



Report by School Director, Robert Magara, September 2023



In 2020 Kanungu Humanist Primary School was relocated to Kiragi Village, Nyarurambi Parish, Rugyeyo Sub County, in Kanungu District. We are now 3 years in operation. The school is legally registered with the Ministry of Education registration number PPS/K/591.

My goal is to work collaboratively with parents and others. A healthy and respectful relationship with the community will help in the recruitment of students, teachers and ancillaries. I am extremely pleased that we have an established network of local relationships, which is valuable for the school. As a result, our school numbers are increasing every term.

Appreciation

I am extremely grateful to supporters from Uganda Humanist Schools Trust and on our Facebook group in the UK and internationally for choosing to help Kanungu. We are very grateful to everyone who has helped the school get this far.

Below is a photo showing me on a visit to some of the poor homes.





Below is table showing numbers of pupils in each class.

Class	Girls		Boys	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nursery baby	8	10	8	19
Top class	3	17	8	6
Primary one	6	11	7	13
Primary two	13	13	12	12
Primary three	15	21	9	16
Primary four	13	12	6	8
Primary five	8	10	4	7
Primary six	12	7	4	8
Primary seven	0	15	0	7
Total	78	116	58	96

The number of children in school is increasing every term and every year. Total enrolment rose from 136 in our first year, 2022, to 212 this year.

We have provided children with food each day, bought books and other scholastic materials, constructed good classrooms and dormitories for girls and boys. I have retained teachers' loyalty by paying their salaries on time, given needy children school uniform, and provided help with fees for the completely needy children studying in our school.

- (i) Parents value the care we give children and our pleasant school environment. They are happy with the standard of education that we provide. We aim to make our school the best in the area.
- (ii) We have formed a strong team of staff who work well together. We cooperate with the parents, communities around the school, and the government. Therefore, working well with the teachers, other staff, parents, the neighbours and the government, our school is respected here.

School successes

(a) Academic Results :

It is our first year and primary seven class pupils will sit for the primary leaving examinations in November, 2023. We have 21 candidates in primary seven. All were registered to do their PLE.

In the district mock exams, we were the first in the sub county with 3 in first grade, 12 in second grade, 4 in third grade 1 in fourth grade. See the results sheet attached below.

We are optimistic that our children will pass well exams with good grades.

(b) Co-Curricular / Sporting Achievements

Our school football team played at sub county level and beat many teams from different schools in July 2023. On the 26th August, 2023 Kanungu Humanist Primary School represented the District for the under 14 year's football in Mbarara at Kakyeeeka Stadium in the national football games competitions. Our school football team players were awarded certificates and a prize (cup). so, our school is doing well in co-curricular activities.

School football team while in Mbarara



The impact of sports on students and schools:

I well know that parents when choosing a school for their students/ children are concerned with the academic success of the school. However, they too also consider non-academic activities that their children can participate in, such as school sports, football, net ball, athletics, basketball, running, volley ball and also music.

I aim to create a school that offers both academic and sports excellence to our pupils to ensure they develop into fantastic global citizens overall. Sports on the school curriculum helps students from a young age to develop their social skills

Progress in improving student welfare,

We are always looking for ways to improve student welfare in our school. It is one of the factors that students cherish our school. No parent wants a school that starves their children, such that

they go back home hungry in the evening. I have a good record of providing quality meals and enough food for our students and their teachers. We provide, morning breakfast, porridge at break time, lunch (posho and beans) well cooked, and dinner in the evening.

Photos showing children eating food

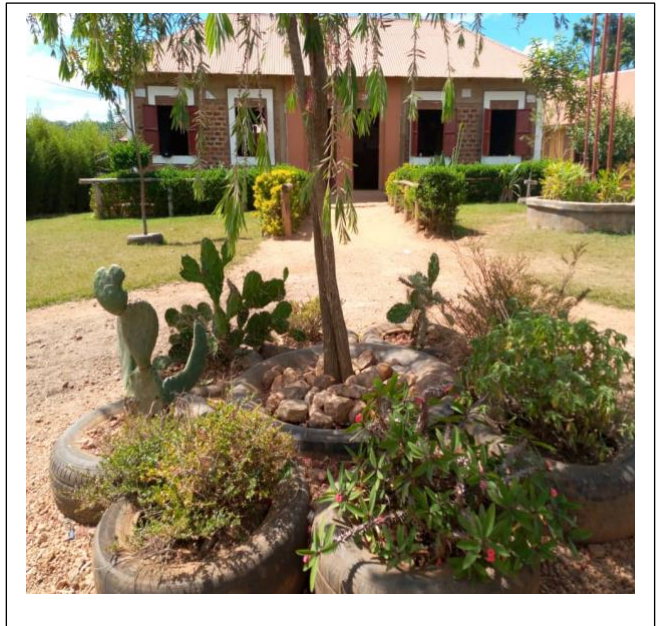


School infrastructure and environment:

