygiene seminar to students of Lunar International School Buyende

Future plans

To start up a business, particularly a clinic in my home district.

To further my education.

To start up an orphanage so that I can help many because in our district many children, especially girls, are neglected.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Long live Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda! My humble request is that if there is still a chance, please continue touching those neglected children in the village. And then when opportunities become available for post graduates, then we can be pushed higher. Lastly, God bless you and enable you to continue to touch the neglected young girls and boys in Uganda.



Edmund Musimenta

From Kanungu District

Bachelor of Animal Production and Management

First cohort

Current employment status

Currently pursuing a Bachelors in Human Nutrition and Dietetics at Kyambogo University.

Activities participated while on program

Extended Orientation Program
School work transition program
Seroma workshop.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Changed mindset by increasing my confidence.
Exposure.

Future plans

To start a dairy farm in my district to benefit my people through my profession by creating a linkage that will serve each household with a heifer in a period of 5 years.
To become an area Member of Parliament for my district.
Continue to study until PhD Level.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I deeply appreciate Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for all support given to me. I pledge to do my best to transform my community in the near future. I kindly request Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda to continue supporting my dreams in whichever possible way so that I can turn them into a reality.



Edward Muranda

From Ntoroko District

Diploma in Nursing

First Cohort

Current employment status

Working as a nurse at St. Catherine's Hospital Kampala, Buganda Road.

Activities participated in while on program

Giving back to the community through donations of reusable sanitary pads and other scholastic materials.
Health-driven activities like Corona awareness in my Ntoroko District community.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I acquired day-to-day life skills.

Future plans

To set up a community hospital that will extend health services near the people of my community and create employment in the area.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for the opportunity and generous support that you granted me. The continuous support that has improved my life and my family which has in turn contributed much towards my community.



Elijah Kiplangat

From Bukwo District

Bachelor of Animal Production and Management

Second cohort

Current employment status

Currently working with Strengthening Education System and Individual Learning (SESIL) Uganda as a Data Assistant in Buikwe District. He is also doing animal rearing.

Activities participated in while on the program

Tree planting.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I got knowledge on climate change.

Future plans

Getting a professional job.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you for improving the quality of my life by enabling me get an education.



Elizabeth Ansiinguzi

From Kanungu District

Bachelor of Arts in Education

Second Cohort

Current employment status

Divinity Teacher at Makhill Girls School Kanungu

Activities participated in while on the program

Community give back at Kanungu Kambuga Hospital.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Was a leader at Gulu university
Improved communication skills.
Better at socialization.

Future plans

Advancing in my education.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am so grateful and humbly honored to have been part of FAWE Uganda from where I was picked and where it has made me stand today.



Eseza Katawano

From Buyende District

Diploma in Nursing

First cohort

Current employment status

Working in Entebbe Girls school as the School Nurse.

Activities you participated in while on program

Giveback activities at Luna International College, Buyende District where we held Menstrual Hygiene Management and health talks. We also taught the students how to make reusable pads and encouraged the girls to do science courses.

Another giveback activity was at a Kidera Health Centre IV in Buyende district where we cleaned.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Through the health talks, I learnt to make reusable pads.

I also gained confidence and self esteem from speaking to the students.

Future plans

To start my own clinic.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thankful to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for helping me finish my studies when I had no hope. I pray that God continues to reward you all.



Esther Kyasiimire

From Kanungu District

Bachelor of Education - Languages

Second cohort

Current employment status

Teacher of the English language at Zara Christian High School.

Activities participated while on the program

Community give back in Kanungu district school outreaches.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

They helped me develop confidence and improve my communication skills.

Future plans

I hope to be a self-employed individual that gives back to the community.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I thank Mastercard Foundation and FAWE for the great impact on my life. I promise not to let you down.



Esther Sande

From Bukwo District

Bachelor of Arts in Education - English and Literature

Second Cohort

Current employment status

I am an English and Literature teacher at Brim High School in Bukwo District.

Activities participated in while on program

Educating my siblings.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

They greatly improved my saving culture, passionate character and it was a joy supporting those indeed in order to realize their future goals just as FAWE Uganda did for me.

Future plans

To support the disadvantaged

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I really appreciate the efforts of FAWE Uganda in laying a foundation for my very bright future.



Evaster Hope Kabadaki

From Ntoroko District

Bachelor of Arts in Education - Languages

Second cohort

Current employment status

English teacher at Merryland High School Entebbe.

Activities participated in while on the program

We organized an outreach to give back to Ntoroko community members who had been affected by floods in 2020.

I have spoken to a number of young girls and motivated them to be their best selves.

I donated various items to Niffe Ug to help young girls and women.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Doing what I did, it felt so fulfilling to give back to people and be the reason for someone to smile. These activities have enabled me to inspire and motivate so many women.

Future plans

I hope to upgrade my career and reach out more to various communities in my district.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I will forever be grateful to Mastercard Foundation for the life-changing opportunity to attain quality university education. Therefore, to represent Mastercard Foundation well wherever I go, I will support and fight for the rights of young women out there.



Faith Atim

From Pader District

Bachelor of Arts with Education

Second Cohort

Current employment status

I'm volunteering as a fellow at Teach For Uganda

Activities participated in while on program

Community givebacks where we planted trees, donated liquid soap, surgical gloves and other items at Lacani Health Center III in Pajule, Pader District.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Created great social networks.

Future plans

To change the lives of the generation after me through mentorship, as a way of paying forward what FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation did for me.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am so grateful for the future that Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda gave to me. Long live Mastercard Foundation, long live FAWE Uganda! I promise to continue giving back to my community and other communities. May you continue to support children that would love to go to school, but are unable to due to financial constraints.



Tina Tino

From Katakwi District

Bachelor of Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

I own and operate a mobile money kiosk.

Activities participated in while on the program

Community giveback activities like cleaning Katakwi town and helping the needy.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I have since then appreciated the joy that comes with helping others.

Future plans

Pursue further studies.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am very grateful to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for their support towards me as an individual and through them, I have also been able to help others. I am so humbled to be part of the FAWE Uganda family and forever indebted to you. Thank you.



Flavia Anena

From Amuru District

Bachelor of Arts in Education and Humanities

Second Cohort

Current employment status

Working with the Recreation Project as a Community Facilitator and a social worker, Fellow and Teacher-Leader with Teach For Uganda.

Activities participated in while on program

Leadership and student/participants co-ordinator.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

My leadership skills were sharpened right from the first appointment as the FAWE Uganda/Mastercard Foundation Second Cohort President/Student Leader. I then became the Vice Guild President of my Gulu University.

Future plans

I aspire to be a great coach, mentor and a trainer of young people in the fields of community development through career development, life skills and leadership.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Mastercard Foundation has done my family and career so great. I am a pillar to my family and community and I believe they can now stand because I am educated and an advocate. The support and care FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation have given me has strengthened me in all aspects of life. I will make you all proud one day through my hard work for the community and young people. Blessings to all the staff and friends who rendered us the much-needed support.



