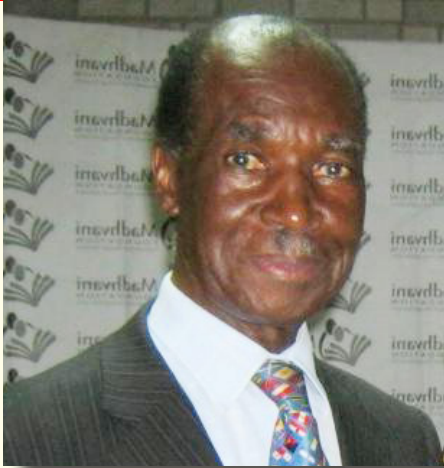




# Newsletter



## WELCOME NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN MF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Muljibhai Madhvani Foundation, popularly known as just the Madhvani Foundation, is Uganda's oldest and largest private scholarship fund. It has existed since 1962 and was briefly disrupted in 1971 when President Idi Amin expelled Asians from Uganda but the fund resumed in 2003. The scholarship which was established in memory of the late Muljibhai Prabhudas Madhvani aims at benefitting brilliant but needy Ugandans pursuing Undergraduate and Postgraduate studies at the University in Uganda.

In this pioneer issue of the Muljibhai Madhvani Foundation Newsletter under the theme 'Giving back to promote education in Uganda' we will look back and celebrate how far we have come and how many lives we have changed through the scholarship scheme.

From the revival of the scheme in 2003, Madhvani Foundation has increased its sponsorship to the

tune of over 550million helping over 600 students from an original 49 when it was launched. It is also fulfilling to know that many of those students who have gone through the Foundation scheme have gone on to become ambassadors for the Foundation through the quality of their work in their various careers.

Madhvani Foundation highly values education and we are very pleased by the number of responses we get from prospective beneficiaries especially female students and students in upcountry universities this has encouraged the Foundation to continue setting aside funds to facilitate those that would otherwise have not been able to complete their studies, these funds though need to be boosted in order for us to be able to increase the number of beneficiaries, that is why we hope that those who benefit from the fund will be able to continue the cycle by supporting other needy students through the foundation. We have a vision to see the youthful population attaining higher education, overall we believe in the value of education and we would like to see Uganda produce highly qualified professions in the field.

Recently, the Madhvani Foundation saw it fit to create an Alumni

Organization which would give all past beneficiaries an opportunity to meet, network and also continue the cycle of goodwill by making voluntary contributions to the Foundation. This would help us increase on the number of students to whom we offer the scholarships. With lots of hard work and planning, this idea finally bore fruit on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 when the Muljibhai Madhvani Alumni Association (MMASS) was formally launched at Hotel Africa, Kampala. At the launch, the Alumni voted in its first Chairman, Roland Kokasi Odinga, a Consultant at DFCU Bank.

With this I urge you to support the foundation and our vision to promote higher education for the brilliant but needy students.

**Henry Kyemba**

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I welcome you to this Newsletter. It is yet another innovation from the Muljibhai Madhvani Foundation. We as the Muljibhai Madhvani Alumni Association are happy to be part of this maiden issue of this Newsletter.

The Newsletter provides us a channel through which we shall reach each other as members of the Alumni association.

It also offers us a platform to reach the people at the Foundation and indeed the general public. Because we have lacked a platform such as this, it has generally been difficult us to mobilize and move our cause forward. It has been hard to reach out there. This Newsletter is for me a godsend. We thank MF for this opportunity.

Ladies and gentlemen of the Association, we have our cut out. Each one of us has an obligation to publicize the association. But above all each one of us has a constitutional duty to pay membership fee, subscription fee and the voluntary contributions to the Foundation. It is these that give the real existence to our Association. I urge you to do this. There is nothing worse than to be agents of failure.

Let us take pride in our strength so that we can inspire others who will come after us to work with us in becoming self reliant. If we are weak our sponsors will not be happy with us. It has been a massive investment in us and we must take the call to act head on. The parental supervision and guidance will continue to nurture us.

We have been incredibly lucky. There are so many who are unable to continue with school for lack of tuition. Our parent is a virtuous one. That should be the emblem of our work.

We have received and we need to give. What have we done to merit this philanthropy from the Founda-

tion? We need to constantly make self critical inquiry on why we have deserved this mercy. When we needed help we sought refuge from MF. We were not turned down. It became the story of our lives. And it is a powerful narrative.

Illiteracy is the mother of ignorance, disease, poverty, and many self destructive actions. That is what Muljibhai Madhvani sought to cure when he started the Foundation. We must not betray that cause.

