

CPAR Uganda Ltd with GlobalGiving Foundation



Support Disadvantaged Student Interns in Uganda

Progress Report I

"We are so impressed by your organization's hard work and determination that we would like to invite you to continue fundraising on GlobalGiving as a permanent partner!"

The GlobalGiving Team

We, at [CPAR Uganda](#), are delighted that following our performance during the [GlobalGiving September 2018 Accelerator](#), GlobalGiving gave us an *"exceptional invite"* to become among their permanent partners. Our partnership with GlobalGiving means that we are now permanently featured on their website, where we have the potential to benefit from corporate relationships and exposure to a new donor network; and through their website we are accessing dozens of online fundraising tools.

Our journey to permanently partner with GlobalGiving began recently when we were selected by them to participate in September in their Accelerator, a fundraising opportunity for non-profit organisations around the world. GlobalGiving challenged us during the period 10th September to 2nd October 2018 to fundraise online through their platform and to raise at least **\$5,000 from 40 donors** for our first project with them, ["Support Disadvantaged Student Interns in Uganda"](#).

As of Sunday, 6th October 2018, from 39 donors we have received 40 donations totalling to US\$ 2,816. This means that we have so far raised 56% of the targeted \$5,000 from 98% of the targeted 40 donors; and which means, therefore, that we have not yet achieved the Accelerator graduation threshold. For this reason, our becoming a permanent partner of GlobalGiving was thus by *"exceptional invite."*

It is important, however, to note that while GlobalGiving made an *"exceptional invite"* to us to become their permanent partner they still require us to raise the full Accelerator target of \$5,000.



The ultimate goal for which we are raising funds to support disadvantaged student interns in Uganda is to contribute towards the fight against poverty in the poorest region of our country - the greater northern region of Uganda, including the five sub-regions of: Karamoja, Teso, Lango, Acholi and West Nile. Our target region borders The Democratic Republic of Congo to the West, The Republic of South Sudan to the North and the Republic of Kenya to the East. Our target region hosts a population of over nine million people who can mostly be categorised into two major groupings of the first nations of Uganda – **The Nilotics** (Acholi, Alur, Jopahdola, Sabiny, Langi, Iteso, Kumam, Karimojong, Kakwa and Nubi) and **The Madi-Moru** (Lugbara, Madi, Metu and Okebu).

We are delighted to note that of the donors that we have received so far, are donors with ancestry from our target region, the project host region, and they are spread over the five sub-regions: Teso - 33% (13 donors); Acholi - 7% (3 donors); Lango - 6% (2 donors); Karamoja - 3% (1 donor); and West Nile 3% (1 donor). Our other donors, 21% (8 donors) are of ancestry from other regions of Uganda and 28% (11 donors) are of ancestry from Uganda's Diaspora – non-Ugandans.

It is important to us that donors from the host region, through their donations have effectively endorsed our project and have enhanced our legitimacy to address the challenge of poverty that thrives in our target region. With the support of our host donors, donors from other parts of Uganda and from Uganda's Diaspora, we are confident that our project is now off the ground, so to speak.

We have begun the pre-project launch preparations, including identifying universities that are located in our target region. We are aware that there are a total of seven universities that are located in our target region as follows: Karamoja has none; Teso has two – [Soroti University](#) and [Kumi University](#); Lango has two – [Lira University](#) and [All Saints University](#); Acholi has two – [Gulu University](#) and [University of the Sacred Heart Gulu](#); and West Nile has one – [Muni University](#).

Internal discussions among us with CPAR Uganda have begun on how we will ensure that the most deserving of the disadvantaged students that are affiliated to those universities located in our target region will be the ones selected to benefit from our project. Tentatively, these are some of the emerging guidelines that will inform the selection of our benefiting students:

- **Gender considerations** - We will consciously aim to ensure that the beneficiaries of our project will be gender balanced – equal number of men and women, but if need be we will exercise positive gender discrimination in favour of women, in order to contribute to reducing Uganda's historic gender imbalance in favour of men in formal tertiary education; and in the policy making and implementation arena.
- **Sub-Regional considerations** - It is our intention to ensure that the 100 students that we will mentor under this project will be proportionately representative of the five sub-regions.
- **Brain Drain Considerations** – We will make every effort to ensure that the students that we will mentor will be the kind that will effectively utilise their learning for the benefit of their respective host sub-region.

We are buoyed by our fundraising progress so far made. We are optimistic that, yes, we can raise the remaining 44% (\$2,184) in order to meet our GlobalGiving target of raising \$5,000. We are indeed excited that very soon we will receive our first group of mentees and that we will begin our systematic efforts to contribute towards enhancing human development in our target region; which in turn will stimulate processes that will improve standards of living in our target region.

