



**District 9680 Conference - 18 March 2012**





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## **Why did we start?**

**We experienced first hand, the extreme poverty in Kenya and Uganda**

**We identified the need for education in rural areas to break people free from this vicious cycle**

**We were inspired by the peoples resilience to hardship**

**We are passionate about creating change to break the cycle**







# The Figures

**49% of Uganda's population (30 million people) are aged between 0 -14 years**

**Life expectancy in Uganda is 50 years, it is 81 in Australia**

**Uganda's GDP per capita is \$346 vs Australia's \$31 794**

**Only 56% of Ugandans complete primary education**

**Out of 177 countries worldwide, the United Nations identified Australia as the 3rd most liveable with Uganda being ranked 154th**



# Objectives

**To create lasting change, through capacity building**

**To work alongside communities to ensure long-term success**

**Provide support networks to empower individuals/communities**

**To provide local employment – a 'hand up not a hand out'**





# And most importantly...

To use education as a tool for breaking the cycle of poverty



**School for Life owns 10 acres of land in the Mpigi district, where Katuuso Primary & Vocational school is located**





# The first stages of construction:

June

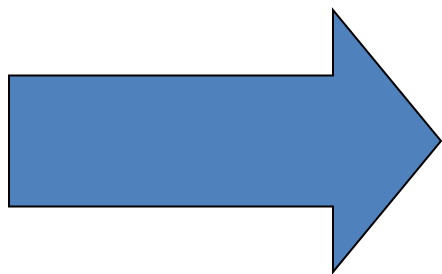




# Hand digging the pit latrines







# Stage One





# Stage Two



# Community meeting to name the school

## Katuso Primary and Vocational School

### Motto: '*Nezikookolima*'







**KATUUSO**

PRIMARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



**31<sup>st</sup> January 2011: Katuuso opens!**





















# Children receive 3 nutritious meals per day



# We employ over 30 local staff





# Clean drinking water for the community







**The children undertake extra-curricular activities such as sports days**













# Provision of health care for the whole community







# Children with disabilities are cared for





# **Some local feedback....**

- **“You have brought city quality education to the bush.” (Roofing contractor)**
- **“Katuuso Primary School has now set the benchmark for education in Mpigi district.” (Chief Administrative Officer, the highest ranking civil servant in the district)**
- **“Your biggest problem by far is going to be the demand for education at your school. People will travel for miles to attend.” (District education officer)**

## Next steps

- Enrol more students
- Implement electricity on site (with the help of Rotary!)
- Launch the tailoring program for local women
- Self-sustainability: develop agriculture including a demo plot for best practice, a farmers' cooperative and such value addition mechanisms as a mill and produce driers







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# Thank you!