We now have acquired knowledge and we should seek to advance humanity closely following in the footsteps of our mentor Muljibhai Madhvani whose dream and philanthropy has made us.

I dream about this association on many an occasion I have failed to sleep. Together we can make this an immensely a powerful organi-

zation. We need to continue spreading this kindness. It makes us very powerful. Many times I spread out my hands and feel like I can fly for what I have become.

So then we have a choice; to act now or let down our mentor. We must acquire the will of steel. We don't want to lose our way. Returning goodness with goodness is a virtue we have to cherish.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have an immense workforce that should be productive. That will be our roadmap. Whatever contribution we offer helps to make the world a better place. I call upon you to act or we remain sleeping giants.

Annual subscription, donations and any other payments that may need to be paid to Mmass, can be made to DFCU Bank Acc. Name: Muljibhai Madhvani Foundation Alumni Association  
Acc. No: 01 073 500 057 336

**I THANK YOU.**



# PRESSED BUT NOT CRUSHED: MY JOURNEY TO DISCOVERING SUCCESS

By Isingoma Robert Basoona

**H**uddles, valleys and mountains are in the world but hope for a new day surpasses every other situation surrounding mankind. So also take my slogan 'never lose hope!'

Having lost a caring father early February 2005 I just thought the world had ended and I would be nowhere on earth. I that day became total orphan in an extended family my father had just left. Among the twenty six children left only five were independent only four have their mothers and the remaining had become total orphans including myself. Almost all of us were just left under the guardianship of our sister Naome whose earnings were even meager to cater for all of us. I thought of dropping out of school to look after the plantations or look for a small job so that I can take care of my young brothers and sisters.

Relief just came on my way one Saturday morning in April, 2005 when a family friend Mr. Venali Rugema took me to St. Leo's college, Kyegobe the school I had always for A' level. Amidst problems I passed well with fourteen points in HEL/G. This could not take me for government sponsorship nor could my guardian afford sponsoring me for law at Makererere University. A course my late father had prepared me to take. After a long discussion with my guardian Venali and sister Naome I opted to go for a cheap course Business Administration at Bishop Stuart University, Mbarara.

I saw my young brothers dropping out of school since my sister couldn't sponsor all of us. Her decision was to get me through first and when I finish then others go back to school on assumption that immediately as I finish campus I would get a job and take some load from her. I became a center of blame amongst the

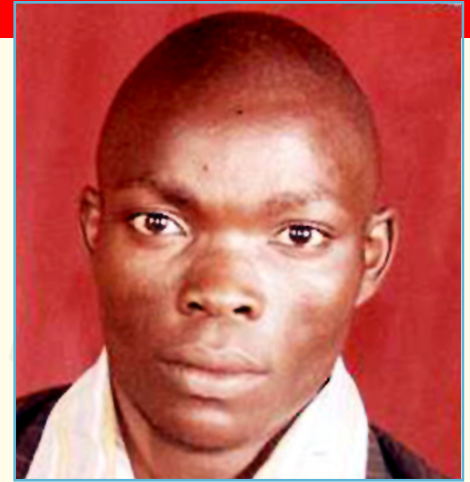
dropouts since I was taking much money above a million shillings per semester. It always haunted me but I had nothing to do. I had thought of taking a dead year after first year such that my young brothers and sisters can also be pushed to at least A' level.

One day while discussing our family problems with my friend at campus Amanyire Samuel who was one year ahead of me told me about the Madhvani Foundation scholarships. Himself was on the same scheme having been relieved from the dead year he had taken. Amidst strong objection from my course mates and friends I applied and passed through. My friends and course mates had all along told me that it

***"Who did I know on the scholarship committee? Who did I bribe? Nobody! But I went through."***

needs you to canvas, bribe or be known to some body working in Madhvani group of companies in order to pass through which is not the case. Whom did I know on the scholarship committee? Whom did I bribe? No body but I passed through. I was once again redeemed to have hope for a clear future now that I was assured of tuition charges from Madhvani Foundation. I could receive the cheque for tuition on time so I wouldn't be chassed from exams as it had been before in first year when I was sponsoring myself. I got my self a nick name from the secretary to the academic registra calling me 'Madhvani' because of being on that scholarship. My life had just came back to normal.

I completed university successfully



in 2010 with a good second class upper bachelors' degree in business administration-accounting/finance. I hope one day to volunteer or officially work in one of the Madhvani companies wide spread in Uganda if given that chance.