We have an impressive school environment that is well designed with plants like bamboo, aloe vera, cactus, avocado, mangoes, sugar cane, hedges, guavas, bottle brush and other tree species that are medicinal and fruits.

We have all the classrooms from nursery to primary seven class plus the head teacher's office.

Photos showing the school structures and the pleasant landscape



Links with the community:

Many schools in Uganda enroll students basing on the foundation of the church and religion. Our school focuses on humanitarian work and humanist activities. So, Kanungu having scores of religions, my initiative in first years caused divisions, hatred and this brought up confusion among parents. I learnt that, for a school to succeed first, the community must understand why I built a humanist school in our community, I deeply engaged the community in all my school works, offered discounts on local fees for poor bright students, invited government leaders to visit our school, organised workshops, meetings and had local radio advertisements. Therefore, I made sure that the school relation with the community is mutually interdependent. This resulted to an increase in the awareness about my vision. People in Kanungu a growing to appreciate the value of the humanist ethos in producing good citizens.

Progress in generating local fee income and moving towards sustainability.

Local fees income	2022	2023	Cumulative
Term (1)	6,932,500=	15,193,000	8,260,500=
Term (11)	7,105,000=	26,264,281=	19,159,281=
Term (111)	6,364,100=	In progress	
Total	20,401,600=	41,457,281=	27,419,781=

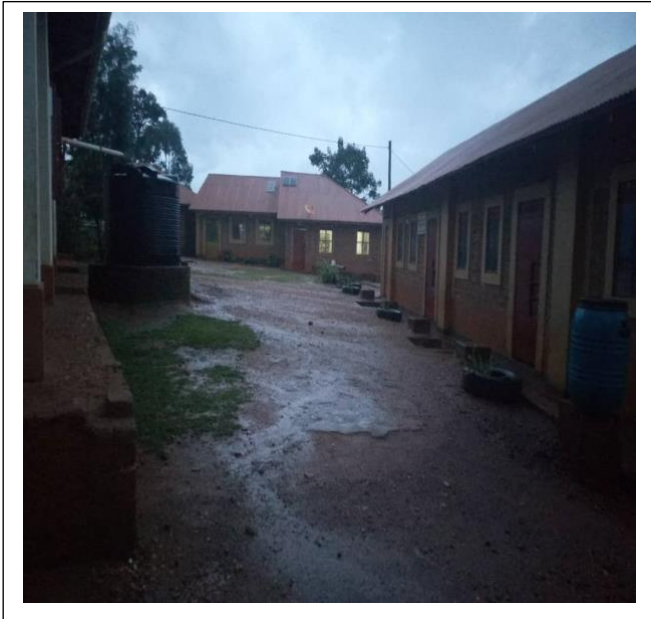
The table above show how successful that I have moved towards sustainability. Parents are more willing to pay fees as they see improvements in:

1. School infrastructure development.
2. School environment.
3. Quality of teachers and other staff.
4. Smartness and hygiene of the students and the school.
5. Discipline of our students and staff.
6. Academic performance of all classes.
7. Co-curricular activities.

Improvements that I would like to make in the coming year and their approximate costs.

1. The classroom floors are worn out. So there is a need for the classroom blocks renovation especially floors and the verandah of P.4, P.5,P.6 classes that we built in 2018/2019. See photos below





2. Finish and repair school latrines 6,000,000 shillings
3. Finishing the teachers house 12,000,000shillings
4. School's main hall (Multipurpose hall) 64,000,000 shillings.
5. We need more science, mathematics books 3,000,000 shillings
6. We need a small room to store books securely 15,000,000shillings
7. Playground equipment 5,000,000 shillings

