



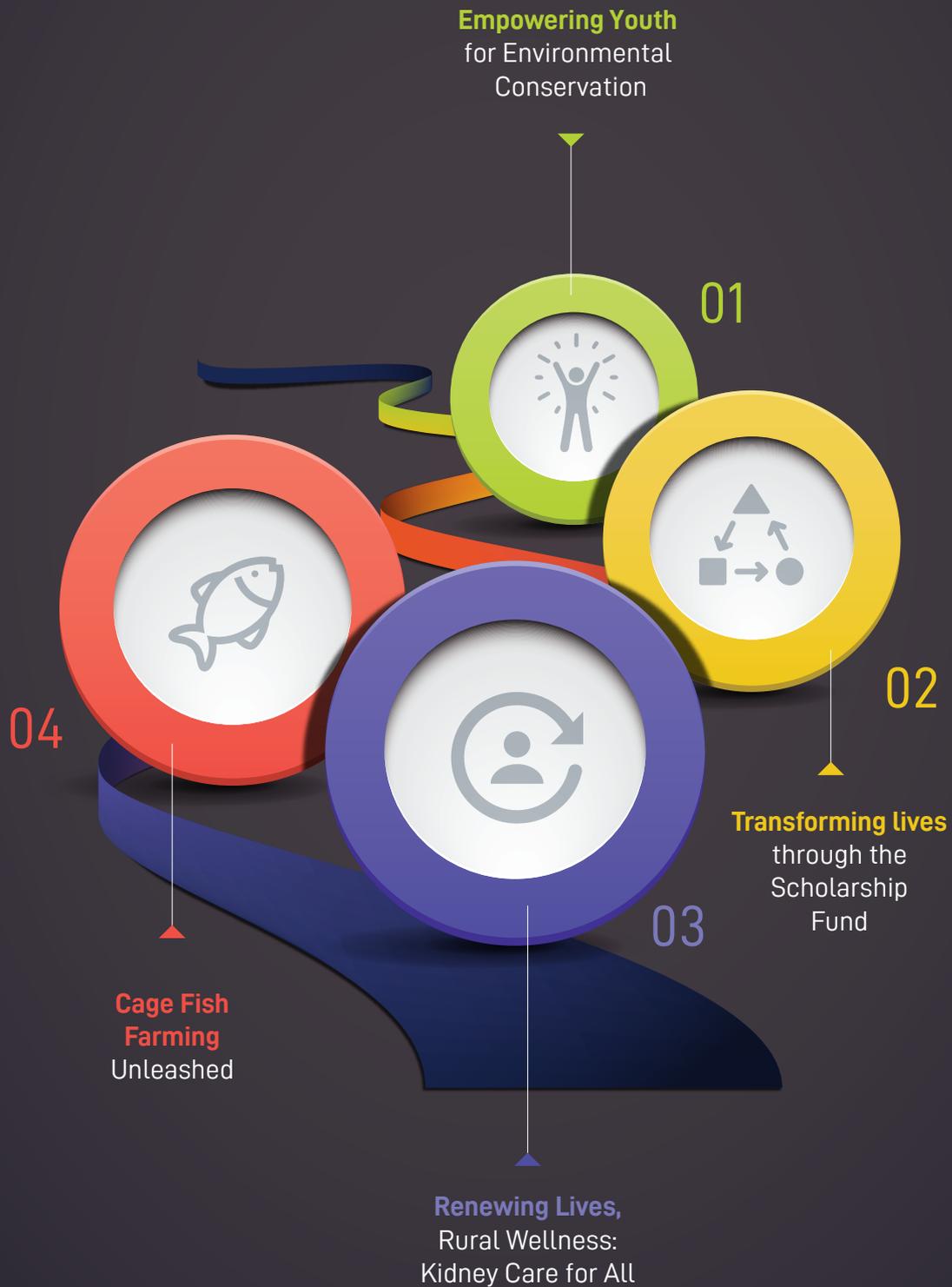
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# The Tumusiime Mutebile Foundation Updates **2024**



# Highlights



# Thank You

## For Being an Essential Part of Our Journey

Our journey this year isn't defined by big milestones, but by every small step we've taken, leading us to something more transformative. Each achievement, no matter how small, reflects the power of your support. Together, we honor Prof. Emmanuel Tumusiime Mutebile's legacy through our work in education, health, youth skilling and environmental conservation. Thank you for being part of this journey.

