

FROM MARGINALISED YOUTH TO SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

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THE CHALLENGE

- Uganda has one of the fastest growing populations in the world
- Uganda also has one of the highest youth unemployment rates worldwide
- 1.5m people found refuge in Uganda due to conflicts in their home countries these as well lack opportunities to create new solutions and hence are expected to remain in poverty.
- Youth lack opportunity and prospects, which is fueling instability.
- Part of it is attributed to an educational system lacking to train the younger generations to think for themselves, shape a vision for the future and create new solutions to unsolved challenges.

The solution

• Since marginalized or unprivileged youth and refugees lack opportunities Social Innovation Academies in Uganda are transforming the educational system and allowing marginalized communities to create their own solutions.

Implementation of the solution

- Scholars unlearn limiting believes
- Get rid of a fear of failing
- Expand their comfort zones and are equipped with 21st century skills for job creation and solution creation.
- The quality lies in the hands-on practical application of skills through self-management.
- SINA is based upon a human centered design approach, where experienced-based learning enables competencies to be gained through freesponsible self-management.
- Scholars have roles, make decisions and run SINA. Outcomes are not imposed but scholars set their own goals. Life-Coaching supports the continuous steps taken to reach these goals.

IMPACT

• Because SINA scholar projects must benefit the individual, the community and the environment.

45 scholar projects created every year in different communities 200 Scholar projects created in different communities .

- Health
- Plastic waste
- Biodegradable alternatives to plastics
- Education
- Social innovation for women and girls
- Agriculture
- Tech and up cycled fashion

CONTRIBUTION OF THE SOLUTION TO HEALTH SYSTEMS

• SINA model has spread nationally and internationally

SINA model has impacted

- Nakivale Refugee Settlement
- Bidi Bidi Refugee Camp
- Bukavu and in Kenya
- We are creating a network of self-organized social entrepreneurship spaces for marginalized youth!

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School Drop outs from all over Uganda.

Unemployed Youth from all over Uganda.

Orphans mainly from orphanages around central region.



















