

### Impact Report To

Stanbic Bank - Uganda

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## Who We Are

tarted in 2013
the LéO Africa
Institute is an
independent
pan-African leadership
development organization
based in Kampala,
Uganda. It is registered as
a not-for-profit company
(limited by guarantee) in
Uganda.

The Institute designs unique, compelling, and impactful programs to support and empower young people in leadership who include professionals, politicians,

creatives, entrepreneurs, thought leaders and policy makers.

At the core of our work is a conviction in the power of ideas to transform societies, and the potential of networks of thinkers and doers in advancing collaborations and partnerships for development.



## What Is The Problem We Are Trying To Solve?

There is a shortage of bold Africanoriented visionary leaders with a global mindset. This comes at a time when Africa is tackling its unique challenges of a more integrated, promising, but still poor and young population. There is need for deliberate and intentional efforts into grooming the next generation of artists, entrepreneurs, activists, public servants and leaders in the public sector who will be bold enough to tackle these challenges.

## What Do We Do To Solve It?

The YELP fellowship imparts critical skills needed in leadership that transforms the individual and society around them. Throughout the year-long programme, we build the capacity of young and emerging leaders who are already entrepreneurs and champions of different causes. With additional training we are able to scale their impact and allow them to be more effective drivers of change and job creators in their communities.

This is done through a series of seminars, workshops and critical thinking sessions in which our Fellows immerse themselves during the fellowship. They also get to not only learn from today's most outstanding values-centred leaders in the private and public sectors, but also interact within themselves, reflecting on the diversities within their own countries.

Our Fellows are also exposed to networking opportunities in Uganda and across the region through events that bring together other young leaders from across Africa. Such events enable them to broaden their networks and gain exposure to the opportunities and challenges that an increasingly integrated Africa presents.

#### What Have We Achieved So Far?

Over the last your years, we have developed a thriving and growing community of over 60 YELP fellows from Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Burundi, DR Congo, Zambia, and Somalia. The fellows are dedicated to learning, personal growth and development, and social impact.

Guided by our strong belief in the youth and the power of leadership to unlock opportunities for Africa, the YELP Fellowship has equipped fellows with skills and networks which have helped them thrive at a personal level, professionally, and in business, all while creating social impact in their communities and countries.

2019 YELP fellow Hamidu Ssonko is empowering rural homes in Uganda





Hamidu Ssonko - YELP Class of 2019

"Our mission is to develop a network of sustainable decent sheltered eco homes through distribution of affordable building materials to low- and moderate-income homes in highest need of housing improvement."

especially in the areas of Wakiso and Mayuge district with access to affordable building products to improve their homes and communities. Through Biha Eco Venture, a company he founded, Hamidu is working to alleviate and uplift communities by providing low cost durable and renewable building materials on credit distributed to low income households to enrich home improvement and housing poverty.

YELP Class of 2018 Fellows

A house under construction in Mayuge, Uganda using alternative low-cost building materials made by recycling industrial poultry eggshell wastes, by Biha Eco Ventures

Tanzanian YELP Fellow Fatma is making strides to change her home country's academic landscape through Shule Direct. The voluntary, non-profit Non-Governmental Organization works with qualified teachers to create and provide local, relevant, digital learning resources for learners across Tanzania.

Following the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Shule Direct responded by providing students free digitalized notes and interactive revision guizzes



#### Cyears Tanzania: Lockdown brings digital innovations in learning



Declaring victory against the virus, President John Magufuli said that there was no need to keep schools closed



A busy economist Josephat Msafiri, working with a French oil company facilitated his daughters Sasha and Sandra to attend a virtual classroom, studying at an elite school.



Their uncle Makoye, a skilled communicator joined in to devise quick solutions for e-learning. "It was a bit challenging before, but they got used it and their performance improved remarkably, as attested by their school's weekly progress reports," Makoye told Anadolu.

The demand led innovations of many e-learning programs like Ubongo Kids for kindergarteners, Shule Direct, or secondary school students, KitKit, and My Elimu -- online portals providing educational content to he

"We have witnessed a big technology rush with the government and educational stakeholders exploring what solution to school closure technology can offer," says Gemma Todd, an expert in education at the World Bank.

Tanzania adopted a free education policy in 2015, which helped to propel enrolment to a whopping 15.4 million in elementary to advanced level secondary classes.