We are just getting started.



# Message from the Executive Director



**Dear Friends,**

As we reflect on our journey, we are grateful for the progress we've made together. The Tumusiime Mutebile Foundation remains committed to honoring Professor Emmanuel Tumusiime Mutebile's legacy through impactful work in education, health, youth skilling and environmental conservation.

In 2024, we expanded the ETM Scholarship Fund, supporting 13 students across various institutions of higher learning. We also launched the Fish Farming Skilling Project on Lake Bunyonyi, which is already showing promising results. In health, we established the Kidney Care Unit at Rugarama Hospital, with refurbishments underway and essential medical equipment ordered. Additionally, we continued our Tree Planting Project to engage communities in environmental conservation.

We are delighted to welcome Hon. Amama Mbabazi as our new Chairman of the TMF Board, following the retirement of Hon. Matthew Rukikaire. We appreciate Hon. Rukikaire for his invaluable support and guidance and look forward to the Foundation's continued growth under Hon. Mbabazi's leadership. We also welcome Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda to TMF's Board.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to further collaboration in the year ahead.

Warm regards,

**Betty Tumusiime-Mutebile**

*Director, Tumusiime Mutebile Foundation*

# About the Tumusiime Mutebile Foundation (TMF)

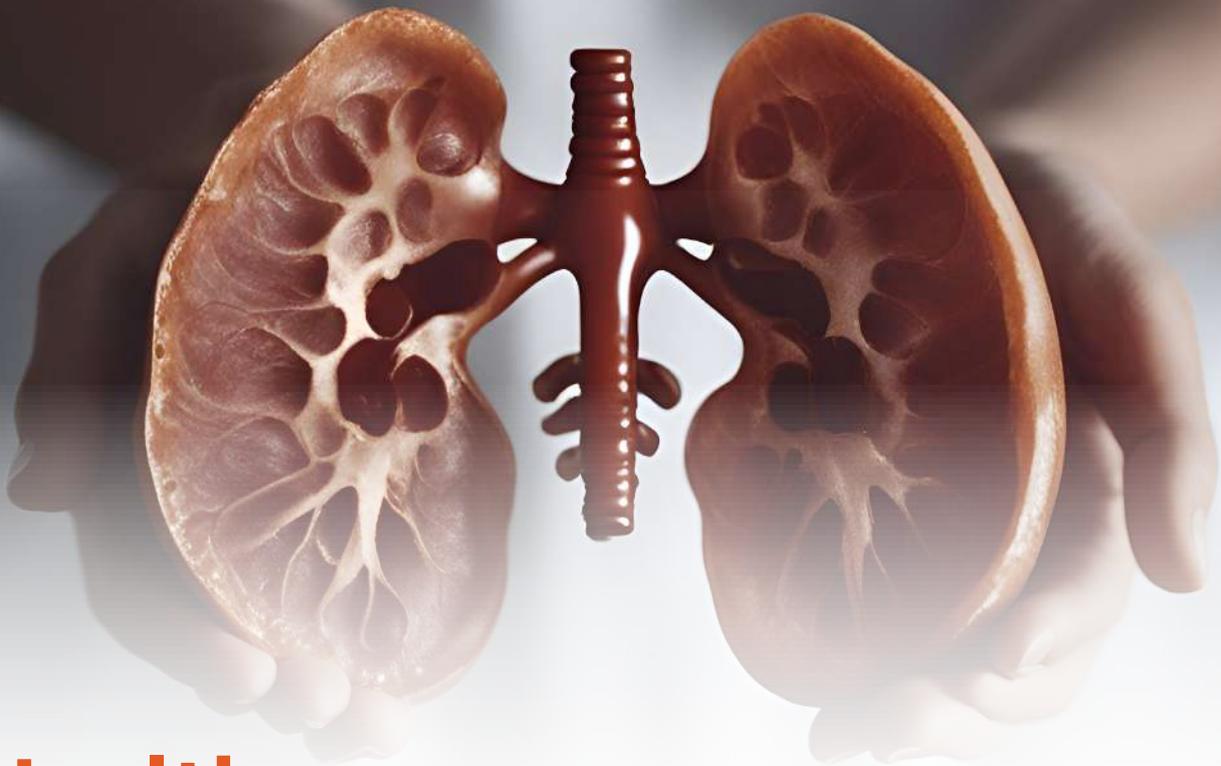


Prof. Emmanuel Tumusiime Mutebile, the late Governor of the Bank of Uganda and founder of the Tumusiime Mutebile Foundation, was a transformative figure in Uganda's economic history. Serving as Governor for over two decades, his leadership shaped the nation's monetary policy through times of economic crisis with resilience, expertise, and strategic foresight.

Prof. Tumusiime Mutebile's legacy lives on through the Tumusiime Mutebile Foundation (TMF), that's dedicated to fostering private sector growth, improving healthcare, youth skilling and promoting environmental sustainability. TMF continues his mission of empowering communities and ensuring his values of integrity, innovation, and social responsibility inspire future generations.

# Reflecting on 2024, TMF's Milestones and Achievements





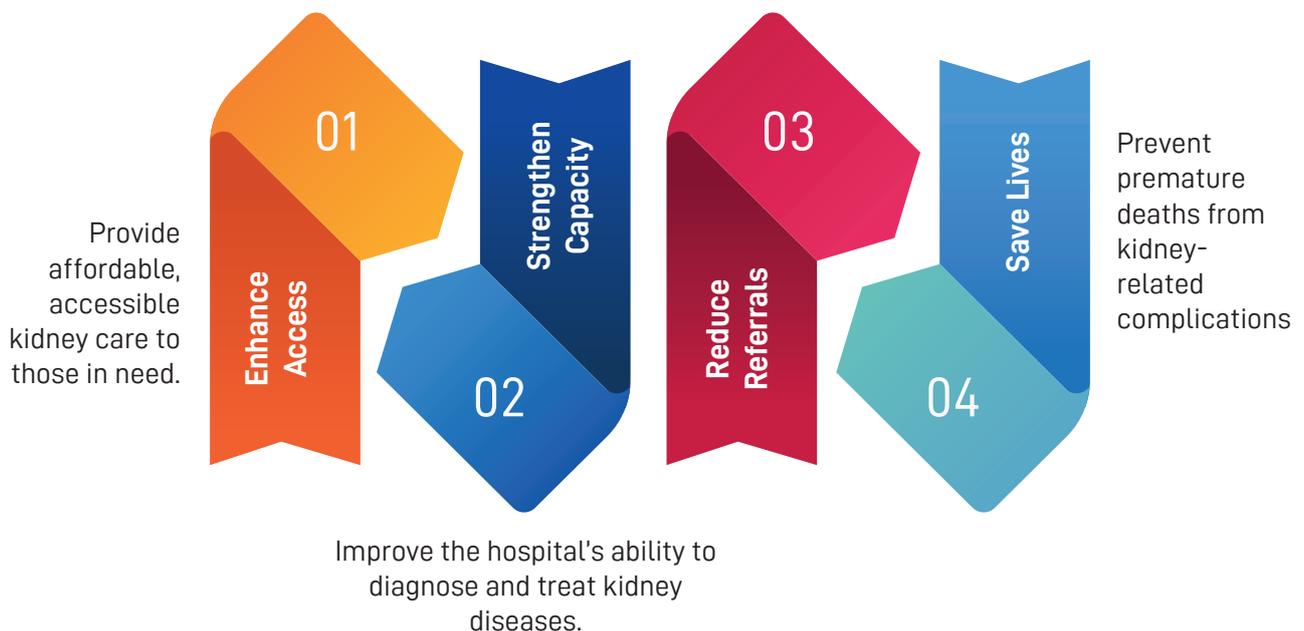
# Health

## The Establishment of the Kidney Care Unit at Rugarama Hospital

In 2024, the Tumusiime Mutebile Foundation (TMF) launched a groundbreaking initiative to address the critical shortage of kidney care in Uganda. Partnering with the Diocese of Kigezi, Kabale University, and local communities, TMF has set its sights on establishing a specialized Kidney Care Center at Rugarama Hospital, a much-needed resource for the Kigezi region and beyond.

