



FAWE Uganda awards bursaries to 482 young men and women for higher education



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The Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE) Uganda Chapter has awarded bursaries to 482 young men and women from underrepresented communities in Uganda. The initiative, funded by the Mastercard Foundation and Social Initiatives Educates Girls (SIEG), aims to provide equitable access to higher education and vocational training, empowering youth to achieve their academic and professional goals.

FAWE Uganda, a non-governmental organization founded in 1997, that is dedicated to promoting gender equality in education and increasing female participation at all levels of the education system. As part of the larger FAWE network, which operates in 34 African countries, the organization continues to work towards empowering girls and young women with the knowledge and skills needed to reach their full potential, while not leaving behind young men. To date, the organization has

directly impacted over 10,000 young men and women, many of whom today lead worthwhile and dignified lives

The Second Chance Pathways for Increased Access to Tertiary Education for Marginalized Young Women and Men Program (Phase II)

With support of the Mastercard Foundation, FAWE Africa is implementing a programme "Second Chance Pathways for Increased Access to Tertiary Education for Marginalized Young Women and Men Program". This 7-year program (2024-2030) is being implemented in 10 countries across Africa including Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Malawi, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The program is the result of a successful implementation of the Higher Education Access Programme (HEAP) by FAWE Uganda, here are some of the achievements:

Achievements:

• 334 (206 female, 128 male) program participants were supported

• 272 graduated from the program, with 237 (139 women and 98 men) secured employment in both formal and informal sectors through full-time and part-time positions

• 23 alumni have transitioned to higher education or pursued further training

facilitates opportunities for underrepresented learners participants who do not meet the entry requirements for tertiary education i.e. two principal passes at A-level. It enables participants gain knowledge, skills and competences to transition into university degree programs. HEAC is structured as one academic year, consisting of two semesters or a trimester program, lasting at least 34 weeks, including the examination period.

After FAWE Uganda's program participants (2024/2025 cohort) completing the one-year HEAC program, these program participants will transition to partner universities to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) related degree programs.

The bursary program covers tuition and provides psychosocial support through mentorship and the Extended Orientation Program (EOP). The EOP is a one-week workshop focused on networking, personal development, and life skills like SRHR and financial literacy. Each participant is paired with a mentor to guide them through academic and personal challenges.

FAWE Uganda also encourages participants to take leadership roles and engage in community service. They lead initiatives like tree planting, SRHR awareness, and clean-up efforts, developing leadership skills while positively impacting their communities.

Social Initiative Educate Girls

FAWE Uganda Chapter with funding from Social Initiatives has awarded 35 young women from economically disadvantaged regions in Eastern and Northern Uganda bursaries for the 2024/2025 academic year. The program participants are from Abim, Agago, Amuria, Kween, Luuka, Napak, Namayingo, Nwoya, and Moyjo districts. Beyond covering academic costs, this program provides psychosocial support and helps students access internships, industrial training, and employment opportunities, ensuring a well-rounded path to success.

Higher Education Access Certificate (HEAC): a bridging program

HEAC is one of the approved pathways to tertiary education, accredited in 2019 by the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE). The program



FAWE Uganda Program Participants Graduate from Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST).



Group photo of 2024/2025 Program Participants, UTC Elgon-Mbale.



Dr. Martha Muhewzi, Executive Director FAWE Africa, at the launch of FAWE/Mastercard Foundation Phase II in Uganda.

FAWE UGANDA / MASTERCARD FOUNDATION LIST OF SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMME PARTICIPANTS PHASE II ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

Table with columns: S/N, Name, Sex, District, Programme. Lists 102 participants including names like Kairukizi Sharif Hakim, Mirembe Godfrey, Kasajja Mark Jordan, etc.

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Table with columns: S/N, Student Name, Sex, District, Course of Study. Lists 36 participants including names like Chegem Winfred, Atim Prisca Okidi, Akwero Everline, etc.