



# BA NGA AFAYO INITIATIVE UGANDA

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## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to bring real and lasting change to children, youth and women living in poverty through holistic multidimensional programs in education, economic development and public health.

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## WHO WE ARE

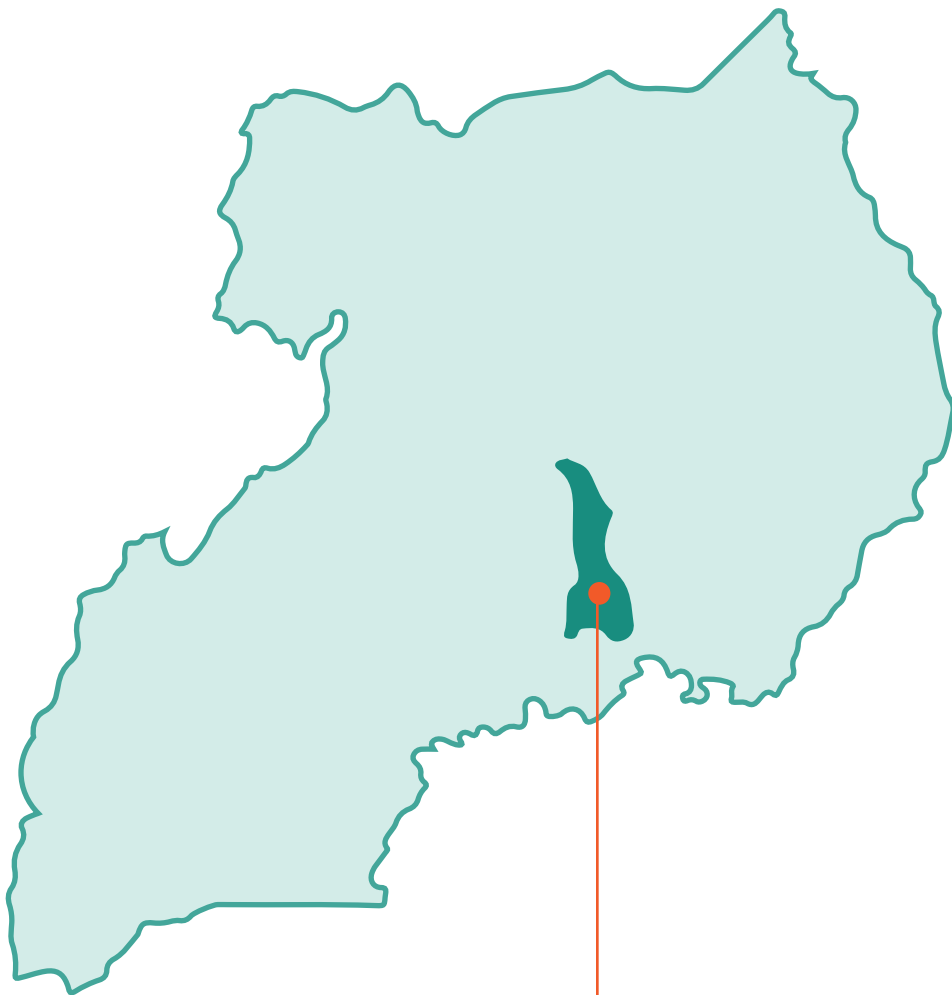
BaNgaAfayo! Translated? It means, “Show you care” Reason being that if it’s too much to ask that people become part of solving a problem, can they at least show that they care? That in itself would require action!

Ba Nga Afayo Initiative Uganda is a nonprofit community based initiative with a special focus on villages in Kayunga District. The organization was created with the aim of providing critical assistance to destitute children, out of school children (OOSC) and families struggling in terrible poverty through Sports, Child protection programs, girl child empowerment programs, education sponsorship, vocational skills for self-reliance and literacy skills.

Ba Nga Afayo Initiative Uganda has come up with holistic multidimensional programs in education, economic development, and public health in order to define appropriate sustainable development solutions and empower children and families to help them out of poverty.

# WHERE WE WORK

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## Kayunga District

Over 80% of the population where we work are dependent on low level subsistence farming which is mainly for food with no viable source of income and survive on one meal a day. This has accelerated the vicious cycle of poverty and high illiteracy rates because it is nearly impossible for these families to educate their children making it difficult for the residents to get access to services and opportunities.