Uganda faces a significant burden of kidney disease, compounded by limited access to specialized care. This new Kidney Care Unit will:

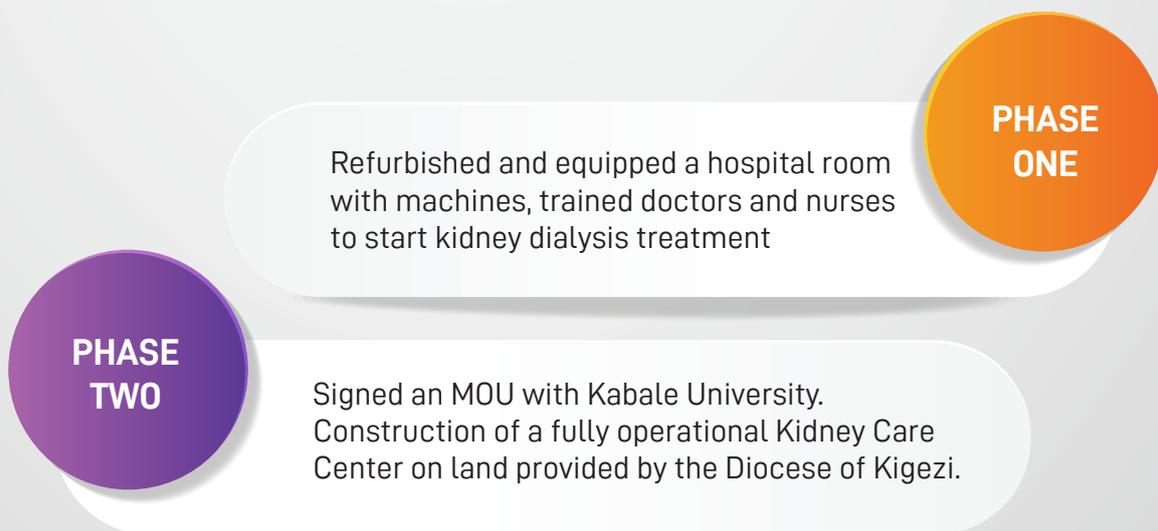
Minimize the need for patients to travel long distances for treatment.



In March 2024, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Diocese of Kigezi, Kabale University, and TMF, cementing a powerful partnership for the Center's success. The MOU outlines key initiatives, including:



**The Center's implementation is being rolled out in two phases:**



As part of its awareness campaign, Rugarama Hospital, in collaboration with the Bridge for Life from Colorado, has integrated kidney care education into its community outreach programs.

In addition to awareness efforts, the Foundation has supported the training of medical staff. Working alongside Dr. Peace Bagasha (nephrologist) and nurses from Mulago Referral Hospital, a three-month training program was held for two nurses and one medical officer. "I'm excited to contribute to the dialysis unit," shared John Baptist Mugisha, one of the trainees.

The partnership's impact is already being felt. Dr. Esther Rutarema praised the collaboration, calling it "visionary" and noting the lasting difference it will make in the lives of many.



*The Foundation placed an order for the first batch of Nipro dialysis machines and officially opened the kidney care unit.*



"The partnership between TMF, Rugarama Hospital, and Kabale University is visionary and timely," Dr. Rutarema concluded. "It's a significant step forward in tackling kidney disease and non-communicable diseases in Uganda."

*Mugisha John Baptist, Dr. Matthew Tumusingize & Jimmy Akankwasa at Mulago Hospital for training.*



