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**elevate**

2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER REPORT 2021

# Executive summary

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## We're halfway through 2021!

The results so far have given us more confidence that our work is preventing young people from ending up in robbery, prostitution & unemployment to them becoming world-class web developers, designers.

As we began the first quarter of the year, we laid down strategies that would make education systems more accessible to hundreds of young people who had been out of school for nearly a year due to Covid'19. We've been hard at work, responding to gaps in our program, upskilling with a 360 approach, placing our students in companies for internship opportunities, conducting workshops, and launching our moonshot that will impact more youth in five more communities across Uganda.

Elevate is working toward a vision that every young person will have the opportunity to acquire digital skills no matter where they come from. This is an ambitious vision because computer science remains marginalized throughout education despite becoming an increasingly foundational element of preparing students to succeed in the workforce.

Our goal has always been to expand opportunity to those that need it most. These past three months, young people have been building their digital, social & speaking skills through different programs like Elevate 360 and 2moro Alive and through digital & entrepreneurial workshops.

**Emmanuel Trinity**  
Founder - era92





# Progress

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- 3** New employment partners
- 30** Students opened up their first savings account with era92 Fund
- 3** Elevate 360 sessions
- 2** era92 2Ds workshop
- 2** Digital Skills Workshops
- 1** Shipping Container Purchased for elevate Booth Gulu
- 6** Young people gave their lives to Christ through the Zeal 4 Christ Camp



# Q1 Highlights

## Launching the Elevate Booth Campaign

We launched the campaign to take the Elevate Booth to GULU in Northern Uganda with a mission to raise \$25,000 within the next six months.

## Program Partnership with Lazima Nipate

We have partnered with Lazima Nipate- nonprofit empowering young refugees and those from slums to implement our elevate academy curriculum at Camp Center.

## Paid Internships at Design Fello

Graphics Design tutor managed to secure paid internship opportunities for 5 students from his class at a reputable creative agency

## 1st era92 2Ds workshop

We pair tech with entrepreneurship to groom job creators. We held our 1st session this quarter inviting business gurus to interact with students.

# Update on the Elevate Booth

*Our first prototype is under the way*

We have also managed to launch our Moonshot a campaign to take a fully equipped Elevate Booth to Gulu District in Northern Uganda.

Young people in Gulu district for over 20 years missed out on an education due to constant & vicious rebel wars that took root of their communities. We believe that the Elevate Booths are a pathway out of unemployment for the youth in Gulu; a chance to start over & build their lives again.

We are happy to report that we have managed to purchase our first container and the next steps will be modeling it into a class room.

***Our grand goal is to raise \$250,000 to take these learning booths to 10 districts in Uganda to allow more youth acquire the skills and tools they need to compete for quality jobs in the technology and entrepreneurship industry.***

***We are starting with GULU in Northern Uganda and we will need to raise \$25,000 in the next half of the year 2021.***

***This is an exciting moment for all of us at elevate because we are embarking on our journey to scale and reach thousands of young people accross Uganda***

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# Stories of Impact

## Salvatrice Karubi

STUDENT

From hiding deep in the forests of Benni, Salvatrice is now a computer wizard.



Salvatrice was only 12 years old when she left the DRC because of the political war that occurred in 2012.

“One night, the rebels broke into our house and tried to rape my mother. My father tried to resist and they shot him in the head right in front of me and my young siblings.”

Later that night, they packed up and ran off to save their lives but in the process, they ended up being separated from their mother and other siblings. Salvatrice ran off with two of her siblings and hid in the forest of Benni in hopes that they would get reunited but those hopes were soon crushed when a new war of slaughtering people began. They were forced to move further into Uganda and walked for months, begging in the streets for food and money to get into the city and find work.

Salvatrice had never gone back to school since she fled the war. While in the slums of Kosovo, she learned of the programs we offer and signed up to learn computer science. After just 3 months, Salvatrice landed a part time job working as an assistant at a local clinic, doing digital administrative office work.

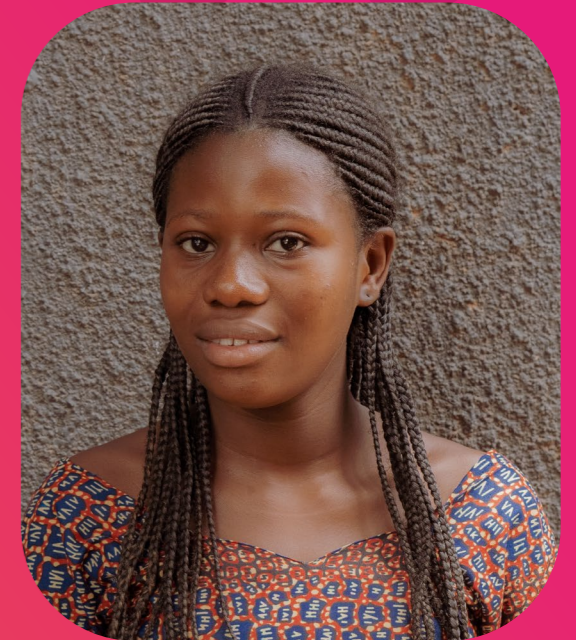
Her digital skills have helped her move out of the precarious job of selling fried fish by the roadside every night.

