

# Uganda



## Holistic Literacy Skills



### Overview

This project aims at developing literacy skills among non-literate Kupsapiiny, Ma'di and Ng'akarajong speakers, enabling men, women and young people with literacy skills to empower them in engaging with the Bible and in developing holistically.

### The Need

When the Bible Society of Uganda published and distributed some newly translated Bible portions in the Sabiiny, Ma'di and Karamoja sub-regions, the reception of the Scriptures faced the challenge of illiteracy among those communities. The literacy levels in Uganda are about 70%, especially in urban centres. In regions like Karamoja sub-region, Sebei sub-region and Ma'di sub-region, literacy levels have been low despite the said economic growth of the country.

If the Bible is to be read and engaged with meaningfully, then the people need to be literate. Newly translated Bible resources will also be left futile if the community can't read. Having literacy skills will also help the communities liberate themselves from poverty as they develop during holistic training sessions.

# 12%

literacy level in the Karamoja sub-region.

# 66%

literacy level in the Ma'di sub-region.

# 60.8%

literacy level in the Sebei sub-region.

# 70.2%

adult literacy rate in Uganda.

Goals	Impact
<p>The Bible Society of Uganda is teaming up with churches and Church related organisations to help people improve their literacy levels in their localities. The Bible Society of Uganda can't wait to see this dream come true.</p> <p>This project will run 'train the trainers' workshops, in which participants will be equipped with skills to instruct and teach adults Functional Adult Literacy. Bible Society will also train teachers in Primary Teacher's Colleges so that they can teach school children in their mother tongue.</p> <p>This project will provide literacy materials for teaching and reading on their own. This project also aims at improving literacy levels among the people in Sebei, Ma'di and Karamoja sub regions.</p> <p>The goals of this project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to develop a Bible based Literacy Curriculum and materials in Ng'akarimojong, Kupsapiiny and Ma'di;</li> <li>• to begin Bible Based Literacy Projects in Kapchorwa (Kupsapiiny), Moyo-Adjumani (Ma'di) and Karamoja sub-regions;</li> <li>• to conduct three sensitisation workshops (Each having 100 Community leaders) per region, in order to create awareness for the need of improving literacy levels in Sebei, Ma'di and Karamoja regions;</li> <li>• to train 17 classroom facilitators who will conduct 17 classes of 40 pupils in order to train 680 Children (290 boys and 390 girls) in numeracy and literacy per region</li> <li>• to train 8 adult facilitators who will train about 320 adults and youths (200 women &amp; 120 men) in Adult Functional Literacy in the first phase of the project.</li> </ul>	<p>Each year, 3,000 graduates are expected (1,000 from each of the three regions). These will include primary school students as well as adult learners. It can be expected that each graduate will influence or benefit 20 more people, providing a projected 360,000 people impacted over six years.</p> <p>The hope is that this literacy program will equip the people with basic skills of reading and writing so that they can read the Bible as well as improve their social status. This would mean they can take part in church activities, share their experiences with others, take part in community governance issues and improve their health practices. These literacy skills will also aid the development of numeracy skills, which will further equip these communities with practical tools for living.</p> <p>If the people learn how to read and write, they will be able to meaningfully engage with the word of God translated for them in their mother tongue.</p>

Prayer Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for the participants, that this project might impact their lives as they get to know the word of God.</li> <li>• Pray that God may appoint his servants to generously support this project for the people in Karamoja, Sebei and Ma'di Regions.</li> </ul>

