WE ARE BESO

BESO is a registered community-based organization (CBO) that provides education and economic empowerment to children, women, and youth in poor and vulnerable communities of Kayunga District, Central Uganda. By providing formal and vocational education, BESO aims to empower youth with education and skills that enable them to be contributing members of their communities. This coupled with agricultural and business training creates communities that are economically productive and able to achieve higher standard of living.

This will be realized by ensuring appropriate mobilization, participatory planning, allocation and appropriate utilization of resources, and meaningful participation of children, women and youth in order to break the cycle of poverty in Kayunga.

JOIN US AS WE OUTLINE OUR JOURNEY TO COME.
52% of Uganda’s population is under the age of fifteen.

67.6% of children who enroll in primary school drop out before reaching primary seven.

33% of children aged 6-8 never attend school.

25% of women are not paid for the work they perform.
OUR VISION

Having witnessed the devastating impact of illiteracy, unemployment, and suffering of women and children in Central Uganda, BESO is working to create a society where mothers can enable their children to reach their full potential by increasing access to education, promoting skills development, and creating opportunity.

VISION

A community of children, women, and youth with improved livelihoods.

MISSION

To improve the lives of children, women and youth through education and economic empowerment in the central region of Uganda.

VALUES

Volunteering: We endeavor to inspire a spirit of volunteerism in ourselves and the communities we work with.

Learning: We strive to be open to learning and promote the sharing of knowledge.

Responsibility: We endeavor to deliver what is expected of us by our stakeholders.

Compassion: We are driven by compassion to transform the lives of those in the communities we serve.

Transparency: We endeavor to be accountable to all stakeholders in planning processes.
During 2013-2018, BESO will continue to improve the lives of children, women, and youth by working in the following three areas:

- **Education**
- **Economic Empowerment**
- **Institutional Capacity Development**

All of these program areas will be realized through the creation of strategic partnerships and collaboration, awareness raising, advocacy, ensuring participation in all aspects, and promoting economic empowerment.
EDUCATION

GOAL

This program aims to create a community where citizens are empowered with an education that enables them to make significant contributions to the development of their society.

PROJECTS

In order to realize this goal, BESO provides formal education, sponsorship, and vocational training to children, women, and youth.

- **Formal Education**: BESO operates a lower and upper primary school that provides formal education to children and youth in Kayunga. BESO furthermore provides sponsorship to high-potential but economically disenfranchised students to study at our primary school. In addition to academics, BESO sponsors a feeding program, arts classes, and extra-curricular activities.

- **Vocational Training**: BESO provides vocational and skills training to children, women, and youth to promote skills development and increased employment and income generation. This program primarily targets mothers in the catchment area where BESO operates our primary school to enable them to further their children’s education and afford school fees.
ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

GOAL
This program aims to build an economically empowered community that enjoys improved livelihood.

PROJECTS
In order to realize this goal, BESO provides agricultural training, extension services, improved agricultural input, and business literacy training and support.

- **Agriculture**: BESO provides comprehensive training to small-scale women farmers in planting, harvesting, and post-harvest techniques. In addition, BESO provides extension services and increases access to improved farm input to increase yields and improve livelihoods of women farmers.

- **Business Training**: BESO provides business literacy and skills training to women entrepreneurs to improve their products, increase their marketability, manage their finances, and increase their access to local markets.
GOAL

This program aims to develop a competent organization with structures and systems that enable quality service delivery.

PROJECTS

In order to realize this goal, BESO promotes internal capacity development, human resource recruitment and training, resource mobilization, and strategic partnership development.

♦ **Capacity Development**: BESO works continuously to improve our internal capacity through the building of strategic partnerships and the provision of training. We additionally work to secure resources that align with our strategic priorities and enable us to grow and learn as an organization.

♦ **Human Resource Development**: BESO promotes human resource development by recruiting technical and high skilled staff persons. In addition, BESO provides training and continued learning opportunities to our current staff in addition to renumeration and motivation incentives to increase performance.
“Building Hope For The Future”