# Education

## Scholarship and Mentorship Programs:

### A Life-Changing Opportunity: Nuwahwera's Journey with the ETM Scholarship Fund

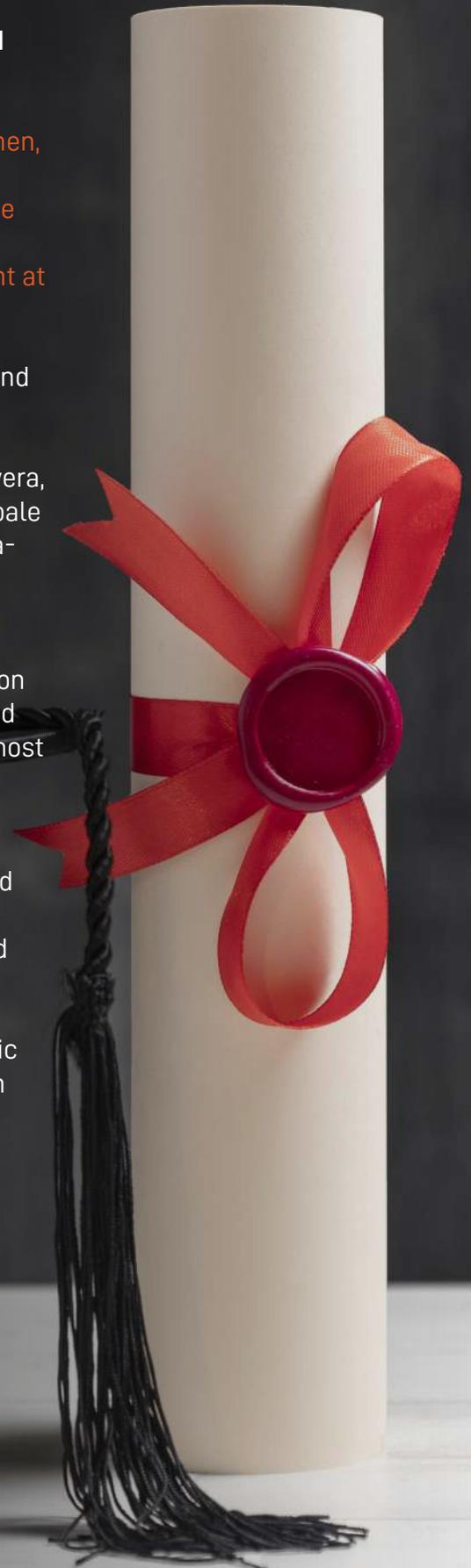
"I was on the verge of dropping out due to financial difficulties. Then, I learned about the ETM Scholarship and applied. Receiving this award has been life-changing. It's given me renewed hope and the motivation to pursue my dreams of becoming a doctor," shares Nuwahwera Innocent, a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery student at Kabale University.

Nuwahwera's story is just one of many that illustrates the profound impact of the Emmanuel Tumusiime-Mutebile (ETM) Scholarship Fund. In 2024, we were thrilled to expand the program, awarding scholarships to thirteen exceptional students, including Nuwahwera, who are now working toward their dreams at institutions like Kabale University, Uganda Technical College in Bushenyi, and the International University of East Africa (IUEA).

Each year, the ETM Scholarship Fund aims to support 20 talented students, offering them the opportunity to pursue higher education and build a better future. The selection process is rigorous—based on merit, need, and academic potential—ensuring that only the most deserving students receive this valuable support.

The 2024 recipients are studying fields ranging from Business Administration to Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Medicine, and Nursing. With each scholarship, we're helping to create future leaders who will make a lasting impact on their communities and beyond.

As we watch Nuwahwera and her peers embark on their academic journeys, we are reminded of the powerful role education plays in transforming lives - and we're proud to be part of their story.



## Scholar voices

**Joshua Natuhwera**  
*(Bachelor of Nursing Sciences, Kabale University)* shares how the scholarship has lifted the financial burden, allowing him to focus on his studies.

*Winning this scholarship feels like a weight lifted off my shoulders. Balancing my studies with part-time jobs like working as a porter and basket weaving to support my parents to raise my tuition was overwhelming. This support eases the financial burden, allowing me to focus more on my education and personal growth. I'm truly grateful for this opportunity and excited to make the most of it!*

*I was at my breaking point, considering dropping out due to tuition struggles. The university had always granted me permission to sit exams, but now it was denied due to strict new rules. On my way home, I got a call from the Dean about the Emmanuel Tumusiime Mutebile (ETM) scholarship and was encouraged to apply. Winning it has been life-changing — not just financially, but as a chance to keep pursuing my dreams. I feel renewed hope and motivation to make my education count. I'm very grateful for this opportunity!*

**Innocent Nuwahwera**  
*(Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, Kabale University)* is grateful for the opportunity to continue his education after facing significant financial hurdles.

