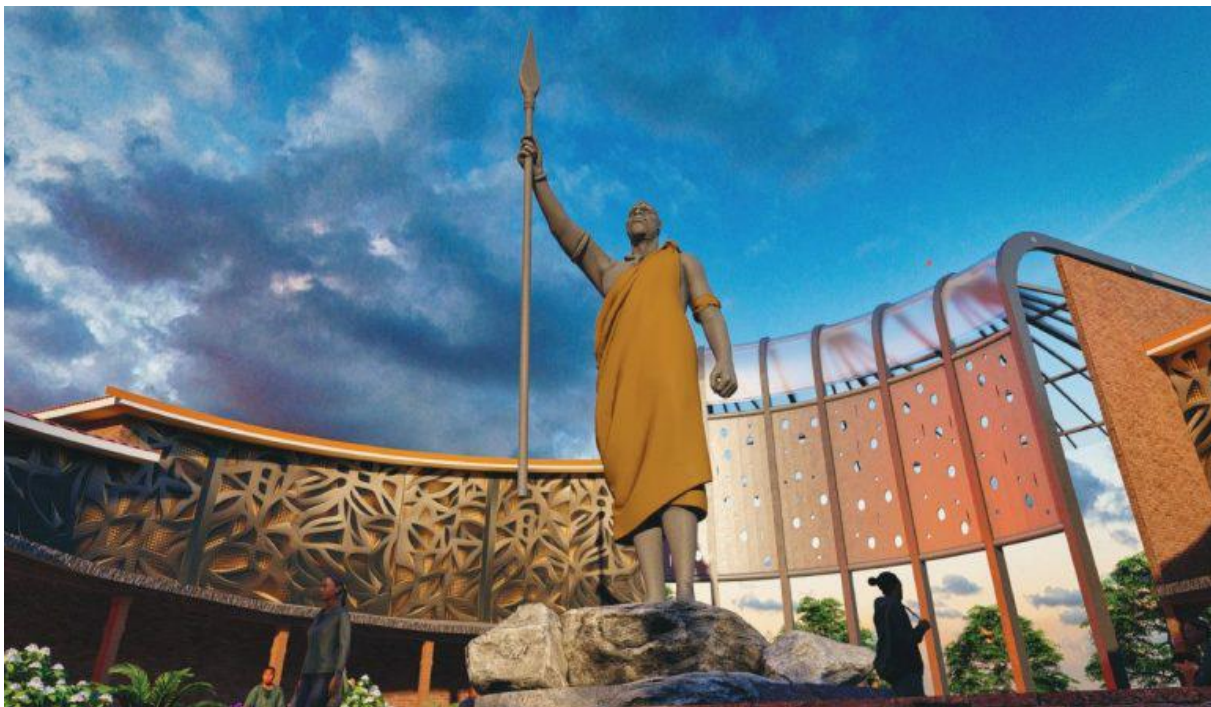


2023 ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN



Dear readers,

This Report summarizes our progress in implementing Kabalega Foundation Strategic plan and the organization mission to advance social, economic and cultural development in Uganda. We undertook several activities in order to raise funds for the implementation of our programs. During the year we organized and successfully implemented, Kabalega Education Fund, Kabalega Square, Tree planting and environmental protection awareness to mitigate climate change. Kabalega Independent Run in Hoima Booma Grounds and Kabalega Memorial Lecture in Kampala Serena Hotel.

This progress would not have been possible from without support from our collaborators, funders, partners and sponsors. We are grateful for the support we continue to receive from traditional institutions, governments, civil society organizations, trust, foundations and private sector. We look forward for further progress and closer partnership and collaboration with all stakeholders to advance social, economic and culture development in Uganda. We strongly welcome and will appreciate your honest feedback, to enable us to sustainably improve..

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JKisoro', written in a cursive style.

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James Kisoro

Executive Chairman

WHO WE ARE

Kabalega Foundation (KF) is non-profit non-government organization registered under laws of Uganda to advance social, economic and cultural development. Kabalega foundation (KF) works to preserve and promote the legacy of Omukama Chwa II Kabalega, Omukama of Bunyoro-Kitara Kingdom from 1870 to 1899, and a celebrated hero in Africa who fought gallantly to preserve the Independence, development, rights, dignity of Africans against colonialism and dehumanization.

OUR BOARD MEMBERS

1. Joanita Gertrude Bushara, Lawyer by Profession
2. Dennis Kamurasi, Accountant / Businessman
3. Hamu Mugenyi, Lawyer by Profession
4. Stella Kasemiire, Administration Specialist
5. Ramathan Kimera, Business Management Specialist
6. James Isagara Kisoro, ICT4D & Business Management Specialist

OUR VALUES

- i. **Transparency:** We are accountable for our actions and decisions to the community we serve, to partners, staff, government, and the public at large.
- ii. **Voluntarism:** We promote voluntary service guided by a will to pursue shared interests for the common good of society.
- iii. **Innovation:** We embrace continuous improvement, bold creativity, and change.
- iv. **Respect for human rights:** We treat all people with dignity and respect in accordance with the constitution and laws of Uganda.
- v. **Independence:** We maintain independence so that we are able at all times to act in accordance with our vision, mission, and values.
- vi. **Courage:** For social good, we choose to tackle areas many are afraid of in order to make our vision and mission a reality.

