

NEWSLETTER

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Talent & Skill

COVID-19 Struggle
continues

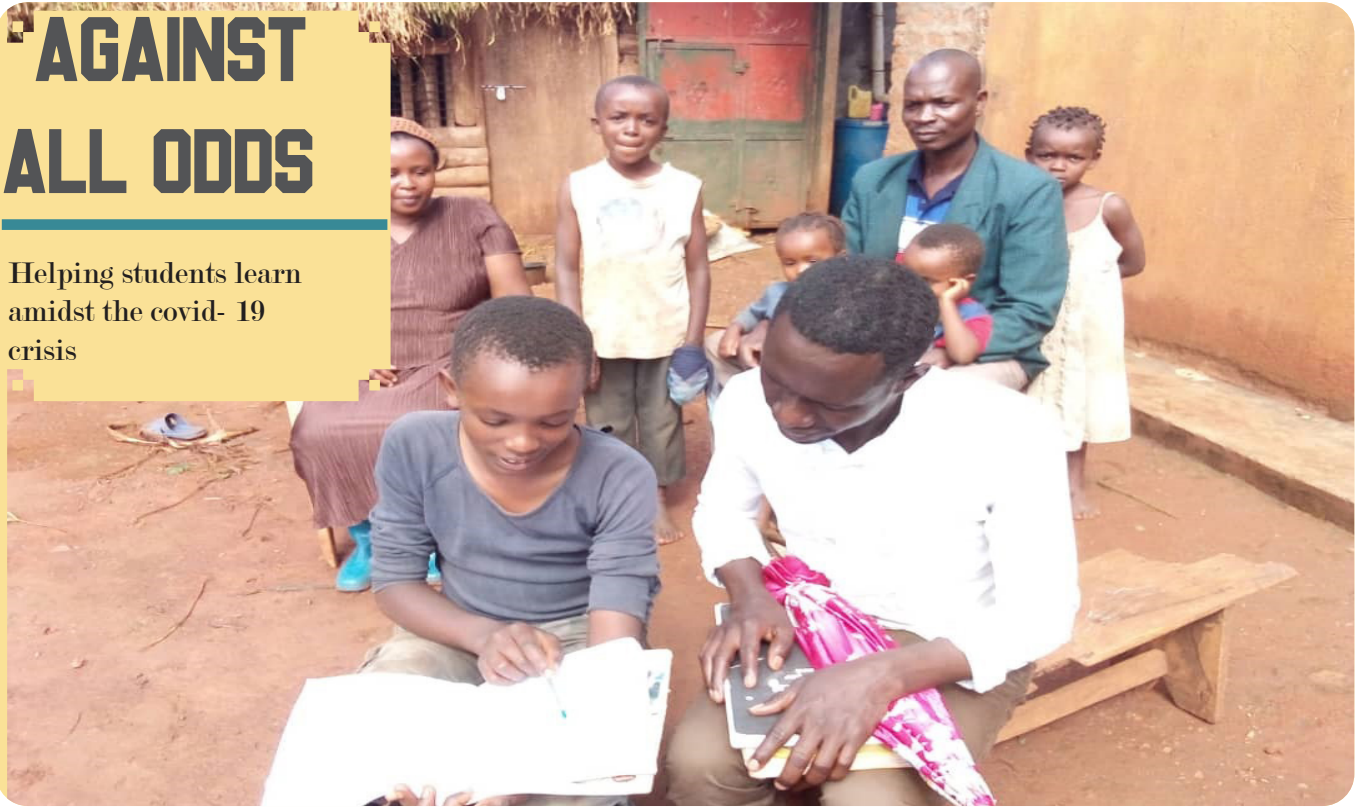


Defining oneself amidst fate- Alumni story
The passionate teachers on the look out for their learners
Women and Technology