Ashante Charlotte

From Adjumani District

Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Third Cohort

Current employment status

I have a grocery shop.

When I am not at the shop, I do programming. I enrolled for a 1 year course on programming with ALX. 10 hours daily.

I also volunteered in November and December in a pharmaceutical university lab in Kihumuro.

Activities you participated in while on program

The holiday meeting of all cohorts

Life skilling training from famecon

Orientation in Busitema

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I thank God for the opportunity, with this exposure my life literally changed.

Before I joined campus I hated computer work, but because of the laptops FAWE Uganda provided, I am going to take on a programming course.

Future plans

Career wise, I plan to start a shea butter company and a global marketing company.

I am passionate about teaching and therefore plan to start a business school that will equip young people with skills to start innovative businesses that will be sustainable for generations.

In regards to ministry, I am a singer and I would love to do gospel music.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am forever grateful for the opportunity.

I lived a luxurious campus life where I had more than enough. Thank you for the different exposure that have transformed my life. I can attest that I have left university with more than just a degree. I pledge an allegiance to support others the same way I was supported.



Freda Winfred Apio

From Katakwi District

Bachelor of Arts in Education - English and literature

Second cohort

Current employment status

A teacher at Ideal Girls' High School Nakaloke Mbale.

Activities participated in while on program

Community giveback in Katakwi
We bought dustbins in Nangogera
Extended Orientation Program at Gulu University
Mentorship program at the university.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Knowledge that has helped me manage my personal finances and to keep supporting the community.
Teamwork and commitment through which one can be a better person in life and not make decisions that will lead to division in society.

Future plans

To help the needy in any way I can for example through mentorship, sponsoring some people and any other way possible.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I appreciate them for the far they have brought us, they have made us better persons in the society.



George Kizza

From Buyende District

Bachelor of Science in Education

First Cohort

Current employment status

Volunteering at Hillside College, Kamuli as a teacher of Agriculture.
On the side, I grow maize and groundnuts for sale, plus rear pigs.

Activities participated in while on program

Extended Orientation Program
Community giveback in Buyende at two health centers; Kidera Health Center IV and Bugaya Health Center IV.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I am now able to do personal givebacks in Buyende. I go around counseling young people in schools. I have worked with three primary schools so far.
I also acquired leadership skills from the program. I was the Academic Secretary at Busitema University, Speaker at Nature Uganda, Project Manager Basoga Nsete, Project Manager Angelican community Busitema University.

Future plans

To excel in my profession and farming business.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am grateful for FAWE Uganda. Many students wanted the opportunity, but it's me that was chosen. I don't think I was the brightest student, but they still picked me. They paid everything that was necessary till I graduated last year. Thank you, God bless you!



Geraldine Tongoi

From Mayuge District

Bachelor of Arts in Languages - English and Literature in English

Second cohort

Current employment status

A teacher of English and Literature in English in Mayuge District

Activities participated in while on the program

Community give back, e.g counseling teenagers, cleaning of markets in my home place, and teaching.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I have managed to make new and beneficial friends as well as help many teenagers get back to school.

Future plans

I am looking at supporting girl child education and always standing up to support girls in Uganda.

I am also looking at helping many students achieve their goals by teaching them because I'm already a professional teacher.

I also have plans of expanding the school that I started last year in my home village so that it can take on more scholars.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I would like to thank Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for supporting the girl child in Uganda, most of which are disadvantaged of which I happen to be part. You have been supportive of us and we are forever grateful for your good hearts. I pledge to work with you in community giveback activities to support other people like myself. May the Almighty God bless you abundantly!



Gilbert Milembe

From Ntoroko District

Bachelor of Science with Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

Volunteering at Redeemer Secondary School as a teacher of Chemistry

If not working, what are you doing?

I am currently involved in egg plant growing and fish farming. After graduation in June, I started digging ponds to rear fish and I also cleared one acre of land for eggplant growing.

Activities participated in while on the program

I contested as the Faculty President of Education and Humanities at Gulu University and was the first runner up.

I participated in the day of community give back for Mastercard Foundation.

I further worked as the Assistant Welfare Minister for the Rwenzori Students Association.

I also started a cocoa business.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Participating in the university elections helped me to improve my confidence in public speaking. I learnt how to work in a team and interfaced with new trends.

I learnt to give back to the community.

Future plans

I plan to aspire for high political positions in the future like a member of parliament to further develop my leadership skills.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda should always support their alumni that come out to participate in any election at institutional level, especially the higher levels.



Gloria Raleo

From Adjumani District

Diploma in Pharmacy

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am contracted with Akubus Company Ltd as a Pharmacist.

Activities participated in while on program

Volunteering at Adjumani General hospital

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Saved and touched so many lives

Future plans

To go for a bachelor's degree in Pharmacy.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you very much for the immeasurable support given to me, may the Almighty God bless you people for me.



Hellen Musimenta

From Kanungu District

Bachelor's Degree in Agribusiness

Second cohort

Current employment status

Volunteering as the Production Assistant at Kayonza Growers Tea Factory

Activities while on program that you participated in

Community giveback at St Francis Maddelah school of the blind.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I gained leadership skills, communication skills and practical skills on poultry and piggery for farming.

From the leadership skills I was able to become the Vice Chairperson at St. Paul's Catholic Church.

I also participated in campus leadership, I was the no-resident representative at the campus.

I ran some projects like piggery and poultry, and I also helped my parents in paying school fees for my younger siblings using part of the upkeep given to me.

Future plans

Self employment as an agribusiness manager, supporting students to go through school where possible as a way of giving back to the community.

I also want to upgrade to a masters program to further my studies.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I want to take this opportunity to thank FAWE Uganda for their support in terms of tuition, upkeep, rent and training sessions.



Hairati Molah

From Mayuge District

Bachelor of Arts with Education - Literature in English and English

First cohort

Current employment status

Literature in English teacher at Luubu Secondary School.

Activities participated in while on program

The Extended Orientation Program held at Mbarara university
School-Work Transition held at Kavumba Recreation Center
Mentorship programs and graduation treats

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Through the Extended Orientation Program I got an idea of what university life would be like, therefore I was equipped beforehand.

Still from the Extended Orientation Program, I acquired skills like computer literacy that helped greatly during my course.

I also became financially literate through the Extended Orientation Program, so I am able to account for all money I get and spend.

The School-Work Transition prepared me for the job world. I was trained in how to answer interview questions and how to conduct yourself when in an interview.

Still in the same workshop, I learnt how to make a resume which skill has been very vital in my job seeking.

I was also skilled in how to thrive at the workplace, I am eager to get my job so I can put all these skills to profitable use.

Future plans

I want to gain more practical experience in my field.

I want to be financially independent in the near future, so I am looking at starting up a business when I get enough capital.