Currently I am temporarily working as a document controller with Saracen Uganda Limited in the external recruitment wing.

I intend to pursue a master's degree in business law or probably register for ACCA however these plans may be fulfilled after I get a permanent job or get a scholarship from any organization.

The only advice am giving to the less privileged students at campus is they should embrace every opportunity that comes their way in order to succeed. Try Madhvani scholarships, they are real, none segregative and meant for us the less privileged but committed students at university. Thousands of Ugandans have benefited from the scheme and are now having good jobs both in government and private sector. That's why they have came up with the association of Madhvani Foundation alumni beneficiaries with a hope of doing the same in future. An association I am yet to join this year.

God bless the Madhvani family, the foundation, staff and management of the Madhvani group of companies. May they prosper a trillion times.



### GRATITUDE FOR THE MADHVANI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

*I humbly request you to receive my sincere gratitude to the Foundation Board. I am really grateful for the support given to me from 2008-2010. To share my testimony with you, I was almost failing to raise the tuition at the university and my performance in the first year was not good compared to when you came in to support me.*

*Now I am to inform you that I completed successfully and graduated with a first class degree of science with management and entrepreneurship on 24th September 2010. I am appreciating your support more than the words can tell.*

*Long live Madhvani Scholarship Foundation.*

Yours thankfully,  
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### APPRECIATION FOR SPONSORING MY EDUCATION AT GULU UNIVERSITY

*I am writing in appreciation of your generous contribution to my studies for two academic years from 2008/2009 to 2009/2010. With your support, I graduated with a first class Bachelor's Degree in Information and Communication Technology with a CGPA of 4.65. There are no greater words to express the change that the foundation has brought to me and many other beneficiaries who otherwise might have not attained university education. I feel highly obliged to offer a service to the foundation as a professional teacher and an IT graduate to help it grow and contribute to the development of the country and many more needy and yet academically promising Ugandans.*

*I look forward to actively participate and contribute to the foundation and continue to uphold the vision of Empowerment through Education.*

Yours sincerely,  
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### APPRECIATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

*I hereby wish to express my sincere gratitude to the madhvani foundation for having given me a scholarship which enabled me to complete my studies very well.*

*I believe that this scholarship played a great role in my entire life during my study at the university level and eventually graduated upon completing the course successfully.*

*The financial support encouraged me to work very hard academically and i feel great to belong to this education sponsorship foundation and i will do so in either providing service and any other assistance to the foundation where need arises.*

Yours faithfully  
Bakisuula Andrew Tel: 0774-500 732



*The Chairman Madhvani Foundation Scholarship Committee and Patron of the Muljibhai Madhvani Foundation posing with the Alumni Executives, Madhvani Foundation's Beatrice Apoto and SuperBrands' Eve Mashoo at the party celebrating the recognition of Madhvani Foundation as a SuperBrand.*



*Mr Henry Kyemba, Madhvani Foundation Scholarship Committee Chairman and Patron Muljibhai Madhvani Alumni Association receives the SuperBrands certificate from SuperBrands' Eve Mashoo. Looking on is the Alumni Executive (L-R) Muwaganya Jonathan, Kokasi Roland, Dorothy Kirumira, Stephen Okot and Mpaata Philly*



*Madhvani Foundation beneficiaries who recently graduated with first class degrees from Makerere University. Sengendo Jimmy(L) and Nakamya Editah (R)*

## THE FOUNDATION

The Muljibhai Madhvani Foundation is a Charitable Trust. One of the Foundation's primary objectives is to maintain and promote scientific and technical education among the people of Uganda. It is in pursuit of this objective that the Board of Trustees of the Foundation set up a Scholarship Committee and instituted a scholarship programme in 2003 to enhance

the building of capacity among Ugandans in scientific and technical education. The scholarship programme is aimed at benefiting Ugandans pursuing either undergraduate or graduate studies at University level in Uganda. The scholarship programme has been in operation since 2003/04 academic year.



## NATURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship shall be extended as a grant payable directly to the University/Institution on behalf of the beneficiaries.

Renewal of funding shall be subject to receiving satisfactory progress reports from the beneficiaries' Faculty/Institute/School.

Retakes in more than 1 subject would entail with-

drawal of Scholarship and shall not be funded by the Trust.

On completion of studies, it is expected that the awardees will, for the benefit of future scholars, make voluntary donations/contributions to the Foundation.

## WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

The scholarship covers tuition fees only from second year to completion for undergraduates; and, for the entire programme of study for graduate students from the time of application/award.

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