The Ubongo Kids app, through innovation, has combined cartons, entertainment with learning. -Cartoons help to learn A 2018 study published in the Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology, suggested that children improved their drawing skills and learned language faster through cartoons.

The Ubongo Kids also allows parents to filter and supervise the content. To ensure equal access, most of these innovators partnered with local telecom operators to ensure access even without an internet package. Shule Direct and Mtabe App use artificial intelligence to help secondary school students interact with virtual teachers.

The KitKit program helps to improve early learning skills for out of school toddlers both in English and Kiswahili



importance of investing in health: WHO

Virus cases in Africa near 1.2M, deaths close to 28,000

Uganda ministry records 21 COVID-19 cases among staff

COVID-19: Over 1,700 more die in India. Brazil

3 Turkish athletes



campaign.

Abaas Mpindi - YELP Class of 2017

"We have clearly transformed our work from analogue or what you would call face to face conversations to now digital spaces. We have started a youth radio where our young journalists are able to do stories from their communities so that they can (not only) practice their journalism but also provide information"

2017 Young and Emerging Leaders Project fellow Mpindi Abaas was part of the youth at

the forefront of Uganda's digital response to the coronavirus pandemic. Abaas and his

team at the Media Challenge Initiative are running a campaign where young journalists

are translating COVID-19 messages into their local languages. Up to 15 local languages

including languages spoken by minority groups in Uganda, been featured in the



Fatma Kauga - YELP Class of 2019

"Through this fellowship I was able to learn to cooperate with a diverse group of youths who are doing amazing work. It gave me great joy to know that we have young people with potential to lead in Africa; who are willing to help our communities. My vision has been expanded from not only thinking about Tanzania; now I am thinking of impacting people in Africa"







### How The Bank's Support Has Made A Difference

Understanding the value of partnerships in creating community impact, Stanbic bank has over the last four years offered both financial and professional support to the Young and Emerging Leaders Project. The professional clinics by the bank have not only helped the fellows get a deeper understanding of their businesses, but also taught them how to make strides towards their own personal growth and goals in life.

Since the Bank started supporting programmes like the Young and Emerging Leaders Project (YELP) Fellowship, we have inducted over 50 fellows from Uganda and the region. These continue to drive change in their communities across 8 African countries, applying some of the key leadership values and lessons learned during the programme.



Ignatious Kirunga - YELP Class of 2019

As leaders and humans, we ought to discover our purposes but it requires change of the mindset, consistency and selflove. The institute presents that platform and it has personally impacted a lot in my life

#### How Are We Learning And Improving

Building off the success and impact of the first three years of the YELP programme, the Institute will launch a revamped second three-year fellowship programme starting in 2021. The new YELP 2.0 will see a number of changes in the structure of the initial programme.

NEWS

#### SGS Boosts Boundless Minds' Mentorship, Training Programs With Shs 20M

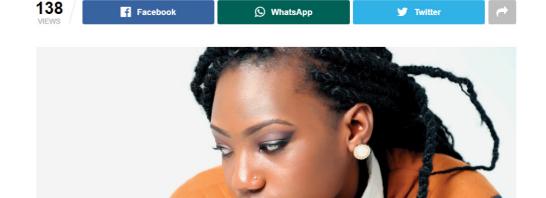




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#### Mental illness forced Kakooza to start Tumaini Foundation





Liz Kakooza's depression went undiagnosed for 15 years (PHOTO/Courtesy)

**KAMPALA** – Liz Kakooza hopes her seven-year-old daughter will grow up in a country where there's no stigma around mental health

"She's starting to understand some of my struggles," says Kakooza, who lives in Kampala, Uganda and





# Our 2021 YELP Schedule

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ACTIVITY	TARGET GROUP	EXPECTED OUTCOME(S)	IMPORTANT DATE(S)
Young and Emerging Leaders Project (YELP) Fellowship	Young & Emerging leaders in Uganda and the East African region	Build a network of 150 influential leaders in various sectors across East Africa in the next five years  Fellows given skills to advance personal leadership goals, and empowered to be effective agents of social change in their communities	<ul> <li>• Official Reception of YELP Class of 2021</li> <li>• YELP Class of 2021 Inaugural Seminar</li> <li>May 2021</li> <li>• Second seminar of YELP Class of 2021</li> </ul>

# Meet The Young And Emerging Leaders' Project Class Of 2019















































## Our Faculty



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