I also want to give back to my community in any way possible, because I am here today because someone chose to giveback.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

It is such a privilege to be among those that were funded by Mastercard Foundation under FAWE Uganda! I can not say it enough, but thank you for the financial, moral and social support throughout my stay at university. You guys were truly parents to me. May the Almighty Allah who is the most gracious reward you. Thank you so much Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda!

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Hellen Nakato

From Mayuge District

Bachelor of Arts in EDUCATION

First cohort

Current employment status

Geography teacher at Namugongo Seed Kalilo

Activities participated in while on program

Extended Orientation Program.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I acquired knowledge in financial management and small business entrepreneurship

Future plans

Giving back by sponsoring other needy people.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am thankful and grateful to FAWE Uganda, because I wouldn't have made it this far. I request Mastercard Foundation to continue supporting more girls and boys because there are more needy people out there.



Herbert Mugisa

From Buliisa District

Bachelor of Science with Education

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am working as a Biology and Chemistry teacher at Green Shoots Secondary School Hoima and volunteering at Kihungya Seed Secondary School on a part-time basis as a Chemistry teacher.

Activities participated in while on program

FAWE Uganda Annual General Convening.

The launch of the Higher Education Access Program.

The school to work transition workshop

The Extended Orientation Program

Community giveback at Buliisa Health Centre IV and at an orphanage in Mbarara.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I learned how to work smoothly despite the job pressures from the school to work transition.

I learned how to tackle job interviews that was very helpful in getting my current job at Green Shoots Secondary School.

I also became confident enough to always take up leadership roles at my workplace as a way of being recognized for further promotions.

Future plans

To get a government job, and after I have achieved that I will work hard to contribute towards the girl child education through FAWE Uganda on a monthly basis.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I thank both Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for the support rendered to me throughout my university education. You really opened up my mind to the first world through the exposure and mentorships I received from high profile individuals while I was studying. Thank you, thank you.



Ireen Kemigisa

From Ntoroko District

Bachelor of Science with Education - Physical

First cohort

Current employment status

Student

If not working, what are you doing

I am doing a Masters of Science in Physics at Mbarara University of Science and Technology.

Activities participated in while on program

Community giveback; donations in form of sanitary pads, helping the elderly disabled people financially, guidance and counseling for school going children, contributions to church construction etc.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

The joy that comes from sharing what you have with the less privileged, social networking and above all blessings from God and the people I was helping out which helped me to get a sponsorship for the master' degree.

Future plans

To financially support the available charity organizations in Uganda.

To start a charity organization in my community to help to reduce the levels of poverty, early marriages and illiteracy.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Dear Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda, thank you so much for your generous sponsorship during my undergraduate degree. Your financial contribution was very vital for my **Future plans** and my community at large. I'm looking forward to working with you in all ways possible.



Irene Edea Ivu

From Adjumani District

Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

Working at Metu Secondary School in Moyo District as a Fine Art teacher.

Activities participated in while on the program

Community giveback activities like cleaning around the Adjumani Mission Health Center. We donated liquid soap and planted trees.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

It helped me learn to do things in groups and made me have a heart of always giving back.

Future plans

To get employed and help those in the community.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am grateful to FAWE Uganda for the support they gave me. They made my dream of becoming a teacher a reality. Thank you.



Irene Konyio

From Adjumani District

Bachelor of Science with Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

I am a Biology and Chemistry teacher at Nyumazi Secondary School in Adjumani District.

Activities participated in while on the program

I participated in community givebacks and volunteered to teach at Biyaya Secondary School.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I got fulfilment when a health unit we gave back to got materials for their sanitation.

Developed a positive attitude, socialization, selflessness and so much more.

Future plans

I am planning to upgrade my academic status.

I am also striving to get on the government pay roll, help girls through guidance and counseling, and be a mentor and role model.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am forever indebted and grateful to Mastercard Foundation for giving me a future. No amount of words can express my gratitude. May God bless and protect all the donors for their kindness. I am surely going to give back to my community as I have started, and even more in the future to come.



James Dhamuzungu

From Buyende District

Diploma in Nursing

First cohort

Employment Status

I am the CEO of Lincon Clinic in Kamuli.

Activities participated in while on program

Leadership management.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

It prepared me for future management in terms of leadership skills.

Future plans

Further my education and have my own business to manage.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I would like to thank FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation for the support rendered to me while still in school and for all they did for me during my school time. I also request FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation that if there is still a chance for further education, please I do welcome it because I'm very interested, thank you.



Jamila Kemigisha

From Buliisa District

Bachelor of Science with Education

Second Cohort

Current employment status

I am a Physics teacher at Divine Secondary School.

Activities participated in while on the program

Leadership; I was Finance Secretary and Deputy General Secretary at Gulu University.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I acquired leadership skills and also became a mentor, counselor and problem solver for many in my department and home district.

Future plans

To become a mentor and counselor for young girls and boys worldwide.
To start my own business.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

First of all, thank you all so much for all the support you gave me while I was on program. Secondly, I request you to keep on supporting young girls and boys in Uganda, and also help the youths who are struggling because of lack of education. God bless you all!



Janet Namboira

From Buyende District

Diploma in Nursing

Second Cohort

Current employment status

I work as the in-charge at Feline Pharmacy, Mpumudde Jinja district.

Activities participated in while on program

Extended Orientation Program at Gulu University
Community giveback at Lunar International School, Buyende.
I also gave counseling and guidance to young girls in my community.
I developed the idea and encouraged saving skill among women groups in my village.
Mentorship activities
Annual convening at Seroma, Mukono

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I became a better, wholesome person.
I acquired better financial management skills.
I am more confident as a person.

Future plans

To set up an orphanage home.
To set up a clinic.
To go back for a bachelor's degree.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Long Live FAWE Uganda! I am so grateful to you for giving me a chance and supporting me through my education. I promise never to disappoint you. I pray that you continue with the same spirit so you help more girls like me. Thank you so much, may God bless you abundantly!



Jenefer Makasi

From Bundibugyo District

Diploma in Nursing

First cohort

Current employment status

I am a Laboratory Assistant at the Ministry of Education in Bundibugyo District.

Activities participated in while on program

Extended Orientation Program
Self Diversification Seminars

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Increased Self esteem
Improved ability to communicate
Increased creativity.

Future plans

Pursuing higher levels in Nursing

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to FAWE Uganda for supporting me in my education. God bless you.



Jennifer Aromach

From Pader District

Bachelor of Arts with Education - English and Literature

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am a teacher of Literature in English at Rev. Jabuloni Issoke Memorial College.

Activities participated in while on program

Teaching English and Literature in Puranga Secondary School.
Visited some of the government hospitals in Pader in community outreach givebacks.
Counseling.

Future plans

I want to upgrade to a masters degree in Education.
To start up a business.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for the opportunity to further my Education since I had sat for my UACE in 2016. It opened my mind to possibilities of also sharing and helping other girls in my community.