OBJECTIVES:

- a) To research, promote, enhance, strengthen, preserve, and protect the tangible and intangible culture and heritage
- b) To enhance access to formal, informal, and life skills education for the people
- c) To support policy and community engagement for advancement of social equity, rights, and justice of people and communities
- d) To foster and enhance social and economic development in communities
- e) To enhance environmental protection, conservation, and preservation, as well as promotion of best practices towards mitigation of climate change effects.
- f) To enhance the health, wellness, and sanitation of people

OUR PROGRAMMES

We understand that many causes of society problems are linked, and we use a multifaceted approach to addressing them. From local communities to the global stage. We operate, advocate for and support programmes that we believe present a better chance for wholistic community development. We aspire to create a world where everyone thrives and achieves their best potential, with special emphasis and focus on women, children, person's with disabilities, and youth in our programme interventions, and with special attention to pressing issues such as climate change, youth employment, and a violent free society, promotion of human rights as enshrined in the constitution of Uganda, and response to humanitarian crises.

Our programmes include;

- i. Civic Advocacy and Engagement,
- ii. Cultural Research, Documentation, and Promotion, Environmental Protection,
- iii. Water, Health and Sanitation,
- iv. Education & Life Skills Development, and
- v. Livelihood Improvement.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

KABALEGA EDUCATION FUND:

Kabalega Independence Run: Kabalega Foundation in partnership with Bunyoro kitaara Kingdom organized Kabalega independent run which was held on 7th, October 2024 in Hoima City under the theme Run for education and community transformation. We were able to raise resources for the establishment of Kabalega education fund. Kabalega education Fund will support public schools to improve their academic performance and support underprivileged children and youth to complete their studies and well as supporting unemployed youth through skilling initiatives to realize their full potential. Kabalega run is an annual event aimed at positively transform communities. We used the event to enhance social, economic and cultural development of communities through sponsorship, partnership and collaboration initiatives as well as creating awareness on different issues that affect communities. The event also promoted health of the participants through physical activities. Participants were able to improve their health through the run. The run was organised by Kabalega Foundation, in partnership with Bunyoro-Kitara Kingdom, along with a host of sponsors including; Airtel Money, Vision Group, NBS Sport, Uganda Broadcasting Corporation, Stanbic Bank, Equity Bank, Capital Radio, Adman Source, City Ambulance, among many others.

The event also involved a series of activities including Blood Donation conducted by Uganda Blood Transfusion Services, and Uganda Redcross Society and many more



It was fun and jubilation on 30th of June, 2023 as Kabalega Foundation, in partnership with Bunyoro-Kitara Kingdom officially launched Kabalega Independence Run at Rukurato Hall gardens in Hoima City. The event was officiated by the Prime Minister of Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom Owek. Andrew Byakutaga Ateenyi as the Chief Guest, the Deputy Mayor – Hoima City, among many other guests and dignitaries.



KABALEGA MEMORIAL LECTURE

In celebration of 100 Years' Legacy Mark.

[Kabalega Foundation](#) in collaboration with [Bunyoro-Kitara Kingdom](#) commemorated of 100 years of [Omukama Cwa II Kabalega](#)'s legacy (1923 – 2023). We organized the inaugural kabalega Memorial lecture which was held on December 18th, 2023 at Kampala Serena Hotel under the theme: “The Role of culture in the development-the case of Africa” The event was attended by participants from all walks of life including the people from the Academia, Government, Civil Society, Cultural Institutions, Opinion Leaders, students and members of the general public.

The Keynote Address Speech was delivered by the renown and charismatic Pan-African Activist Prof. PLO. Lumumba who described Omukama Cwa II Kabalega as a great African stalwart, a leader, a personification of courage and bravery whose leadership was characterised by a profound sense of duty towards the preservation of the cultural identity and the right to self-determination for his people, and one whose impact reached far beyond his kingdom and inspired many African societies to stand up and demand for their independence.

Prof. Lumumba decried the alarming rate of loss of African culture at the expense of other foreign importations in present day. He also decried the “Artificial” boundaries created by colonialists within African societies as a tactic of divide and run still existing to date, impeding free interaction of the African people who share alot in common. He noted that this is one of the biggest undoing of efforts to achieve social, economic and political development in Africa.