No access to clean water



Poor health facility with no pregnancy services



Poor & inadequate infrastructure with no good school in place



The villages have very poor and inadequate infrastructure with no proper school in place, limited access to clean water, Electricity, poor sanitation and hygiene standards. The high illiteracy and poverty rates have led to many young people running away from the villages as they seek greener pastures.





# THANK YOU

You are close in our work and you remain in our prayers every day. As we reflect on the new hope and Joy of 2021, I'm reminded of the blessing and grace of having friends like you supporting our work... compassionate, caring people who know that families and individuals in our community are hurting and in dire need of help.

Unlike many others, you refuse to close your eyes to their pain. You see the need, you know you have the power to help and you DO help. How blessed we are for that!

Beyond the material aid that you made possible, you shared something equally powerful: HOPE. While food, shelter, warm clothing, furniture and other material support are essential during this COVID-19 Pademic, they aren't enough. Every one of us also needs hope to live.

These thoughts are on my mind as we continue into the year 2021. Together, we can provide hope to the many in our community who are living through hard times. Will you make a gift today to support children in our programs and our neighbors in need and share with them the hope and compassion throughout the year?

Thanks to YOUR support we are able to be there for struggling families and children during these hard times.

**Joseph Ddiba**, *Team Leader*







# OUR CHILDREN

It brings great joy and gratification to witness the lives of the Orphaned and other Vulnerable Children at our center being changed through various interventions. This is what the team, donors and partners of Ba Nga Afayo Initiative Uganda are committed to do.

As we prepare to start 2021 we want to say thank you for your support and the great impact you have helped us make in Uganda. We are proud of the changed and empowered lives in the community we serve, but our work is yet to be finished. With over 1000 children in our programs we are eager for 2021, and with it the new opportunities for change, empowerment, and transformed lives.



Shanita shows off  
her new pair of shoes  
that her sponsor  
bought her

## YOU PROVIDED A NEW BEGINNING

Children like Shanita (pictured above) can now go to school, they want be healthy enough to spend time with the people they love, and they want to grow up. Today, you are making that dream a reality.

Every single day, children at Ba Nga Afayo Initiative Uganda and where we work are hoping for a new beginning. These kids are at risk of getting intestinal worms — painful parasites that leave them incredibly sick and at risk of death. But for just \$40 every month, you can help provide a new beginning for a child by providing quality education, nutritious meals, school supplies and treatment for these deadly worms.

For just \$40 every month, you can cure a child by providing a dose of deworming medication and a complete life of education, meals and much more.

But the gift of health and education isn't the only new beginning you will provide but you will also give hope to these children.



# EDUCATION

BaNgaAfayo's aim is to empower underserved children and their families in Uganda to reach their full potential, improve their livelihoods, and take advantage of economic opportunity through education. In 2020, the number of the children under our education scholarship program grew to 150.

We're thrilled that four of our children have graduated to secondary level and are receiving education at one of our partner secondary schools in the urban center of Kayunga District.

At BaNgaAfayo, we believe in the power of education to enable children and youth—the future leaders of Uganda — to break the cycle of poverty. Our holistic approach to education involves the entire community. Together, with help from parents, teachers, community leaders, and supporters like you, we are transforming the futures of children and youth in Uganda.

We recognize the important role and participation of all community members in children's development. Teachers are the determining factor of a quality education. They have the power to help students living in poverty develop skills that can transform their own future, as well as the future of their society. Likewise, parents engaged in school positively impact children's educational performance. By working with the entire community, we create nurturing environments where children can truly thrive.

**150**

Children in the  
sponsorship  
program.

**14**

Children in  
Secondary  
school

**104**

Children in  
primary  
School

**2**

Children in  
vocational  
school



BACK TO SCHOOL  
PROGRAM EMPOWERS  
OVER 5,000 POOR  
CHILDREN



Ba Nga Afayo Initiative Uganda reached some unprecedented milestones in 2020. When we started in 2016, no other organization in our area of operation shared our Back to School mission: to ensure that every child is prepared to learn and succeed by providing free school supplies to children in need. Last year alone we brought free school supplies to over 5,000 children living in extreme poverty through a variety of programs that help in our poorest neighborhood. Yet, we see so much need to expand going forward.