Jennipher Muhindo

From Bundibugyo District

Bachelor of Science in Education

First cohort

Current employment status

I'm running a retail shop in Kasese Town.

Activities participated in while on the program

Workshops that taught us about the world of work.
Visited schools and gave back to the communities of Tororo.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

As a professional teacher it gave me confidence in teaching.
I Learned how to survive in the outside world.

Future plans

To teach.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Grateful to FAWE Uganda for supporting me. If it wasn't for FAWE Uganda I would still be down in the Kibaale village I, Bupompoli Parish Bundibugyo. God bless you.



Jimia Sule

From Adjumani District

Diploma in Science Laboratory Technology

Third Cohort

Current employment status

Laboratory Technician at Biyaya Secondary School

Activities participated in while on program

Charity work and community giveback.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Sharing the little that you have can change someone else's life completely, that was a joy to see. It was humbling going back to my community and encouraging the younger ones, giving them hope for the future.

Future plans

I plan to upgrade my academics to a degree.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am grateful to them for their support which has been of great impact in my life, I pray that The Almighty Allah continues to bless them more and more. Long live Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda! Thank you.



Joan Akiteng

From Katakwi District

Bachelor of Arts in Education - Literature and English

Second cohort

Employment Status
Student

If not working, what are you doing?

I am an upgrading student at Lukyanzi Institute of Technology in Networks and Technology

Activities participated in while on the program

Community giveback and volunteering to teach

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I found happiness in helping

Future plans

To further my education

To get a well-paying job

To develop my family and the community at large

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for taking me through my university education. I'm forever indebted.



Jockas Mujuni

From Bundibugyo District

Bachelor of Science in Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

I am an entrepreneur dealing in agribusiness as a middleman trader from the farmers to the factories as well as volunteering as a teacher at Redeemer High School.

Activities participated in while on the program

I was a leader at the university level as the speaker of the Rwenzori Students Association and a General Secretary in the teachers association.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I gained leadership, interpersonal and problem-solving skills to advance my career.

I carried out community school engagement, and improved my communication in guidance and counseling.

Future plans

I plan to enhance my business with an increase in capital, advance my profession as a teacher and possibly do a master's degree in Mathematics.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

For FAWE Uganda to improve life skills of young people by providing start-up capital for income-generating projects.



Jolly Angeyo

From Pader District

Bachelor of Arts with Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

I am a teacher of Entrepreneurship at Acholi Pii Army Secondary School in Pader district

Activities participated in while on the program

Community giveback

Mentorship

Extended Orientation Program in Pajule Health Centre 111.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I honed my leadership skills

I got a heart of giving

Future plans

To further my education journey

To open up a school to support young mothers.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

May God bless the work of your hands. Thank you FAWE Uganda for supporting and shaping my future.



Joseph Lokalei

From Amudat District

Bachelor of Science with Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

Large scale bee keeper and farmer.

Activities participated in while on the program

I participated in politics, and I presided over an election in my campus.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I got a certificate of participation which added value to my CV while looking for a job, especially in the general elections I could easily be considered to preside over an election.

Future plans

Being a teacher by profession.

I opt not to depend on only teaching, but to do some business and become an entrepreneur.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I thank FAWE Uganda for helping me complete my studies. I am in the field looking for a job however I am sure that in the few months to come I will be working since I have the qualifications.

I also request FAWE Uganda to support my project of beekeeping now that I have no capital to expand my project. Any help will be much appreciated.



Joseph Okello

From Pader District

Bachelor of Science in Education - Agriculture

Second Cohort

Current employment status

I am a teacher of Agriculture at St. Mark's College Kayunga.

Activities participated in while on program

Community giveback and volunteering at schools.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I got the much-needed experience in teaching while I volunteered. It also gave me good political experience in mobilization.

Future plans

I want to be a great leader by representing the people of Pader in the parliament of Uganda.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I convey my sincere appreciation for the unbelievable support rendered to me. I would not have made it here, but I am glad I am one of those that received the help of Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda. I request that you also step in and help the alumni with job connections since many complete their studies and stay home jobless for long. Thank you and God bless you!



Josephine Kisakye

From Mayuge District

Bachelor of Science in Water Resources Engineering

First cohort

Current employment status

Helping my parents run their hardware shop and piggery projects, as I study Autocad Design Software

Activities participated in while on program

Borehole drilling, test pumping, pump installation, determining water demand of an area.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I got knowledge on the whole drilling process as I was supervising a project. I also learnt how to associate with different people.

Future plans

Going for further education in order to improve my professionalism to attain my goal as an engineer and to provide better services to my community.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

It has been a great opportunity for me to be part of this organization because it picked me from grass to grace, and I request to spread such opportunities to all regions of Uganda because I believe many of the girl children out there are stranded and in need of such opportunities.



Jovia Kusemererwa

From Buliisa District

Diploma in Science Laboratory Technology

Third cohort

Current employment status

Safety Officer at Technical Masters Limited Buliisa

Activities participated in while on the program

Assistant General Secretary in Butosa, Bunyoro Kitara Students Association.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Improvement in leadership skills.
Teamwork and sharing of ideas.

Future plans

To be self-employed and give back to my community.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

With much pleasure, I extend my sincere thanks to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for having made me what I am today.



Joyce Patience Nasio

From Mayuge District

Diploma in Animal Production and Management.

Third cohort

Current employment status

I am working in a Veterinary drug shop in Pallisa district where we sell animal supplies and educate farmers on how to rear animals.

Activities participated in while on program

Animal treatment.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I was able to sustain myself through the treatment of animals.

Future plans

I hope to become a veterinary doctor in the future.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Many thanks to FAWE Uganda for how far they have enabled me to reach in my education.



Judith Atuheire

From Kanungu District

Bachelor of Arts with Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

Teacher of General Paper and English at Uganda Martyrs Secondary School Kanungu

Activities participated in while on the program

Giving back to the community at Kabuga Health center.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Improved my communication skills.

Got to network and got new connections from people.

Future plans

Changing and developing personal skills.

My plans are to improve and develop my community through motivating other girls to pursue education.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I thank Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for what they have made me.

I urge them to continue with the good work.



Kennedy Mabandha

From Mayuge District

Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy

First cohort

Current employment status

Working at Kyaninga Child Development Center as a Physiotherapist

Activities participated in while on program

Volunteered as a Physiotherapist at Kisoboka Medical Center in Wakiso.

Health Education

I was involved in Agriculture

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I became a better team player that is more responsible in my roles. I am a better manager today and can handle clients' confidentiality better.

Future plans

To open my own health facility in Mayuge, influence policy and implementation processes that would favor the disadvantaged children. Lastly, I want to invest in agribusiness.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you so much for giving me that life changing opportunity to access University education. It has inspired me to plan on how to use the available resources to help other disadvantaged children. I can't thank FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation enough because now my vision of becoming a more productive and influential citizen is getting clearer. Thank you FAWE Uganda, thank you Mastercard Foundation.