He is a renowned passionate Pan-Africanist and Lawyer with varied and diverse knowledge about Africa; holder of a Doctorate degree on The Law of the Sea from Ghent University in Belgium, a founding Partner of Lumumba & Lumumba Advocates Law Firm and an Advocate of the High Courts of Kenya and Tanzania, a Commissioner for Oaths and a Notary Public, a Certified Secretary, a Certified Mediator and an author of several books in the legal and other fields. He is a leading Voice for Africa and of Africa, Founder and Chairman of the PLO Lumumba Foundation Ltd . A panel of discussants were drawn from the Academia, Government, Civil Society, and Cultural Institutions have been invited to discuss the subject matter.

























KABALEGA CULTURAL SQUARE

Kabalega Culture Square. The Cultural square will host Kabalega Monument, Information Resource Centre, conference centre, cafe with African quizine cafe, Kabalega Foundation Offices, Youth Centre,A Children Play Area and an Entertainment Auditorium.

The Kabalega Cultural Square (Isaazi Lya'Kabalega) will be strategically located next to the headquarters and central palace of Bunyoro-Kitara Kingdom. Above, an artistic impression of Kabalega Cultural Square. Below, an arial view of the entire Kabalega Cultural Square.





Planned to sit in the foreground of Kabalega Cultural Square, Kabalega Monument is planned as a 20 feet marvel, across from the main palace of Bunyoro-Kitara Kingdom. It will feature Omukama Kabalega adorned in his favourite traditional wear in a sited posture holding a spear as a symbol of strength and defence.

TREE PLANTING AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AWARENESS

Tree Planting Campaign in the Albertine Graben

We created awareness on environmental protection and obtain trees for planting to enhance environmental protection and mitigate effects of climate change. According to Global Forest Watch, in 2010, Uganda had 6.93 million hectares of tree cover, extending over 29% of its land area. In 2022, the country lost 64.1 thousand hectares of tree cover which is equivalent to equivalent to 33.3 Metric tons of Carbon dioxide emissions. Hoima has been experiencing rapid population growth and this inevitably has an impact on the existing forest cover. In the 2002 population census, Hoima city had 343,600 people, and in 2012, after the discovery of oil, the Uganda Bureau of Statistics indicated that the population had increased to 548,800. In addition to the oil and gas developments in the area, the city boasts of booming tourism industry with a beehive of activities in the nearby Murchison Falls National Park, Kibale National Park, Budongo Forest Reserve among other protected areas.



MAJOR CHALLENGES:

Inadquate resources to scale up our impact

LESSONS LEARNT:

Working with integrity, professionalism and building strong relationship with the funders,partners, collaborators, networks, government and the communities help the organisation to raise more resources to scale up the impact in its area of operation

People living in poverty need good morals, mental health,hope, patience, empowerment,skills, support and financial literacy to eradicate poverty in their families and communities

Use of Technology and Science help us, families and communities we work with to succeed with great results.

Changes in technology and science comes with both positive and negative impacts to us,families and communities we are working with in our area of operation

Recruiting more ethical, experienced and qualified volunteers helps the organization to scale impact.

Kabalega Foundation (KF) is advancing its programs, projects and initiatives to scale up the impact. We have been able to implement successful projects with support from our sponsors, partners, funders and collaborators.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

4th January, 2023

Held at Kabalega Foundation offices

Agenda

1. Prayer
2. Welcome remarks from the chairperson, Board of Directors
3. Review of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising
4. Strengthening Fundraising and Resources Mobilisation
5. Advancing Organization Development
6. Closing remarks, Lunch and Departure

Minute 1: Prayer

A prayer was led by Secretary

Minute 2: Welcome remarks from the chairperson, Board of Directors

The chairperson welcomed the members and encouraged them to continue respecting organization policies and supporting the organization to scale up the impact.

Minute 3: Review of previous minutes and matters arising

The previous minutes were reviewed before they could be signed off.

Minute 4: Strengthening Fundraising and Resources mobilisation

The secretary thanked the members for their great contribution to the organization development and encouraged them to continue fundraising and mobilizing resources to support the organization work.

Minute 5. Advancing Organisation Development

All the members also agreed that we continue fundraising and mobilizing resources to scale organization impact.

Minute 7 Closing remarks, lunch and departure

There being no further matter to discuss, the meeting was closed and the date for the next meeting to be given later.



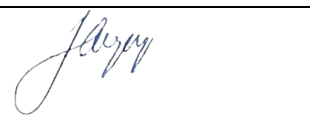
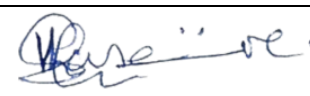
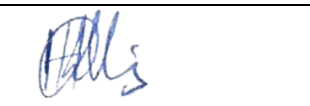


Secretary



Chairperson

LIST OF KABALEGA FOUNDATION MEMBERS PRESENT

No	Name	Position	Signature
1.	Joanita Gertrude Bushara	Member	
2.	Dennis Kamurasi	Member	
3.	Hamu Mugenyi	Secretary	
4.	Stella Kasemiire	Member	
5.	Ramathan Kimera	Member	
6.	James Isagara Kisoro	Member / Executive Chairman	