

## Why Build a School in Kikoiro, Uganda?

Kikoiro, Uganda is a rural community located deep in the bush of the central part of the country. Very little government support finds its way to this community of many thousands of people.

The HIV rate here is well over 15%.

The education system is very inferior. Lack of education is killing many mothers and children in this community, yet the parents are VERY eager to improve the education system.



Current School House in Kikoiro

Parents are eager to work together with Just Like My Child Foundation to change the future of their children. Just \$150,000 will build a 7-room school house, pay 7 teachers for a year, build housing for the teachers, and pay for most initial supplies. We are collaborating with the community to invest their time, energy and resources into creating the school, so that they "own" the project.

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### *Facts & Figures on Girls' Education*

In addition to its benefits for girls and women, education is a uniquely positive force with a wide-ranging impact on society and human development. Educated girls can better protect themselves against HIV, trafficking and abuse, and are more likely to grow up to have healthier families and send their children to school.

That is why United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Kofi Annan, in his groundbreaking address to the Millennium Assembly reminded us that there can be no significant or sustainable transformation in societies—and no lasting reduction in global poverty—until girls receive the basic quality education they deserve—and take their rightful place as equal partners.

#### **Out-of-school children\***

- In Western and Central Africa, 24 million children are out of primary school, 13 million of them girls
- In Eastern and Southern Africa, 21 million children are out of primary school, 10.9 million of them girls

#### **Mothers' education**

- Children whose mothers have no education are more than twice as likely to be out of school as children whose mothers have some education
- In developing countries, 75 per cent of the children not in primary school have uneducated mothers
- One additional year of schooling for 1,000 women helps prevent two maternal deaths.

#### **Illiteracy**

- There are 771 million illiterate adults, 64 per cent of them women, worldwide. Only 88 adult women are considered literate for every 100 adult men.

#### **HIV/AIDS**

- If all children received a complete primary education, around 700,000 cases of HIV in young adults could be prevented each year
- Women represent 62 per cent of the 15- to 24-year-olds living with HIV/AIDS globally
- Every day, 4,500 young people between the ages of 15 and 24 are infected with HIV



**Is it worth \$150,000 to change the lives of 6000 children over the next 10 years?**