Lilian Moriku

From Adjumani District

Education and Humanities

Second cohort

Current employment status

Shop attendant at a mini supermarket

Activities participated in while on the program

Give back activities at Moyo Babies Home and Adjumani Mission Health Center.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Improved my socialization and empathetic skills toward the needy in the communities.

Future plans

To inspire more youths through life skills training and help the needy through community give back activities.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am so happy for Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for giving me the chance to access university education. Words alone can't express the gratitude my heart holds and I promise to carry on with giving back and helping the needy to show my appreciation to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda.



Macris Kyalisiima

From Buliisa District

Bachelor of Sciences in Fishery and Water Resources Management.

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am a Customs Inspector at Kajjansi Aquaculture Research and Development Center..

Activities participated in while on program

Extended Orientation Program

FAWE Uganda at Twenty

Community givebacks

Annual convening

School to work transition

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Created networks with several people.

I was well-prepared for university and the after-school journey.

Future plans

To give back to FAWE Uganda and be a part of supporting more students like me who qualify for university, but cannot afford the fees.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you so much for the support, care and everything you did for me. You gave my parents a hand in that one thing they were unable to provide for me - university tuition. May the Almighty enable you to continue changing the world.



Mariam Nyende Nangobi

From Mayuge District

Bachelor of Science with Education - Biological

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am a Science teacher at Kigandalo Secondary School in Mayuge district, and a fellow with Building Tomorrow in Luuka district

Activities participated in while on program

Mayuge End Teenage Pregnancy campaign and Peer education

Future plans

To start up an initiative that empowers children to keep in school through hand skills such as weaving, knitting, soap making etc. so that they can earn a living to keep in school.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I would like to thank Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for the opportunity that was given to me after I had lost hope of further education. Thank you so much and I promise to impact change in my community using the knowledge that I attained and educate, guide and counsel, sensitize the children in my community so that they attain quality and inclusive education



Martha Mukyala

From Mayuge District

Agricultural Mechanization and Irrigation Engineering

First cohort

Current employment status

Unemployed

If not working, what are you doing?

Health care work

Activities participated in while on program

I was the leader of FAWE Uganda Students at Busitema University main campus from 2017 to 2020.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I became more confident, I now have a positive mindset and integrity. I learnt to work better as a team.

Future plans

To serve and give back to the community whenever I get the opportunity. To be a leader who is always exemplary to the people in the community. To go for further studies in my career and improve the lives of people.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am really grateful. Thank you so much for your guidance and support, may God bless you all.



Yaweri Tumukunde

From Kanungu District

Bachelor of Science with Education

First cohort

Current employment status

A teacher at Bwongyera Girls Secondary School

Activities participated in while on program

Community give back
Extended Orientation program
School to work transition workshop

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I learned how to follow and respect communication channels
I also learned how to save (financial literacy)

Future plans

Pursuing higher levels in science to make positive change in Uganda.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to FAWE Uganda for supporting me to attain my first degree and giving me hope.



Mavarous Nduhukire

From Kanungu District

Diploma in Nursing

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am self-employed at my drug shop.

Activities participated in while on program

Community giveback
Church leadership

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Built on my social network
Creation of awareness

Future plans

To develop my drug shop into a medical center.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you for all the support given to me and the entire community by giving me a second chance to go to school. May the Almighty God richly bless you. I request that if possible you help and give more chances to other vulnerable children.



Mercy Chepoisho

From Amudat District

Diploma in Crop Production and Management

Third cohort

Current employment status

I am into farming, focusing on goat rearing and a small scale business that sells Masai shukas.

Activities participated in while on the program

I attended the Harvest Money Expo.

I was part of the community outreach with FAWE Uganda to the Bukoto community.

I attended a community give back to The School of the Blind in Soroti and in my home district.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I made new friends whom I have networked with.

I gained skills in communication.

Future plans

To upgrade to a bachelor's degree

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I want to take this opportunity to appreciate FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation for the great support that I was given while at school. I have successfully finished my diploma. I request Mastercard Foundation to kindly offer me a second opportunity for an upgrade. Thank you.



Miriam Anena Atube

From Amuru District

Bachelor of Science in Food and Agribusiness

First cohort

Current employment status

I am doing internship with Cycle Connect

Activities participated in while on program

All Rotaract activities which included fundraising for Smiles and Hope Project organized by The Rotaract Club of Gulu. We donated clothes and medicine to children and immunized them.

Leadership; I was the Treasurer and Chairperson of The Rotary Foundation of Gulu University.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

My leadership skills were better tuned.

Future plans

To get a well-paying job.

To go for further studies.

To start a business of my own.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you for picking me up as one of your own, for giving me a chance to attain higher education and for making me a better person. May God bless you all!



Monica Kyakyo

From Ntoroko District

Bachelor of Arts with Education - English and Literature

Second cohort.

Activities participated in while on program

Community giveback and workshops.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Through the workshops I acquired the necessary financial skills.

I also acquired problem solving skills.

I was able to learn about social life and how to make better decisions.

Future plans

To start a business so that I can get enough money to do another course in humanities.

It is my dream to help children and women that are violated out there.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I would like to express my sincerest thanks to you for the golden opportunity. Thank you for giving me the education I never thought I would get. I don't think I would have gotten this degree if it wasn't for your generous support. My family and I are forever grateful for the education, mentorship, financial and medical support. I am positive that I will extend a hand to those in need of an opportunity like I got. Long live FAWE Uganda!



Moses Akera Olweny

From Karenga District

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am working in a veterinary drug shop in Karenga town.

Activities participated in while on program

Agriculture exposure visits (Harvest Money Expo) in Kampala

Transformative leadership training

Entrepreneurship, Career Mentorship and coaching

Annual General meetings

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Networking which has improved my social capital.

I worked as an agribusiness graduate trainee with INGO Mercycorps which gave me an idea of a CBO that shall transform rural agriculture in my community.

Future plans

To go back for a masters degree in my field.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Great thanks to FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation for championing the education of talented, and yet disadvantaged youths of Uganda. I believe education is the only tool that shall reduce poverty and achieve inclusion in the struggle for the development of Africa. Asante ni sana.



Naomi Cheruto

From Bukwo District

Bachelor of Arts in Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

A teacher of French at Sungora Community School

Activities participated in while on the program

I gave back to my community by teaching at Amanang Secondary School during my holidays.

We also planted trees in our district (Bukwo) and cleaned the hospital.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I learned to understand how to teach and handle learners in a classroom setting.

I learnt that tree planting is very good for climate change.

Future plans

I intend to become a counselor and I will use my experience to counsel young girls and boys on how to live more productive lives.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I appreciate and acknowledge the services that you have rendered to me. I will always be grateful. God bless you always for your impact on the life of other children and participants who will be lucky to get the opportunity too.