The Back to School Program ensures that children from low-income families in our area receive the tools they need to succeed in school. This includes backpacks stuffed with grade level supplies for children plus sanitary towels for teenage girls at our orphanage and those from poverty stricken families. Thanks to generous people like you, the program has reached over 10,000 students since its inception.

The Back to School Program is one of many ways that Ba Nga Afayo Initiative is working to keep families in stable housing, supplying them with the assistance needed to free up financial resources to pay rent and grow some food. The program also provides relief to families worried about the extra expense, and joy to children as they prepare for a great year ahead.



“When I was 13, I was just 2 days away from getting married to a man almost thrice my age when I was discovered by Ba Nga Afayo Initiative Uganda who have paid for my education ever since. This year I will be finishing my Senior 4 and enroll in a nursing school because I would love to become a nurse or midwife.” Says Imelda.

# SAVED FROM CHILD MARRIAGE AT 13



Some of the BaNgaAfayo team members visiting Imelda at her school

A teacher calls out Imelda and tells her she has visitors. She walks out of class and when her eyes meet ours, the joy on her face is a sight to behold. Now in Senior 4, Imelda Nassanga looks forward to changing the world. She dreams of becoming a nurse or midwife. Would that have been possible two years back? No!

We met Imelda two years ago during one of our community out reaches, just a few days before getting married off to an old “rich” man. Marriage in itself is not bad but for a 13 year old with a very bright future it is not a gift either. Every year 15 million girls are married as children. Every girl has her own story to tell. In reality, child marriage almost always means an end to a girl’s education and a life of repeated pregnancies, domestic chores, and exposure to domestic violence.

Because of the ills that befell this young girl’s home, marriage to a “rich” man was the only solution present. Imelda is a very beautiful and intelligent girl. To think that her life would have been destroyed is sad. Now, the glow returned to her face, she wears her school uniform with pride, her yellow skirt a sign that the sun came out for her. Her teachers speak adorably of her, her class performance reflects gratitude and her smile is her thank you to all of you who contributed to her happiness.





# OVER 500 GIRLS EMPOWERED

Among other programs, Ba Nga Afayo Initiative Uganda is implementing a program against early child marriage that builds capacity of adolescent girls from poverty stricken families by creating educational opportunities and providing quality education through girl child empowerment and mentorship which has a number of benefits including; later age of sexual debut and marriage, reduction in poverty, higher wages, smaller family size, lower infant and maternal mortality, higher rates of school enrollment for future children, and, notably, a reduction of HIV rates.



# HOW YOUR GIFT IS INVESTED

## 01

COMMUNITY CENTER

### A SAFE PLACE

1 community center where kids get life-changing benefits, like medical care, tutoring, life skills and more.

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## 30

& MORE VOLUNTEERS

### A CARING TEAM

30+ volunteers in over 10 villages who know our kids and their communities.

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## 04

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

### A PATH OUT OF POVERTY

Programs focused on health, education, employment and empowerment to break the cycle of poverty.

## WITH WHOM WE WORK & WHY

Working with the entire community – from teachers to parents – BaNgaAfayo empowers community leaders through education. Our inclusive approach in all our programs cultivates knowledge-rich environments to help at-risk children thrive.