AGAINST ALL ODDS

Helping students learn
amidst the covid- 19
crisis

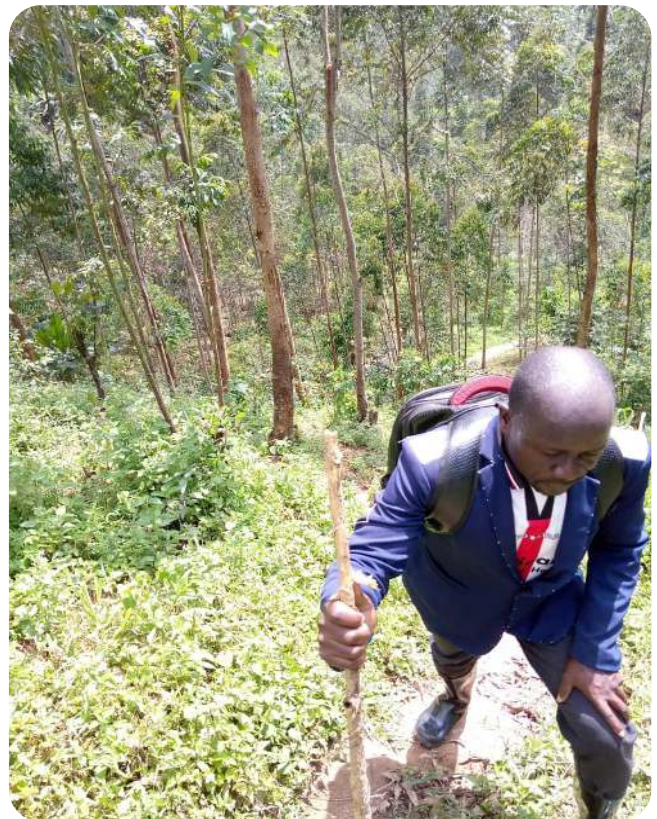


Its progress

This lockdown has been very prolonged and so a number of students have either lost hope for education or been so demotivated. As Arlington Academy of Hope, we go against all odds to stand with these little ones especially the primary going age and those that have no learning gadgets and internet to access online education.

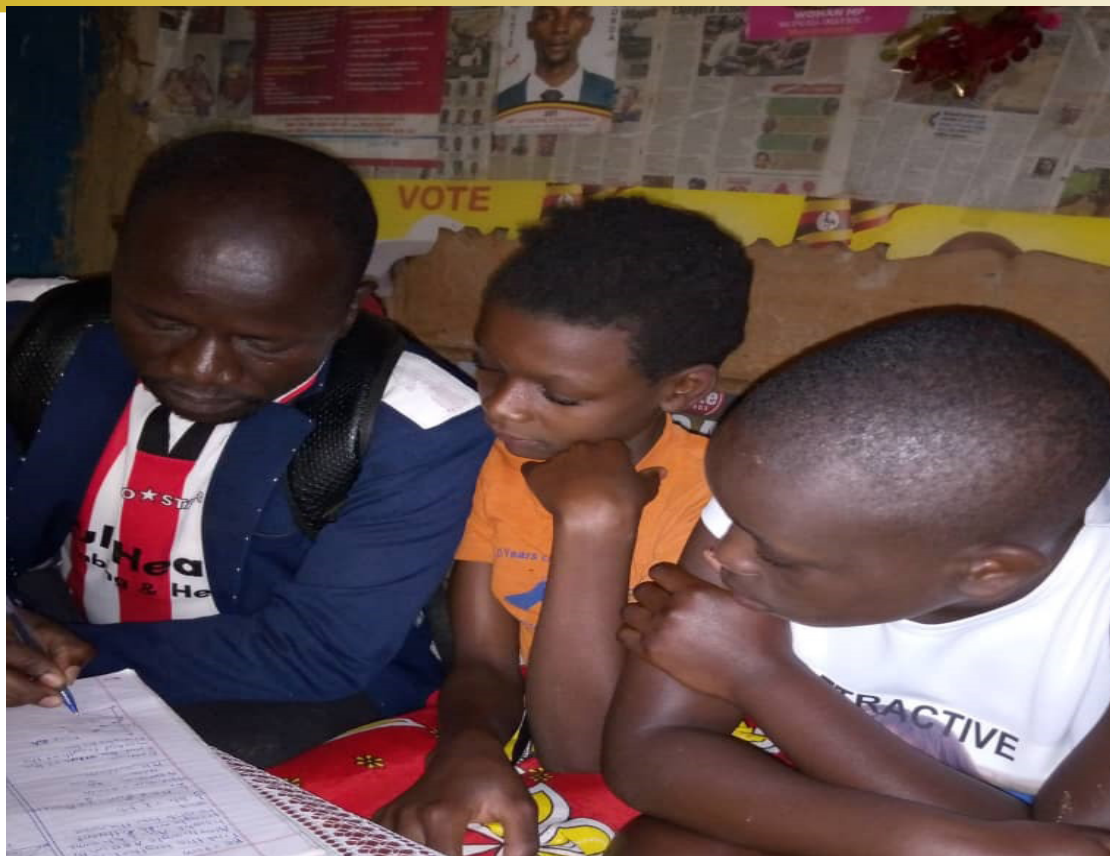
To supplement the online learning, our teachers move in different teams to reach out to the students at their homes with learning materials and to check on their academic progress.

