



## Uganda Humanist Schools Trust

# Kasese Humanist Schools

## Report by Bwambale Robert Musubaho Schools' Director, September, 2023

School Motto: With science, we can progress.



Kasese Girls proudly showing off their new uniforms

Kasese Humanist Schools are founded on science and cherish humanist values, which emphasise compassion, reason and tolerance.

We manage 4 schools: 3 nursery and primary schools at: Rukoki Campus, Bizoha Campus at Mukoya and Kahendero Campus, and Municipal High School on the Rukoki Campus.

In June 2022, the school was registered as a not-for-profit company, by Uganda Registration Service Bureau. It is registered as Kasese Humanist School Limited and runs as a charity. From mid-2023 our school accounts have been supervised and audited by the Uganda Humanist Schools Trust auditor, Mr. Dan Kasanda.

## Rukoki Campus: Kasese Humanist Nursery & Primary School



Rukoki is our pioneer campus and supports a nursery & primary school and a secondary school. The school has its own land which is very spacious with much room for future expansion.

### ENROLMENT AT RUKOKI Second Term 2023

#### NURSERY SECTION

Class	Number of boys	Number of Girls	Total pupils
Baby	14	31	45
Middle	20	20	40
Top	17	18	35
Total			120

#### PRIMARY SECTION

CLASS	Number of boys	Number of Girls	Total pupils
P.1	20	15	35
p.2	18	22	40
p.3	18	18	36
p.4	20	11	31
p.5	10	17	27
p.6	19	10	29
p.7	13	12	25
Total			223

Total Nursery & Primary pupils is 343

The primary section has 10 classrooms, a school hall, some dormitories for girls and boys, washrooms, computer room, library room, kitchen and latrine for pupils and staff.

We have a team of 12 teachers and 4 nonteaching staff.



Staffroom with Humanist Posters

Our primary schools operate under a temporary license granted by the Ministry of Education and Sports. We are hoping to soon meet the standards required to become fully registered.

We have a number of projects that help to make our school sustainable. We have gardens both on campus and around the area and we have secured some properties that help generate income to keep our school on the move. We have the Bizoha backpackers hostel and Bizoha hostel Muhokya which generate income for the schools.

We have a forest around the Rukoki campus with different types of trees, these are for environmental conservation, generating firewood, fruit for the children and medicinal trees to help cure several ailments. We also have high hopes that in future the mature trees will generate income, provide timber for construction and school furniture making.

We have small gardens at the Rukoki School where we grow crops like beans, maize, soya beans, cassava, peanuts and we have a number of fruit trees around the campus, including papaya plants, jackfruit trees, orange, avocado, mango and soursop trees. Some gardens are demonstration farms managed by students. Others are run by staff of the school.

Our school continue to improve in national exams. Last year a total of 25 pupils sat for the primary leaving exam and all passed. 2 children gained first grades (Division 1), 22 were in Division 2 and just one child gained Division 3.

### **Bizoha Campus, Muhokya: Nursery & Primary School**

The Bizoha campus is the second campus run and managed by Kasese Humanist School. it has a nursery and primary school. The school built on about 7 acres of land.

ENROLMENT Second Term 2023

#### **NURSERY SECTION**

Class	Number of boys	Number of Girls	Total pupils
Baby	15	25	40
Middle	12	20	32
Top	13	17	30
Total			102

#### **PRIMARY SECTION**

CLASS	Number of boys	Number of Girls	Total pupils
P.1	17	18	35
p.2	9	21	30
p.3	17	11	28
p.4	16	20	36
p.5	12	13	25
p.6	18	8	26
p.7	19	26	45
Total			225

Total number of pupils is 327

The primary section has 10 classrooms, all permanent structures. We have a kitchen, a 5-stance latrine, an outdoor bathroom and a small hostel sheltering a few orphans, a clinic building currently serving as a school office, and several staff rooms.

We have a team of 11 teachers and 2 non-teaching staff.



Eager to learn

The school is connected to the water supply chain run by a local NGO and our school allows locals around the school to collect water for free from this tap and from our rainwater harvesting tanks as well.

We have a forest at the school with different types of trees, these are for environmental conservation efforts, generating firewood, fruits for the children and medicinal trees to aid curbing several ailments. We have bamboo and mango trees on our property.

We do farming at the Bizoha School Muhokya where we grow a number of crops like beans, maize, soya beans, cassava, peanuts. Farming here is extensive and we use tractors to farm the fields. We do extensive farming too at the Bizoha Farmland located in Rutoke, lower Muhokya, where irrigation is applied, this gives us opportunity to plant enough crops to yield crops to feed the staff and students at the Muhokya , Rukoki and Kahendero.

Our school continues to improve in national exams. Last year a total of 45 pupils sat for the primary leaving exam and all passed with 1 first grades,33 in Division Two, and 11 in Division Three.

We have football, netball as major games played, our children participate in music, dance and drama. We have indoor games like chess, scrabble played at school.

We participate in keeping our environment clean by removing litter around our school, the

forest areas and around Majengo trading centre.

Our Bizoha Humanist Centre offers budget accommodation to locals and shelters the local community-based organization office for Bizoha Women Empowerment Group.

The school offers farming spaces to vulnerable locals to get where they can farm for free or contribute something small to the school.

### Kahendero Campus: Nursery & Primary School



The Kahendero campus is the third campus run and managed by Kasese Humanist School. It has a nursery and primary school. The school is built on land, bordering Queen Elizabeth National Park to the north.