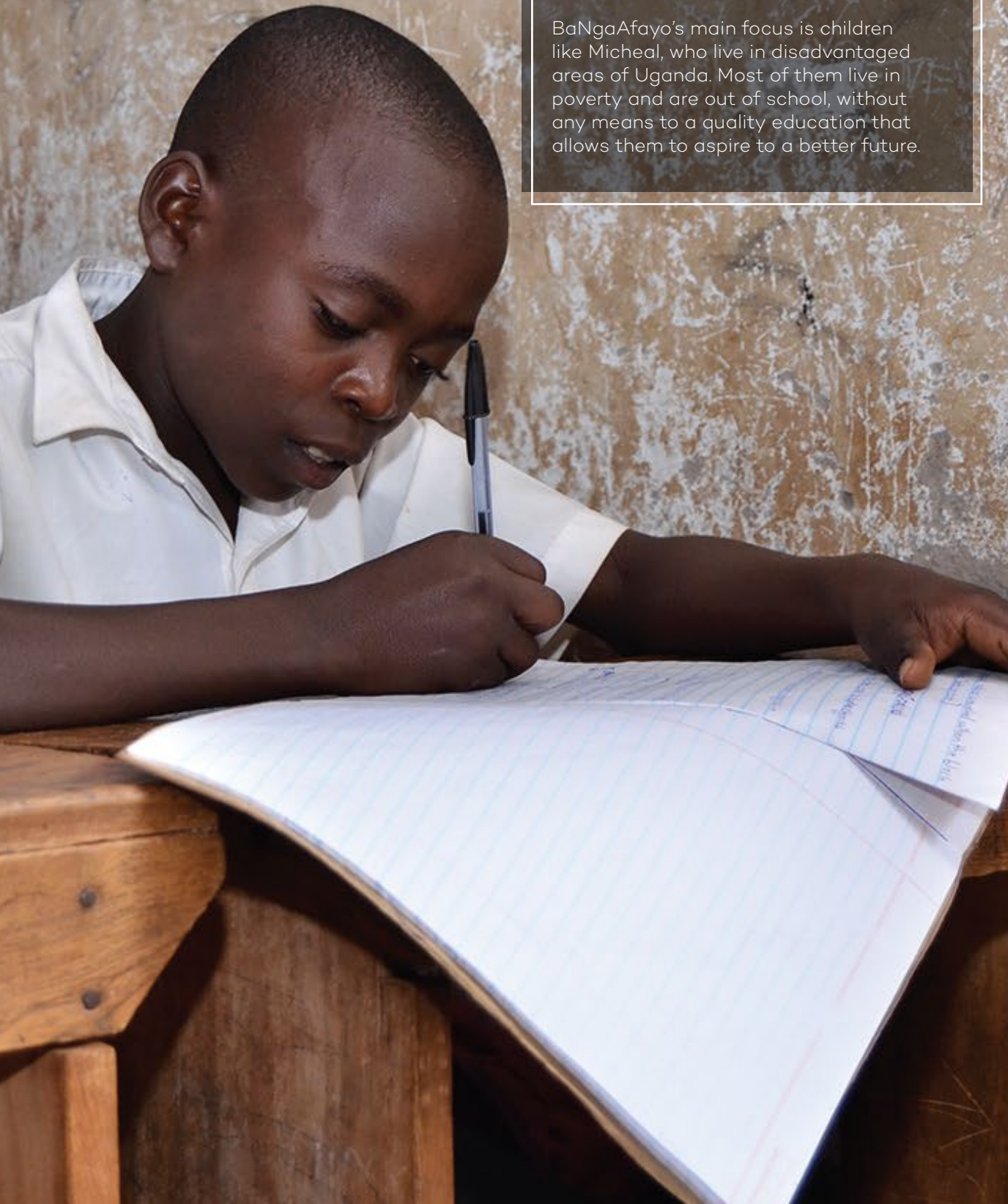
IN 2020

# 10,236

BENEFICIARIES

# OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

BaNgaAfayo's main focus is children like Micheal, who live in disadvantaged areas of Uganda. Most of them live in poverty and are out of school, without any means to a quality education that allows them to aspire to a better future.





## MEET MICHEAL

This young man has had a lot going against him while growing up – his father died and his older brother who had taken responsibility died in an accident shortly after. His family was so poor they couldn't afford to send him to school. But thanks to a generous donor like you, Micheal got the help he needed to succeed. Today, he's in Senior 3 studying hard to pursue his life-long dream of becoming a doctor!

Thanks to a caring individual just like you, Michael was able to go back to school even when his mom could barely afford to put food on the table. With the help of his sponsor, Micheal graduated from primary education with flying-colors and earned a spot at a prestigious secondary school in Kayunga District.



## HAPPY FAMILIES

For 11 months of the year Beatrice, 53, can barely make ends meet. But as Christmas approaches, it is much harder for the widow and single mother of five children from Nakaziba a remote village in Kayunga District of Uganda, who lost her husband and currently unemployed.

"It's really difficult," says Beatrice. "My children did not get their report cards from school last month because I've not yet finished school fees (300,000 UGX needed at school, about \$90 USD) and yet holidays will be ending soon for them to go back to school. Then the kids tell me about the toys and clothes they want for Christmas, it's so hard when you know you can't afford it."



## COVID-19 RESPONSE

When our community schools were on hold due to COVID-19. We supported the children in our care as well as our students and provided relief to their families for over five months. We distributed learning materials for students to work on at home, as well as rice, soap, and other food supplies for the families.