Naphthali Bawuyo

From Bukwo District

Bachelor of Science in Animal Production and Management

First Cohort

Current employment status

Doing large scale farming.

Activities participated in while on program

Hospital visits, we planted trees in Bukwo General Hospital.

Charity visit to the School of the Blind in Soroti.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I found new friends.

I was introduced to the working environment of the local government.

I confirmed that disability is not inability at all when I visited the School of the Blind.

Future plans

I want to start up a veterinary drug shop and engage more in commercial farming.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I'm grateful for the support that FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation have rendered to me, surely you changed the ancient belief in me and became my eye opener. Thank you FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation for hope you restored in me and I will always live to remember you.



Nelson Mandela Ayoko

From Pader District

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am an I.C.T teacher at Apiri Primary School, Pader.

Activities participated in while on program

Community giveback
Volunteering
Sensitizing the public through radio talk shows

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Proper networks gained
I gained more skills
I became a role model to some youth who testified

Future plans

To give career guidance to the youth
To go back to school if I get any opportunity
To become an ambassador of change in my society

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am so grateful to both Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for the wonderful opportunity of a lifetime given to me to study. I am very much willing to give back to Mastercard Foundation, FAWE Uganda and my community at large. Any further studies opportunity is highly welcomed. Thank you!



Nicholas Muhwezi

From Kanungu District

Bachelor of Agribusiness

First cohort

Current employment status

Intern at Agrarproduktion Stäbelow, Germany

Activities participated in while on program

Leadership workshops
Community giveback activities
Entrepreneurship workshops

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

They helped me to network, enhance my skills and improved my confidence and economic well being.

Future plans

To expand my network and net worth so that I may be in position to positively impact the people in my community as a way of giving back.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I appreciate you for the continued support you give to me. May the good Lord continue to bless you.



Nickson Mugisa

From Buliisa District

Bachelor of science in Education - Agriculture

First cohort

Current employment status

Agriculture teacher and Director of Studies at Divine Secondary School, Buliisa.

Activities participated in while on the program

- Extended Orientation Programme
- Blended Orientation Programme
- FAWE Uganda Silver Jubilee Launch
- School to work transition workshop

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

There is a lot that one learns when he attends such activities, but I will mention a few that were my highlights:

I learnt to always give back to my community.

I improved my financial literacy

I learnt to manage stress better

Networking which helped me secure a job

Thriving at the workplace where I joined to work as a teacher, but now I am also working as the Director of Studies.

I also got entrepreneurship skills from the transition workshop

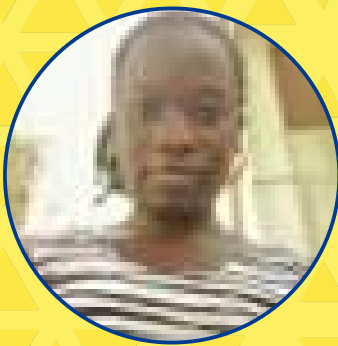
Future plans

I plan to start up a piggery project with exotic breeds, but I am still looking for funds.

I plan to become self employed rather than a job seeker.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I would like to thank FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation for the gift of education that it provided me. I would like to request for more funding to be given to FAWE Uganda so that many more lives are changed just like mine was.



Oliver Ajok

From Amuru District

Bachelor of Arts in Education

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am a C.R.E and Geography teacher in Cwero, Gulu District

Activities participated while on program

Community givebacks

Volunteered at Kaladima Health Center; we planted trees, donated liquid soap, surgical gloves, among others and also cleaned the borehole which is the main water source for the center.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Networking with new people that improved my social skills.

The great feeling of joy and satisfaction that comes when you lend a hand to the less privileged.

Future plans

To change the lives of the younger generation by mentoring them. I will pay what FAWE Uganda did for me forward.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am so grateful for the hope of a great future that FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation gave to me. Long live Mastercard Foundation, long live FAWE Uganda! I promise to give back to my community and other communities. May you continue touching the lives of the vulnerable children who desire to have an education, but are unable to due to financial constraints.



Paskwale Nyeko

From Pader District

Bachelor of Science in Information and Communications Technology

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am an ICT Teacher

Future plans

To open up an IT company

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you for all the support you have given me, I pray that God blesses you more as you continue showing kindness to the less privileged.



Rashid Muhumuza

From Bundibugyo District

Bachelor of Science with Education - Chemistry and Mathematics

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am a large scale cocoa farmer, I also coach students Chemistry during the holidays.

Activities participated in while on program

Community giveback through talking to young people about the importance of education and the fight against early pregnancies.
Volunteer activities such as teaching at the district.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

The creation of strong networks with my colleagues.
My leadership skills were sharpened.

Future plans

To go for a masters degree.
To start up strong income generating projects; a hardware shop, cattle rearing and a petrol station.
To educate at least one girl child when my income stabilizes.
To be among the FAWE Uganda staff.
Marriage

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I thank Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for the strong support that was given to us during our studies and also for the continuous follow up even after we finished school. I encourage all FAWE alumni to stick together as a team and to get closer to the staff at FAWE Uganda.



Racheal Tayebwa

From Kanungu District.

Bachelor of Science in Gender and Applied Women Health

First Cohort

Current employment status

Project Assistant FAWE Uganda.

Activities participated in while on program

Community work in schools and communities of Mbarara and Kanungu. eg, cleaning, buying sanitary towels for girls and textbooks. Beneficiaries training ie, University orientation, workshops, school to work transition etc.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

The community dialogs through givebacks boosted my personal confidence in public speaking and interpersonal communication skills. School to work transition has boosted my competencies in job interviews and every interview I have taken on, I have been able to go through successfully. This also boosted up my CV with competitive skills. Participating in FAWE Uganda activities has given me confidence that I can actually change someone's life with the small things I have. Currently I am taking some girls in the community to school by paying only 5000shs a term.

Future plans

To start a chain of restaurants in a few years as I have been saving up for that.

To empower the girls in my community through the Girl Up CBO.
To build a beautiful home for my parents in Kanungu.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Much appreciation to the FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation for changing my life and my community as whole. It was only a tiny ray of hope that someday I would attend one of the best universities in Uganda, but I had no idea that it was you that would make my dream come true. I am eternally thankful to you for choosing me for the sponsorship, and I shall live up to your expectations of me. Your support boosted my confidence to pursue a career in a field that I am sure I will be greatly successful in. Thanks for all your support, your contribution is making my career possible. I am so grateful!

“It was only a tiny ray of hope that someday I would attend one of the best universities in Uganda, but I had no idea that it was you that would make my dream come true.”



Richard Kyomugisha

From Buliisa District

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am doing an internship at Soroti Regional Referral Hospital.

Activities participated in while on program

Community giveback

Leadership Training

Mentorship and Extended Orientation Program

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I got great social capital through networking and acquired new skills and knowledge.

Future plans

To further my career.

