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Teacher Support Coordinator, Christine Kirembeka leading a group session at Kawacom

"Together, we can make a difference in their lives!"





<u>Educate!</u> <u>School Programs in</u> <u>Uganda</u>

The ECOM Foundation supports the Educate! program, in schools in Uganda, which focuses on practical and relevant education through running staff trainings, supporting business clubs and



mentoring students. These activities encompass the goals of all the Teacher as Mentor Program (TAM) tracks: Business, Mentorship, Trainer of Trainers (TOT) and Administration. TAM Business Fellows are required to: 2 Lead 3 Student Business Club meetings for club leaders. 2 Ensure all Student Business Clubs at their schools have an active income-generating business. 2 Organise a market day for the Student Business Clubs. 2 Ensure Student Business Clubs receive skills trainings.

ECOM Foundation Satellite Schools El Salvador

Huge ongoing "Thanks" to our fine Project Management Team in El Salvador for the implementation of three (3) ECOM Foundation Satellite Schools over the past four years. We have recently consolidated two of the schools into one, but are serving the same number of students as before. Project Managers: Alberto Cuellar, Ernesto Telles, Noel Lorio and Alfonso Gonzales are heroes to the students and the ECOM Foundation!

Basic Needs, Kenya

When BasicNeeds, with funding from the ECOM Foundation, initiated their project two years ago, the regions had low coffee production, poor coffee quality, gender conflicts, violence, poor community organization, weak farming structures, and extreme poverty with underlying causes of persistent low production, cash and food deficits, gender based conflict and violence, and low social economic status for women and youth. As poor health and poverty reinforce each other on a downward spiral, the project developed mechanisms for people with mental illness and disabilities to be supported. To date, we have seen increased coffee yields and quality (50%), alternative income generating projects for women and youth (35), improved food security and incomes (increase in seed capital 800%), increased civic education and life skills in finance, trade and leadership for women and youth, and integration of most vulnerable farmers (251) and their families.