



SHOCC is a small charity working with trusted partners. We work with managers who have demonstrated need and have clear goals. We will then support a project financially and through tailored advice and encouragement. As a result, our projects illustrate reciprocal philanthropy where we have an ongoing relationship with our partners, treat them with respect and have a two-way, empathetic approach, aiming for projects quickly to become self-sustainable. We have very few administrative costs and 99% of every donated pound goes to our projects

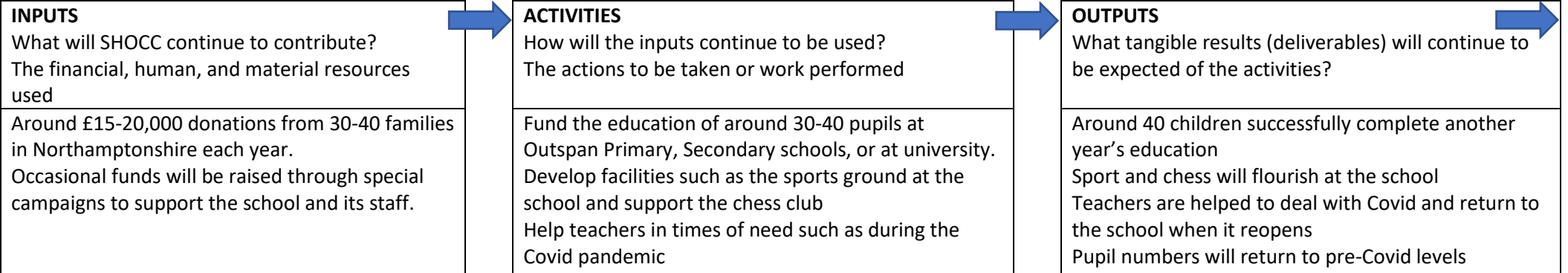
OUTSPAN SCHOOLS UGANDA STUDENT FEES ETC. [SDGs 2, 4, 10]

PROJECT STATUS: CURRENT

Project brief: SHOCC is working with families living in Northamptonshire who are committed to providing annual fees for students at two Outspan schools in Uganda. Each family donates around £400 including gift aid to support these children. Education is under considerable pressure in Uganda and has been severely affected by the Covid pandemic. Pupil numbers have not returned to pre-Covid levels and staff found it difficult to manage during the pandemic.

Date of entry:	21.02.2023
Project type:	School farm
Year(s) of project:	2011-
Awarded to date:	£144,623

Background: SHOCC became involved with Outspan in 2011 and has acted as a conduit for the families, schools, and scout groups to provide support for 40 orphan children studying at the primary and secondary schools. Prior to this, the families were sending their donations directly to Outspan but, not being a registered charity, they were unable to claim Gift Aid on donations. Rather than seek charitable status themselves, they asked to be linked to SHOCC. With SHOCC's help, they have also purchased land near the school for playground facilities and, following the release of the film 'The Queen of Kabwe', have helped develop an excellent chess club. The school is named after the home of Baden Powell and has a thriving scout group with its own band. This performs at local ceremonies and is well-known locally. In 2020-2021 the school had to close for long periods as a result of the Covid pandemic. There was no government 'furlough' scheme available for schools such as Outspan. SHOCC raised over £1,000 to support Outspan teachers during this difficult time. Further construction work is taking place in 2023 to expand the teaching facilities.



OUTCOMES

What short-term changes (1-2 years) are expected from the activities?

All Outspan pupils pass the Form 7 (primary) and Form 4 (secondary) national examinations

Chess becomes popular and teams go on to represent the school in local and national competitions

Teachers resume their posts when schools reopen following the Covid pandemic

**IMPACTS**

What longer-term significant changes (3-5 years) will the beneficiaries experience?

Excellent academic results with all students at Outspan Primary achieving at least a grade B enabling them to continue to secondary education

80% of pupils achieve at least a grade B in their Form 4 secondary examinations

Pupils selected to represent the district and national chess teams

Notes:

The Covid pandemic seriously affected pupil education throughout Uganda during 2020, 2021 and into 2022. Staff and pupil numbers quickly returned to pre-Covid levels when the school reopened. This was unusual and many schools were impacted as many staff will had obtained alternative occupations. Pup[il numbers also fell across the country especially amongst girls, many of whom became pregnant whilst away from school.

Stories and case studies, with descriptions and anecdotes from beneficiaries and others

Kijjambu Douglas joined Outspan Primary in 1995 as one of its first pupils and is the youngest of seven children. His father died in 1995 and his mother struggled to pay his school fees. He was selected for sponsorship in 1997 when a group of scouts from Northamptonshire visited Uganda. He moved through the nursery, primary and secondary sections joining university after successfully completing his Form 4 examinations. He obtained his diploma in Law in 2016 and his Bachelor's degree, also in Law, in 2020. He writes "Outspan has inspired me and encouraged me to realise my dream of practising law. I now have a good job with a Kampala law firm and have been able to help Outspan when it was purchasing a piece of land recently. My nephew Blessing is now a sponsored pupil at Outspan. Studying at Outspan has benefitted me in so many ways. I could write a book about them. I now try to inspire local children never to lose hope in education." (Kijjambu Douglas 2021)

Nakimera Lairah, a past Outspan student, is currently studying for her B.Ed. degree at Makerere University. Sponsorship began in 2012 and continues to help her complete her university degree. Lairah writes in appreciation of her time at Outspan commenting especially on the confidence the school has given her to pursue her dreams She writes." When I joined Outspan Secondary school, I was able to complete the full four years of secondary education without any disruption. This has given me the confidence knowing that I would make my sponsors proud of my achievements. Now that I am a full-time student, I have been able to participate in activities outside class such as University politics. I have been a representative on the Guild Committee and a leader of the female caucus. I aspire to become the Woman Counsellor L.C.3 for my home district in the 2021 elections. Hopefully, I will eventually become a Member of Parliament. (Nakimera Lairah 2021)

Emelda who was studying library management, has qualified and is now working in a secondary school as a volunteer to gain more skills. She has much appreciated the support which has enabled her to become skilled and helpful in society. Now she is more informed and can move on with life using the knowledge she has acquired. If she had not been supported, she would never have studied as the family was not able to educate her. With the knowledge acquired she can now move on with life independently seeking opportunities of employment wherever possible.



THE SITUATION IN 2019

Views in and around Outspan Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools with typical classrooms at each.

The top left photo is a view of the primary school in 1997.

The nursery and primary schools (left) are located in the shanty town of Bwaise in the north of the city of Kampala.

The secondary school (right) is located some 60kms north of the city. It provides boarding accommodation.





THE SITUATION IN JUNE 2022

Outspan closed for three months during the Covid pandemic and there were fears about how many pupils would return once its worst effects were over. By June 2022, pupil numbers were back to pre-Covid levels.

These photos show various aspects of the school including an IT lesson in progress, the school grounds and the kitchens.





THE SITUATION IN 2023

Following planning permissions being granted, work began in late 2022 to demolish existing classrooms at the primary school. These will be replaced by a larger two-floor building. The map below shows the location of the school close to the Kampala northern by-pass in the informal settlement of Bwaise.