To set up business enterprises.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Thank you for giving me hope when it seemed like my academics had ended. I will forever be grateful and I always work hard to do the same and much more for others.



Robinah Asiimwe

From Kanungu District

Bachelor of Science with Education - Chemistry and Mathematics.

Second Cohort

Activities participated in while on the program

Mentorship program

Students Annual Convening.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Cognitive and affective growth.

Future plans

Further studies.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Some alumni would wish to further their studies, but don't have enough finances; I request FAWE - Uganda that if possible we could be helped. Thanks and best regards.



Richard Mumbere

From Bundibugyo District

Bachelor of Science with Education -Chemistry and Mathematics

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am volunteering as a Chemistry and Mathematics at Alliance High School Nansana

Activities participated in while on program

Leadership
Co-curricular activities
Conserving nature
Community giveback

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Improved my resume
Created social networks
Got mentor connections
Learnt how to express myself in public

Future plans

Short term plans:
To get a better paying job.
To go back to school for a Masters degree in Chemistry.
To acquire a passport.
To support my family by paying for my siblings' school fees.
To write personal project proposals.
To have a profitable business, either a mini-supermarket or an ice cream shop.

Long term plans:

To set up an orphanage in Bundibugyo.
To go for a PhD.
To own apartments.
To set up a place where people can have functions, meetings, and other such things.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I don't know how to express my gratitude, because since I joined FAWE Uganda, my life has greatly changed for the better. Thank you Mastercard Foundation, thank you FAWE Uganda. If you are still in position to, I request for job opportunities as well as sponsorship for my masters degree. I am happy to be an alumnus of FAWE and I promise to change my community in the days to come.

“I don't know how to express my gratitude, because since I joined FAWE Uganda, my life has greatly changed for the better. Thank you Mastercard Foundation, thank you FAWE Uganda.”



Ronald Agaba

From Kanungu District

Bachelor of Science With Education - Biological

Second cohort

Current employment status

Biology and Chemistry Teacher at Plus Two High School Bushenyi

Activities participated in while on the program

Community giveback
Mentorship
Peer education
Sensitization

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I have grown into a self-reliant individual, developed leadership skills, social skills and I have appreciated the importance of community givebacks and generosity among others.

Future plans

Teach Science since it is key for community development
Go for further studies.

Participate in and carry out research projects that are intended to solve community problems that are hindering development and the well-being of people.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am so humbled and thankful to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for the generosity towards me and my colleagues. I am what I am today because of the Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda. I am forever indebted to supporting other vulnerable and needy children to make them achieve their dreams. Thank you so much FAWE Uganda. Long live!



Roseta Lokong Ayaa

From Kaabong District

Education

Second cohort

Current employment status

I am running a small mobile money business.

Activities participated in while on the program

I did community give back which was conducted within a few schools in my district where we were conducting guidance and counseling.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

The activities helped me to learn more about the young girls who drop out of schools prematurely.

Future plans

I plan to at least impact my community in any possible way by encouraging the young girls and also boys to stick to their goals.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am so grateful to both Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for the support rendered to me. I am humbled to say that FAWE Uganda has made me who I am and for that I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the officials, may God bless you abundantly.



Saluwa Namugogo

From Mayuge District

Bachelor of Science in Education (Physics and Mathematics)

Third cohort

Current employment status

Physics and Mathematics teacher at Elites School in Mayuge District

Activities participated in while on program

Class coordinator for the Physics class

Deputy chairperson for the Basoga Nseete Students' Association Nagongera Campus.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I acquired leadership skills.

Future plans

Giving back to my community as it was said during the Extended Orientation Program

Going back to campus for a masters degree.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I would like to thank Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for supporting me spiritually and financially towards the completion of my course. I am also grateful for the guidance and counseling that mentors used to give during the course. I request Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda to continue supporting me even at masters level and also support more Ugandans from disadvantaged families and districts around the country.



Samary Asiimwe

From Kanungu District

Second cohort

Current employment status

Rearing cattle

Activities participated in while on the program

I was part of the team giving back to the community in my home district (Kanungu District).

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I learnt to always help others more especially those that are in worse situations. Many students sometimes missed school because they lacked scholastic materials and I would sometimes offer them a few things.

Future plans

I'm looking forward to helping the impoverished children in my village and the region at large.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to FAWE Uganda for the endless support it has always rendered in my life.



Sarah Arach

From Pader District

Bachelor of Arts in Education - English and Literature

Second cohort

Activities participated in while on the program

Giving back to the community through the annual convening.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Widened my networks

Gave me a sense of belonging by providing counseling which in turn lifted my spirit to work hard.

Future plans

Get a well-paying stable job.

Further my studies and do other short courses like baking. etc

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I will forever be indebted to Mastercard Foundation Uganda and I will pass on the heart of giving to the next generation to come.



Sarah Ayebare

From Kanungu District

Diploma in Nursing

First Cohort

Current employment status

Opened up a clinic in Kanungu town, Kambuga village.

Activities participated in while on program

Extended Orientation Program.

Community outreach at Lunar International School in Buyende district.

Give Her a Chance charity run.

FAWE Uganda at 25 fundraising dinner

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

The activities enabled me to socialize and network with different people in FAWE Uganda.

I was able to transform the lives of the community members, like the community outreach at Lunar International School was targeting adolescents, and the main objective was to give them career guidance, menstrual hygiene where we taught both boys and girls how to make reusable sanitary towels. The students were extremely happy, and this gave me joy and fulfillment as a person.

Future plans

To Register my community-based organization (LIVE YOUR DREAM) in Kanungu District whose objective is to address reproductive health issues especially among adolescents.

I also want to do more community outreaches in my home district using the resources I have to inspire and transform more lives.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I will forever be grateful for the gift of education that you gave me. I promise to fulfill my pledge of community givebacks, and I will always be an ambassador of change since you transformed my life. May God bless you with more.



Sarah Kuteesa

From Buyende District

Bachelor of Science with Education

First Cohort

Current employment status

Graduate Teaching Fellow at Busitema University.

Activities participated in while on program

Extended Orientation program

Agricultural Extension Symposium

Harvest money expo

Community give back activities in Buyende district

School-work transition workshop

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I successfully graduated from University.

I acquired practical agricultural knowledge.

Personal development in terms of communication, lifestyle management, thriving at work etc.

Future plans

Furthering my education for career and professional development.

Responding whenever I am called on for anything by FAWE-Uganda as a beneficiary.

Carrying out practical agriculture for community development and involvement in my district.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

My sincere appreciation to FAWE Uganda for the exceptional support given to me from the time I joined the program up until I graduated. I promise to support FAWE Uganda activities whenever I am able to as giving back has become a part of me, having been a beneficiary personally.



Sebastian Oroma

From Amuru District

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

First Cohort

Current employment status

I am an intern Nurse at Pilwak Medical Clinic Otwee

Activities participated in while on program that you participated

Giving back to the community.