Most of our learners come from hard-to-reach hilly areas necessitating hiking. This is possible because our teachers have passion for their work and a heart for their learners.





Even when the world seems so faint and unclear for teachers and students in Uganda during two years in lockdown and schools being closed, Arlington Academy Of Hope has not forgotten about the future makers-children, the journey to support them through home visits continues. One on one teaching sessions with students has made learning easy and addressed the challenge of loss of interest for school.



Some of the graduates in October



Buteme Dorcus Doreen - Bachelor of Human Resource Management at UCU Mukono



Wanambwa Joshua Philip- Bachelor of Law at UCU Mukono



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

Girl Power

On 11th of October this year, AAH joined the rest of the world to commemorate the **international day of the Girl Child**.



The event was graced with entertainment from different girls through singing, dancing and poetry. There was plenty of eating and drinking and finally catching a movie entitled “Sarafina” closed the day. On the very day, different invited speakers gave inspirational speeches to these girls. Some administrators and female teachers honoured the day. These tackled topics that ranged from the day’s Theme which was ‘Digital generation, our generation’

to other areas like sex education, respect & discipline, talent & skills, and finally to career development and success.



VIDEO
SHOOTING



She's
the *first*

STF ANTHEM

The Girls programming department together with MDD department coordinated well into an AAH version of STF Video Anthem. The girls from primary to university showcased their skills in singing, dance and drama. The moments were quite exciting for the students while they creatively expressed themselves before live video shooting, to some girls for the first time.

The film crew

Different scenes captured during the shooting



Girls ready to perform



Time to cultivate



Tailoring expertise



Girls in Technology



Some of the donated lamps from unite to light

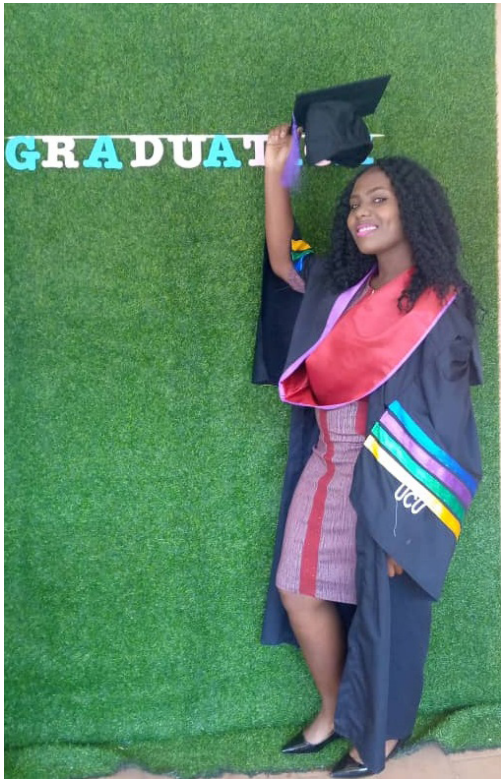
SOLAR LAMPS DONATION

Arlington Academy of Hope has for the first time partnered with **Unite to Light**, a non-governmental organisation that provides *affordable Solar Lights for Children living in darkness* to be able to read their books at night. Most of our Students come from homes that use candles or kerosene lamps to access reading at night something that either puts the entire family at risk or in a corner because rarely do these families afford kerosene to make the children prolong their reading on light.