ENROLMENT at the close of Second Term 2023

#### NURSERY SECTION

Class	Number of boys	Number of Girls	Total pupils
Baby	15	17	32
Middle	12	25	37
Top	16	14	30
NET TOTAL			99

#### PRIMARY SECTION

CLASS	Number of boys	Number of Girls	Total pupils
P.1	10	14	24
p.2	13	9	22
p.3	8	11	19
p.4	9	11	20
p.5	8	8	16
p.6	7	5	12
NET TOTAL			113

Total number of pupils in this school is 212.

The nursery and primary section has 10 classrooms, all permanent structures. We have a kitchen, a 4-stance latrine, a small house acting as a clinic at the same time sheltering a staff member, we have a school hall currently being used as a classroom.

We have a team of 11 teachers and 2 non-teaching staffs.

We have a flourishing forest at the school with different types of trees, these are for environmental conservation efforts, generating firewood. Acacia trees dominate the trees planted at this school.

The fact that this school borders the national park and the Lake George, there is lots of fishing activity and most of our parents earn a living from fishing and others are peasant farmers or running small businesses at the fish landing site.

The teachers with great passion for farming have benefitted from our Bizoha farmland located in Muhokya where we give out free land to farm crops for themselves and some to benefit the Kahendero school.

Our school continues to improve in the local exams, this school only has classes ending at Primary Six, and thereafter our pupils are transferred to the Bizoha campus for their P.7.

We have football, netball as major games played, our children participate in music, dance



and drama, skipping as well. We have indoor games like chess, scrabble.

### Municipal High School, Kasese

Municipal High Humanist School is a secondary section owned by Kasese Human School and is located on the Rukoki Campus. The school started as Kasese Humanist Secondary school in 2017 with a single class (Senior 1) with a total number of 7 students.

In the subsequent years the enrolment kept on increasing as more classes were added.

In 2022, the school changed its name to Municipal High School Kasese which was an already existing school that couldn't survive the effects of covid19 and was closing down, yet it had got registered and had an Examination Sitting Centre for its candidates. We had to take over their name after all the negotiations and purchases of their names and assets that comprised of school furniture, laboratory supplies and we processed relocation and documentation to suit the new location at our Rukoki campus.



Senior Geography class

The School has a board of directors, Board of Governors, a PTA committee and a functional school administrative structure.

The high school conducts 4 classes that's Senior 1 to Senior 4. We have a classroom block for the four classrooms, a school hall that also serves as an Examination Hall, a library and a Mini laboratory room. The school has a 5-stance latrine.

### SCHOOL ENROLMENT AS OF LAST TERM

CLASS	BOYS	GIRLS	Total
Senior 1	14	21	35
Senior 2	9	9	18
Senior 3	13	14	27
Senior 4	9	12	21
			101

The school has a teaching staff of 14 teachers and of these 10 are professional teachers while the others are just Senior 6 leavers or graduates outside education. Non-teaching staff employed at the school are a secretary/bursar, librarian and cook.

We teach both Arts and Sciences as specified by the Uganda secondary school syllabus and curriculum in general. We also teach Humanism, Humanist values and principles and vocational skills training. Gardening activities around the school. Tree planting. We have the following Clubs: Humanist, Science, Entrepreneur, Debating.



Mock examinations

We are built on our permanent home. We have spacious classrooms for our students and are all permanent structures. Most of our candidates have excelled and passed their exams at S.4, we have registered no failures. We are fully registered with the Ministry of Education and Sports. We are a registered

Examination Centre for UNEB School Certificate (O-level). So, our students can sit for their UNEB papers on campus. Our enrolment has had a positive trend and its increasing year by year, we have moved all the way from 7 students and now at 101 students.

#### **WE WISH TO THANK**

- Uganda Humanist Schools Trust (UHST) for supporting our schools with textbooks and science lab equipment, which has improved our academic performance.
- A US-based friend who donated science equipment.
- Those individuals who sponsor some of our needy students.
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- UHST for providing scholarships to enable some of our students to join Isaac Newton High Humanist School in Masaka.
- UHST UK for helping us and other schools to establish the Coalition of Humanist Schools in Uganda. We are grateful to be part of this association.
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- Atheist Alliance International for standing with us for several years.
- Secular communities, groups, associations and likeminded individuals worldwide for continuing to follow and support our works over the years. You have made us who we are and scores of Ugandans have succeeded in their education as a result of your efforts. We have educated engineers, doctors, business entrepreneurs, technicians and job creators in different capacities and disciplines.
- Humanist Global Charity and secular communities globally for the pioneer efforts of helping us to construct the

Bizoha School, Muhokya between 2015 and 2020.

#### **FURTHER HELP WE SEEK**

- Scholarships for needy, less fortunate, vulnerable and brilliant children.
- Construction of more classrooms, a science laboratory and toilets.
- Laptops, desktop computers and data projectors.
- Vocational tool sets for welding, tailoring, auto mechanics, farm implements.
- Help to raise our staff salaries.
- Volunteers who wish to work in our schools are always highly welcome.
- Fees for training for our staff to gain diploma and degree courses in education so that we have quality skilled professional teachers at our schools.
- Rainwater tanks for school use and irrigational purposes.
- The Bizoha School, Muhokya needs connecting to the power grid.

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<https://www.atheistalliance.org/campaigns/kasese-humanist-school/>

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<https://charity saver.org/author/kasese-humanist-school-limited/>

Through our wish list, B Sundry charities:

<https://www.wishlistr.com/kasesehumanistschool>

Through Uganda Humanist Schools Trust:

<https://ugandahumanistschoolstrust.org>

## Supporting the Humanist Schools

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