**Akankwasa Bronia**  
*(Bachelor of Civil Engineering, Kabale University)* shares how the scholarship has lifted the financial burden, allowing him to focus on his studies.

*In my first year of university, I was excited to pursue my dream of becoming a civil engineer, but financial difficulties kept me from taking my exams, forcing me to take a "dead year" to reassess. During this uncertain time, I applied for the Emmanuel Tumusiime Mutebile Scholarship but was unsuccessful. I stayed in touch with the university, and eventually, I was encouraged to apply again. When I received the news that I had been awarded the scholarship, I was overwhelmed with gratitude. This was more than financial support—it was a confirmation of my potential. The "dead year" I'm excited for the future and ready to embrace the challenges ahead.*



*We are excited to witness their growth and success as they work towards shaping a brighter future!*

# Environmental Conservation

## Tree Planting:

### TMF Plants Seeds of Change at Kabale University Graduation

At Kabale University's 10th graduation ceremony, the Tumusiime Mutebile Foundation (TMF) celebrated alongside graduates and the university, contributing to the occasion with a meaningful gift. The Foundation donated 1,700 tree seedlings - one for each graduand and more for the university grounds. This gesture was a call to action: as graduands move forward, they are encouraged to plant a tree, symbolizing growth, responsibility, and a commitment to a sustainable future.

This donation is part of TMF's wider environmental efforts. The Foundation's five-year program, launched across 100 schools, aims to plant 50,000 trees each year. Students are not only planting trees but managing nurseries and exploring ways to generate income through seedlings and tree products.

At Kigezi High School, students are expanding their tree planting project with more fruit trees, benefiting both the environment and the local community. Bukinda Secondary School has already planted over 1,700 trees.

Through these initiatives, TMF is empowering the next generation to help build a greener, more resilient Uganda—one tree at a time.



# Skills Development

## TMF's Fish Farming Initiative: Empowering Youth and Protecting Lake Bunyonyi

The Tumusiime Mutebile Foundation (TMF) launched a skills development program in fish farming, designed to equip the youth in Uganda's Kigezi region with the tools they need to boost both income generation and food security.

For five participants from the Kigezi Community Organisation Forum, the hands-on training was more than just an opportunity to learn modern aquaculture techniques. It was a chance to build a sustainable future. The training covered; fish breeding and water quality management, environmental conservation, all aimed at ensuring the lake's delicate ecosystem remains healthy for years to come.

TMF's initiative taps into the rich resources of Lake Bunyonyi while promoting responsible use of natural resources. In July 2024, the Foundation made a bold move by constructing three fish cages, stocking them with 30,000 Tilapia fingerlings. Despite some environmental challenges, 29,500 fish are thriving in the cages, with TMF's team constantly monitoring water conditions and grading the fish to optimize growth.

The project has already sparked significant interest from the local community and even tourists keen to learn about sustainable fish farming. As Onesmus Tumukunde, one of the trainees, shares, "The training has been instrumental in equipping us with the knowledge and skills needed to embark on sustainable fish farming."



*Fish cages on lake Bunyonyi that are aiding the cage fish farming initiative.*

The success of this project extends beyond direct fish production. It has the potential to:

**Create jobs**  
Generate employment opportunities for local youth in fish farming, processing, and related sectors.

**Promote skills development**  
Provide training in fish farming and processing techniques to community members.

**Inspire sustainable aquaculture**  
Encourage other community members to explore sustainable aquaculture practices, leading to broader economic growth in the region.

### UPCOMING INITIATIVES:

**01** Launch of the ETM Kidney Care Center in Rugarama Hospital: Bringing vital healthcare services to the Kigezi region.

**02** The 2nd Emmanuel Tumusiime Mutebile Annual Public Lecture at Makerere University

**03** Launch of the biography of Emmanuel Tumusiime Mutebile: Celebrating the life and legacy of Professor Tumusiime Mutebile



**THANK  
YOU!**

## Partners and Supporters

These achievements would not have been possible without the continued support of our partners and donors. Thank you for your continued commitment

- Bank of Uganda
- Uganda Institute of Bankers
- NCB Bank
- Kigezi Community Organization Forum
- Rugarama Hospital, Kabale
- Church of Uganda/Diocese of Kigezi

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