The Executive director Unite to Light; Meghan embraced the partnership and graced Arlington Academy of Hope with a donation of **1000 solar lamp** pieces.

Our students from primary to university will benefit from these lamps especially the fact that they have been brought during this time when students are home on long holiday due to the effect of the Covid 19 lockdown. With **1356 students** on our programme, these pieces will definitely cover a big number for usage. We are excited seeing our children getting easy access to light as they continue chasing their dream. We look forward to partnering with Unite to Light again in future.

AN ALUMNI TELLS HER STORY



Seera Juliet a 26-year-old, born to a family of five as the first born has been an A.A.H pioneer student sponsored by Melisa Jeff since 2004 to 2007 till she finished primary seven. She joined Nabumali High School for her O level from 2008 to 2013 and went to Makerere High School-Migade for her advanced level. After S.6, she got 12 points with HEG/SMT all under STF who took her on for 2 years.

She then had no more sponsorship. She enrolled for Bachelors of Business Administration at Kampala International University (KIU) under private sponsorship for one year but when sickness struck her father, she pulled out in 2014 because he could no longer sustain her tuition fees.

“We sat and agreed as family to change from KIU to Kyambogo university because it was less costly of course having opted for a dead year would grant us enough time to be ready”. In 2015, she started working as a broker for Elgon Flyers bus company to raise funds to support her education. During this time, she met her boyfriend and she conceived making the plans for Kyambogo affected.

All this happened so fast beyond her control. She later gave birth to a baby girl and named her after her former sponsor Melisa. The two then moved to live together in Nairobi. “For me it was not a choice but running away from my parents who I thought had been the most disappointed”, she narrates. She had no courage to face them at the time.