Future plans

Further my education.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I would like to appreciate the excellent work FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation are doing. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attain quality education and for restoring hope for a better life. Thank you for turning me into a responsible citizen of this country.



Asimwe Sharon

From Mayuge District

Bachelor of Education - Languages

Second Cohort

Current employment status

Volunteering as a teacher of English at Bunya Secondary School Mayuge.

Activities you participated in while on program

Extended Orientation Program in Gulu University.

Community giveback.

Masks distribution during the lockdown.

Community development through the NHIIFE Initiative.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Helped to build on my leadership skills.

Got a chance to impact souls in my community.

Learnt a lot about the reality of life from the various mentors.

Future plans

To use the skills acquired from the FAWE programs to impact a number of souls in communities.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I'm so humbled by the love and support extended to me since 2018. Thank you for the mentorship programs that have made me a recognizable person with a sound mind. I was so desperate and hopeless, but you blessed me with a chance to make my future bright. May God bless you abundantly, I pledge to do my best and move in line with the goals of FAWE Uganda. Long live FAWE Uganda! Long live Mastercard Foundation!



Sharon Awachango

From Amuru District

Diploma in Nursing.

First Cohort

Current employment status

Working as a Nurse at Avento Specialist Medical Center, Lira district.

Activities participate in while on program

Mentorship training.

Charity activities organized by scholars at both institution and district level.

School to work transition workshop.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I acquired financial management skills that enabled save up enough money to start two business ventures.

Future plans

To further my education.

To mentor the youths in my community.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Dear Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda,

We, the alumni, are forever grateful for the support rendered to us throughout our studies. We kindly request that a rapport be created with our home districts to absorb us into the working sector so that we give back to our respective communities. Lastly, may this mighty organization continue touching lives of young men and women in hard to reach societies.



Silver Joseph Okoli

From Katakwi District

Medical Laboratory Science

First cohort

Current employment status

Volunteering as a Laboratory Assistant at Emergency Clinic in Katakwi

Activities participated in while on program

Community giveback through voluntary work at the district hospital, cleaning the town area, contributing items for visits to orphanages, providing career guidance to the school going community and sensitization through radio talk shows.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

It gave me confidence, courage and proved my love for the community. Opened me up to new experiences and learning. Helped me to network and interact with focal persons in the community which joint effort has positively impacted the community.

Future plans

Advance in my studies. Embark on community give back through support socially, financially, physically and psychologically.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda have really been a finder of the lost souls and I am most grateful for the support throughout my course of study. Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda could strengthen the support to various girls back in high school through offering counseling, guidance and promoting their hygiene by providing sanitary pads and soap among others. This could be done hand in hand with the Alumni. Long live Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda, may the Almighty God bless you beyond limits.



Simbula Asaba

From Bundibugyo District

Bachelor of Arts in Education - English and Literature

First cohort

Current employment status

English and Literature Teacher at Jinja College

Activities participated in while on program

Leadership on the guild and other associations. I was involved in uplifting the community through giving back both at campus and my home district through sports, debates and peer mentorship.

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

Sensitizing students in primary and secondary schools and supporting learners about mindset challenges was fulfilling for me as an individual. I developed my self-esteem through my exposure to leadership roles. Peer mentorship has enabled me to handle situational challenges in my life and to support my partners.

Future plans

Future studies
Increase engagement with communities through community activities
I intend to get into national politics

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I thank Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda for sacrificing for me to become such a responsible citizen. To the Mastercard Foundation, I request for continuous support to FAWE Uganda to enable them to reach out to more young people, there is still a huge need in our communities. We also seek continued support as alumni in form of mentorship, entrepreneurship and opportunity creation for internship and further studies. This will in turn help us create opportunities in our local communities. We need FAWE Uganda to support FABA on strategies of resources mobilization to enable us to reach out to our communities with strong force.



Simon Gamishi Mamgbi

From Adjumani District

Bachelor of Science with Education

Second cohort

Activities participated in while on program

Community give back program (Planted trees, donated items to an orphanage, led a holy mass, cleaning Adjumani Town council and Mission Health Centre).

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

The activities exposed me to stronger networks and stirred a sense of helping the needy.

Future plans

Helping the needy.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Higher Education Access Program bursary. Thank you for your generosity which has allowed me to pursue my education (Bachelor of Science with Education) in Gulu University following the award of the scholarship which includes; payment of tuition, accommodation, feeding, scholastic materials and basic personal requirements.

I am very thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift. Because of your scholarship, I was able to complete my educational career, support my community and my siblings.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.

LONG LIVE FAWE Uganda, LONG LIVE MASTERCARD FOUNDATION



Stella Basomerani

From Mayuge District

Diploma in Crop Production and Management

Third Cohort

Current employment status:

Growing crops like maize, cassava, soya beans
Rearing animals like goats

Activities you participated in while on program

Giving back to the community.

Attended the Harvest Money Expo programs in Kololo and Namboole

Impact of these activities on you as an individual

I was awakened to helping the needy, and even learnt how to associate with them.

I acquired more knowledge and skills in relation to my field during the expo program.

Future plans

Getting a job and to further my studies.

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

I thank MCF and FAWE Uganda for the opportunity and chance you gave me and for the endless support you rendered to me during my academic journey. May the Almighty reward you a thousand times! I also request MCF and FAWE Uganda to go ahead with that spirit of supporting more scholars and giving a second chance to young women and men in the world thanks.



Teddy Francis Otim

From Karenga District

Biosystem Engineering

First cohort

Current employment status

Graduate trainee at Karenga DLG

If not working, what are you doing?

Volunteering at Karenga DLG as an Agricultural Engineer

Activities participated in while on the program

Extended Orientation Program

Launch of the Higher Education Access Program

Community give back

Impact of the activities on you as an individual

I improved my self confidence

I was able to lay future strategies

Networking

Financial literacy

Future plans

Self dependence

To continue giving back to the community

Active contribution in the alumni group

To pursue further studies

Getting employed

Message to Mastercard Foundation and FAWE Uganda

Very grateful to FAWE Uganda and Mastercard Foundation for the hope they rebirthed in me and the opportunity to change my life and others.

Pictorial



Higher Education Access Program (HEAP) students hand over donated items to Devine Mercy Children's Home during the give back activity in Mbarara.



Higher Education Access Program (HEAP) students and staff members of FAWE Uganda cleaning in Mulimira Zone Bukoto during a community giveback activity on 20th August 2022.



Leonard Asobasi explains his mushroom business to a visitor at the FAWE Uganda exhibition tent during the New Vision Education Expo on 23th January 2023.



Higher Education Access Program (HEAP) students planting trees at Kisuule Primary School on 4th November 2022.



Higher Education Access Program (HEAP) scholars participating in a group activity at the school-to-work-readiness workshop at Rest Gardens Bweyogerere on 8th September 2022.

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