# NEW HOME & COMMUNITY CENTER

Thanks to the support of people like you, we shall soon be able to give kids the education, health care, leadership training and employment skills they need to succeed in life. And it will all be done through our new home and community center.

Here, kids will play, make friends, learn and grow in safety. They won't have to worry about running from violence, being pressured to join gangs, finding enough food to eat, or any of the other challenges facing kids who live in poverty.

Our new home and innovative community center will help kids break down the barriers standing between them and the bright futures they deserve.



“ It won't just improve the lives of orphans and other children. It will lift up the entire community where we work. Children don't have a safe place to play & spend time in. Our community center will provide that!



# SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Ba Nga Afayo is a primary driver of the sport for development agenda, with a focus on sporting children and young people from our vulnerable and marginalized communities, with programs addressing inactivity & physical literacy, girls' engagement and mental health.

We recognize the value sport can bring to supporting such vulnerable groups, a sense of belonging, a positive outlet, support, mentoring, guidance and positive role models. We take a holistic approach to developing young people and their skills in bringing about positive change through our sports and multi sports programs.



# FINANCIALS 2020

Your generosity makes our work possible. Thanks to you, we are cultivating the future of children, youth, and their families in Kayunga.

## INCOME

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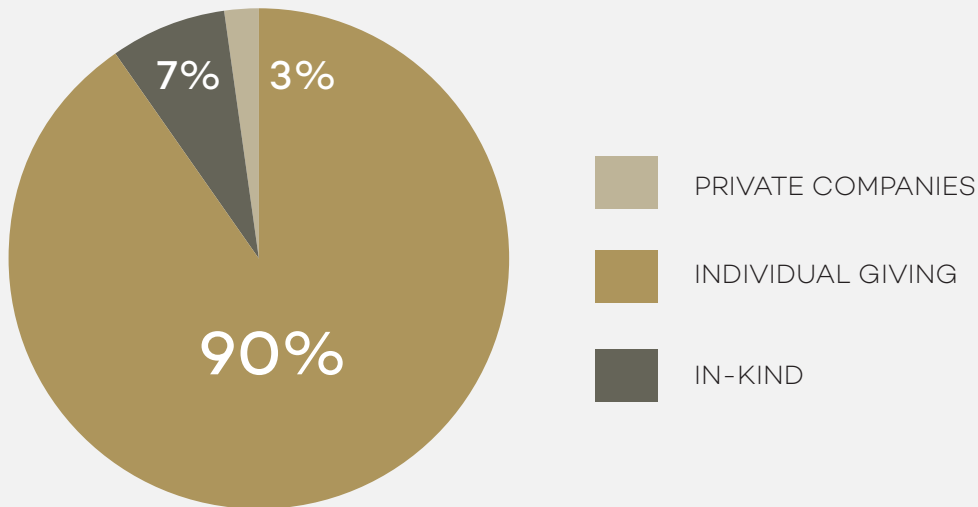
IN 2020

190,205,077 UGX

53,579 USD

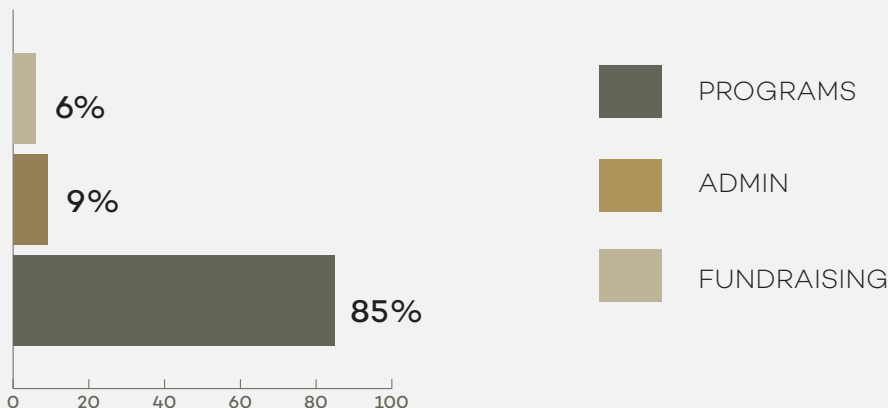
## SOURCES OF GIVING BREAKDOWN

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## INVESTMENT



# THANK YOU



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ATHLETIC  
SPORT  
CLOTHING

ATHLETIC  
SPORT  
BACKPACK



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the future of children and families in Uganda.**

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