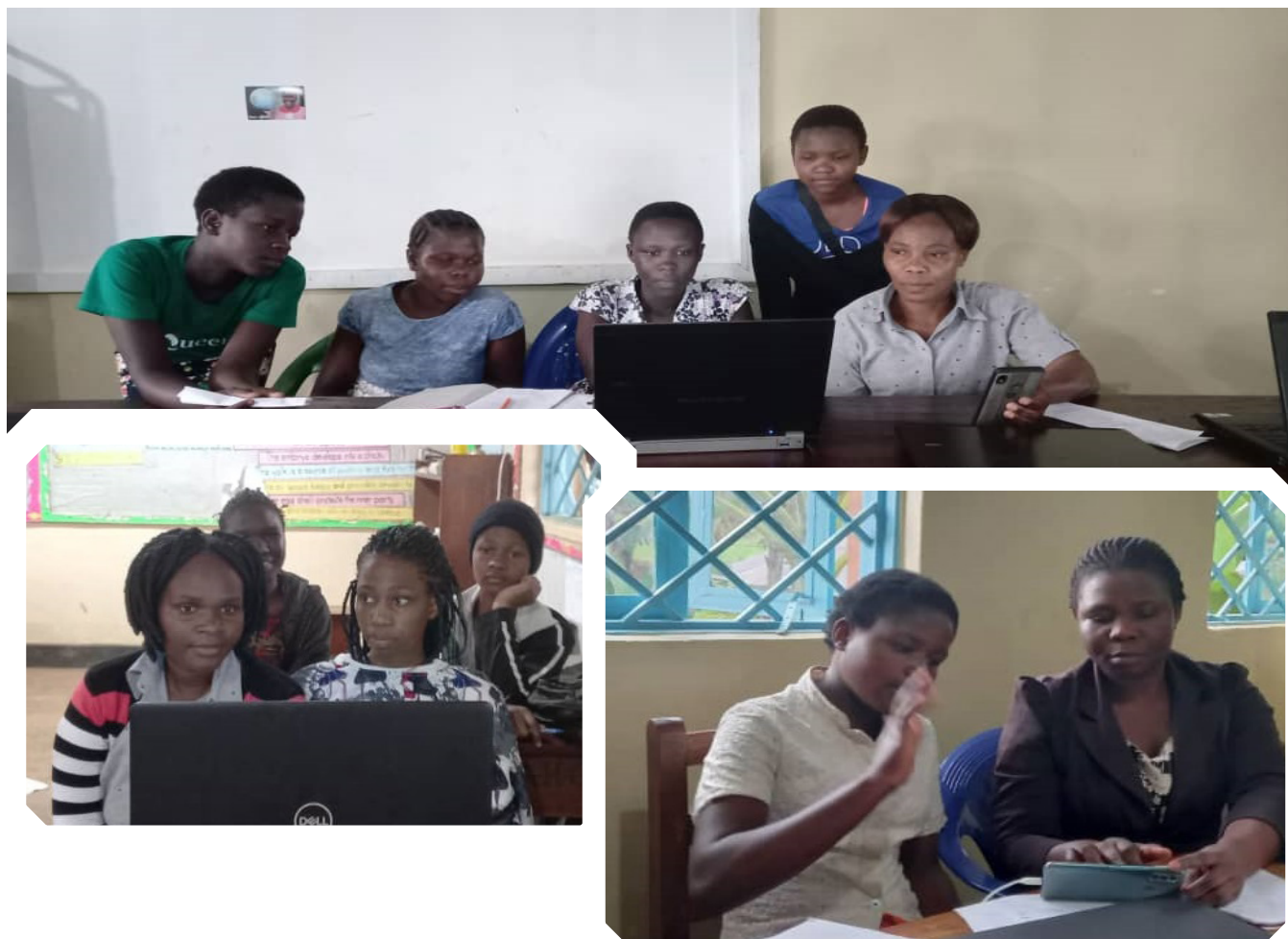
She however reconsidered going back to school. Later on in 2017, she enrolled for a Bachelors of Arts in Education at Uganda Christian University- Mbale on a mutual understanding between AAH and the university. Shortly after she had started her second year, she lost her boyfriend to an accident leaving her very heartbroken.

She slowly put herself together and still pushed on with education, but unfortunately COVID-19 came in and disrupted all the plans to complete school last year. She eventually after a series of tests made it this year in October and got a degree award, Bachelors of Arts in Education majoring in Economics and Geography. She also took interest in politics and right now serves as female councillor at the district council representing people of Nalwanza, Bubiita and Buwali.

She also doubles as the Council's deputy speaker at the district. She says “I don't have enough words to appreciate Arlington Academy of Hope for the support and kindness, the team is a great one and has made me such a strong political pillar to my people”.

STF VIRTUAL SUMMIT

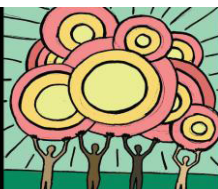
On 5th October, there was a virtual summit facilitated by Shelly Brown about Girls in Technology. A good number of girls attended and were excited hearing from a lady that was once in the US Army and later pursued an IT career making her a great inspiration to girls. Her story relates very closely with the life and struggles that the girls at AAH go through given the challenges that she faced along her career path. She emphasised the importance of training children from a tender age to embrace technology which she added comes with a huge impact and benefits. Among her highlighted benefits include; earning a higher income, being socially responsible, a great communicator, creativity, analytical and critical thinking.



AAH OTHER NEWS

Arlington Academy of Hope Alumni had a meeting to collect efforts on how to become a constructive team and do something of importance to the community. Among the things was to carry out a good turn and sponsor one needy student to AAH programme.

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