

SLUM LIFE SURVIVAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Empowering the Future: A Night of Hope and Opportunity



[Slum Life Survival \(SLS\)](#) is a non-government organization committed to making a difference in the lives of slum dwellers by empowering youth, children, and women. Slum Life Survival interfaces with the people living in slums by engaging them in projects that focus on economic development, provision of clean water, and sanitation, improving healthcare facilities, and advocating for equitable urban Policies. All this work has been transformed into impactful stories.

Over the past year, [CivSource Africa](#) has worked to support a budding movement of community foundations in Uganda, among which was Slum Life Survival. This support offering in Uganda took the form of advisory services, equipping these organizations with storytelling skills, and local resource mobilization, a critical aspect of community foundation work.

On Friday 29th September 2023, Slum Life Survival (SLS) hosted a fundraising dinner at Kampala Kolping Hotel to pool funds to establish a community library in one of the slum zones that raised 15 million Uganda shillings in both cash and pledges. The event was co-sponsored by Daylight Consultants, [BBS Terefayina](#), [Mercy Scouts International](#), and [Kampala Kolping Hotel](#). The theme of the fundraiser was '**Empowering the Future: A Night of Hope and Opportunity**'. In attendance were change-makers from various sects in Uganda like Journalists, Local Government Officials, Buganda Kingdom Officials, CSO representatives, Religious leaders, and Youth. CivSource Africa was represented by Malcolm Twino Mpamizo, Madonna Vicky Ainembabazi, Lornah Olum Afoyomungu, and Regina Namugerwa.

Mr. Kenneth Kavulu, the CEO of Slum Life Survival presented its story through a documentary, highlighting the small beginnings, the impact it has had on slum dwellers, and its plans. The story of Slum Life survival has not only stopped in Uganda, as the organization has been recognized abroad for its commendable work, specifically through the 2018 [Ton Schouten Memorial Award for WASH Storytelling](#) among other recognitions over the years. Alongside the fundraising activity, testimonies from remarkable people who were formerly slum dwellers were shared, and products made by youth in the slums were displayed and auctioned.

In her remarks, Madonna Ainembabazi, Philanthropy Lead at CivSource Africa, talked about the critical role CivSource Africa has in philanthropy work and ensuring social change in Uganda. She thanked Mr. Kavulu for doing commendable work and pledged CivSource Africa's support to the organization.

To supplement the individual monetary contributions, Malcolm Twino Mpamizo, the Rotational CEO (July – October) at CivSource Africa promised that CivSource Africa would work with partners to contribute to establishing the planned community library.

The testimonies shared at the event, and the impact reflected through the documentary shared at the event is telling of the power that lies in giving and the broader impact that has resulted, especially for slum communities. We look forward to a future where slum dwellers are empowered to impactfully live beyond their current circumstances.

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