

NYIMUSA FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER Q2 2026

Dear Sponsors, Partners, and Friends,

We are delighted to share the remarkable milestones achieved in the first month of 2026! Since the opening of Nyimusa International school – the nursery section - (“NIS”) 34 children are studying from our new school. We are still learning and improving but the first months have exceeded our expectations. Our teachers are working hard to give the best possible education to our students, and the guardians of our students are very content. You may think that this school is only about education, but it is more than that. Our young students come from poor circumstances, with families lacking financial means, one big benefit of providing this children education with NIS that relates to a much more basic need; food. Since that start of NIS, these children are provided with proper food every day and we can literally see how our students are growing not only in the way they speak and behave but also in their physical health. It takes a lot of pressure of the young mothers and old grandmothers to provide good nutrient food to the children.

Education Impact

Nyimusa Foundation continues to expand its education support program, now fully sponsoring over 136 learners across Nursery, Primary, Secondary, and University levels. These students are performing well academically, demonstrating the transformative power of access to quality education.

Following the successful launch of Nyimusa International School (NIS) in October 2025, operations officially commenced in early 2026. By February, 34 children had been enrolled in the preschool section, marking a significant milestone in our journey.

We are so pleased to welcome four new sponsors, supporting children aged 3–7 years at NIS. Our goal is to secure 10 sponsors this year to further expand access to education. For the students that doesn't yet have a sponsor we are generously receiving contribution by St. Anne Foundation for 50% of the school tuition. Despite working towards becoming more self-financed from the

agriculture and a blend of paying students and sponsored, we are currently financially limited in how many students we can support. It is costly to run the school, and we are constantly looking for more sponsors and partners to support our mission. Please spread our word. ❤️



Academic Excellence

We proudly celebrate the outstanding achievements of our sponsored students in national examinations:

- **Kuteesa Phoebe** – Mathematics, Physics & Chemistry: 17/20 points
- **Opilu Olivia Paula** – Geography, History & Economics: 15/20 points

These results reflect the strength of our support systems and open meaningful pathways to higher education and future opportunities.

Staffing and Operational Growth

To strengthen school operations, Nyimusa International School has expanded its team to Four staff members, including:

- Two Teachers
- One Chef
- One Security Guard

This growth has enhanced service delivery and contributed to a more supportive and effective learning environment.



Transportation Support

Currently, parents are not directly responsible for arranging transport to and from NIS. To support families, the school hires a Toyota Wish (7-seater) from a local provider at UGX 360,000 per week. While some parents contribute, the cost remains high and challenging to sustain.

This arrangement presents several challenges:

- **Limited Capacity:** The vehicle carries a small number of learners, requiring multiple trips and causing delays.
- **Safety Concerns:** Overcrowding affects comfort and safety for children aged 3–6 years.
- **High Costs:** Parents contribute partially, but the school still covers a large portion of transport expenses each term.
- **Operational Challenges:** Dependence on a hired vehicle reduces reliability and flexibility.

Most learners travel over 4 kilometers to school, and parents have expressed the need for a dedicated school van. A school-owned vehicle would improve safety, ensure timely transport, and allow parent contributions to cover fuel and maintenance, making the service more sustainable.

To address this need, the school proposes acquiring a Toyota Hiace, which has a carrying capacity of up to 20 children. The estimated cost of the vehicle is **USD 21,700**, representing a long-term investment that will significantly reduce weekly transport expenses, improve reliability, and enhance learner safety.

The school remains committed to working with parents and partners to find a practical and sustainable transport solution that ensures safe and reliable access for all learners.

Agriculture for Sustainability

Self-sustainability remains a core pillar of Nyimusa Foundation. Our agricultural initiatives continue to show promising progress:

Current Progress

- 2 acres of maize planted
- 2.5 acres of beans planted
- 2 acres of coffee plantation generating income
- Ginger harvest expected this month, with plans for expansion

Impact

These initiatives are designed to:

- Provide food for NIS students
- Generate additional income
- Reduce operational costs
- Strengthen long-term financial sustainability

This marks a critical step toward building a self-reliant and resilient community.



Primary School Construction Update

We are pleased to report significant progress on the NIS (primary school building). The first-floor slab was successfully completed, marking a major milestone.

The remaining work on the ground floor for the building to be ready for use include:

- Interior plastering
- Electrical installation
- Plumbing (toilets)
- Printing and final finishes

This estimated budget to achieve this is **50,000 USD** and once completed, this facility will provide much-needed space to accommodate our growing number of learners and support future expansion. In both around the community and other districts like Kampala. the school will have 50% fully paying students, 30% subsidized students and 20% sponsored under privileged students fulfilling our core values.

This is one of our biggest priorities in 2026 since we have kids enrolled in to pre-primary, they will have to graduate to primary school and the increase demand of quality education by the community.

Additionally, to make the school operational for one year, we need:

- Furniture
- Teacher hiring and operation
- Scholastic materials such as writing boards and text books needed according to the curriculum.
- Branding and Advertisement

The estimated budget for **20,000 USD** will be required to bring the school to operation for one year and if completed, this school will:

- Sustain itself through a balanced model
- Serve both paying and vulnerable children
- Expand impact across communities

But without support, progress may stall.



Audit and Accountability

Transparency and accountability remain central to our mission.

We are pleased to confirm that the 2025 audit has been successfully completed, verifying that all funds were used responsibly and in line with our intended purpose. This reinforces the trust placed in us by our partners and supporters. The report is available for anyone who is curious to see the full accounting and audit and how our funds have been allocated! Email me at derrick@nyimusafoundation.org

A Final word from the children

Behind every number in this report is a child.

A child who now has a uniform.
A child who now holds a pencil.
A child who now dares to dream.

But many are still waiting.

Waiting for a sponsor.
Waiting for a seat in class.
Waiting for someone to believe in them.

With Gratitude

To every sponsor, partner, and friend:

You are changing lives in ways that cannot always be measured but are deeply felt.

You are giving children not just education, but a future.

And as we move forward, we invite you to continue walking this journey with us because the need is still great, and the opportunity to transform lives is even greater.

Together, we can do more.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Derrick, Sofia and the Nyimusa team

