



AAH in Uganda

Uganda is a landlocked country in East Africa. AAH runs a school, health centers and other programs in Eastern Uganda, about a 7-hour drive from Kampala, the capital city, in a remote, mountainous region near the Kenyan border.

Ugandan Public School System

The Ugandan government offers free primary education to its citizens. However the system is severely under-funded, resulting in:

- Schools with decaying walls or no roofs
- Up to 110 children per classroom
- Unmotivated teachers who do not show up or do not get paid regularly
- Programs without books, pencils, paper or food for students

All students in Uganda must pass the Primary Leaving Exam to continue on to secondary school. Students must pay to attend secondary school and the system has four tiers or divisions; Division One represents top-level boarding schools.

AAH Primary School

- Children are taught a rigorous, traditional curriculum in English, with an emphasis on science, social studies, reading and math
- Children are also taught music, drama, agriculture, domestic care, ecology and handicrafts
- The program encourages participation, debate, critical thinking and self-expression
- AAH provides a midmorning snack, a hot lunch, a uniform, textbooks and school supplies for each student
- Girls are underrepresented in Ugandan public schools, but make up 50% of AAH students and recipients of AAH secondary school scholarships
- AAH requires community service and encourages children and their families to take an active role in the program's growth and development

Academic Results

- For four consecutive years, 100% of AAH students have passed the Primary Leaving Exam
- About 95% of AAH graduates go to top Division One or Division Two secondary schools
- Conversely, less than 14% of Ugandan children who begin primary school advance to secondary school

AAH as an Organization

- AAH is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, which was founded by John and Joyce Wanda in 2004
- In the U.S., AAH is run almost entirely by volunteers; therefore, nearly 100% of each donation goes to AAH's programs in Uganda
- In Uganda, AAH employs a staff of Ugandan teachers, administrators, and health care workers
- AAH programs in Uganda include the primary school, the secondary scholarship program, two medical clinics, outreach to local village schools and community development initiatives
- AAH strives to serve as a model to lift the standards of education. AAH is exploring building additional schools, partnering with the Ugandan government, adding capacity at local village schools and more to achieve this goal

Donations

Donations of any amount can make a difference and go a long way in Uganda:

\$1,000 provides a one-year scholarship to secondary school

\$500 provides 25 mothers with prenatal and midwife care

\$360 sponsors a child's education

\$250 covers a teacher's monthly salary

\$100 provides malaria treatment to 25 children

\$50 feeds lunch to a child for a year

\$30 provides textbooks for one child

\$25 buys a school uniform