**“I am so happy about my progress at Elevate. I now want to learn design since I have basic computer skills so that I can add more value to myself. I can earn more and help my siblings go to school too.”**

## Exauce Kamate

STUDENT

After trekking 100’s of kilometers from her war ravaged country, Exauce is eager to return & film victims’ stories.



Exauce is a refugee from the DRC. She was forced to toughen up at an early age during the war that ravaged their home 10 years ago.

“We used to spend the whole day in the house because bullets would fly all day and bombs dropped all night.”

At the time, she was living in the house alone with her mother. Her father had travelled to Uganda to find better paying work when the war started in Congo. One dreadful night when her mother had gone out in the night to find food for them, she met rebels who held her at gunpoint while dragging her back home. They slapped, cocked guns at her face and threatened to rape her in front of her daughter.

She brokered a deal with rebels to cook them food everyday in order to keep her life and they agreed. After 2 days, she made her escape and ran off with Exauce to the nearest refugee camp at the border. Later on, they moved to Kampala to try and find her father but never did.

Exauce was selling jewelry door to door when our team interested her in the Elevate courses during recruitment.

**“I love documentary films. They help people like me tell their stories to the world and release their pain. That’s why I signed up for the Films class. I have already applied for an internship at era92 to improve my skill.”**

# Entrepreneurship 2D's

We pair technology with entrepreneurship to groom job creators, not just job seekers. Over the years, we have seen the growing importance of these workshops as we produced many talents who go on to freelance or start their own businesses.

Our first 2D's workshop was held in June, in the presence of students, tutors, and business gurus in the creative, urban farming and fashion industries. They challenged students to polish their business ideas, guided them on writing business proposals and encouraged them to network and grow their net worth.



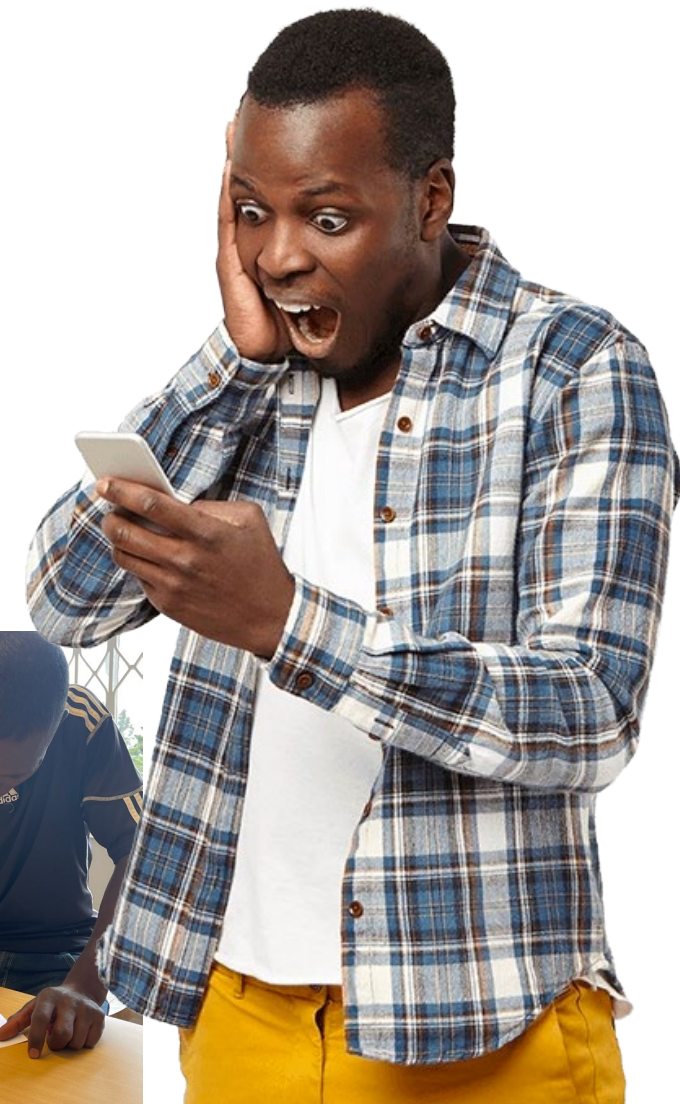
Democratizing capital to the excluded across Africa

This quarter, we officially opened up the era92 Fund- a community bank democratizing capital to the excluded across Africa. We started era92 Fund with the aim of helping women and youth access affordable and tailored banking services that can allow them grow their incomes and build something of value for themselves.

Young Mula is a key product for the youth that provides them with free investment consultations, loans at cheap interest rates including savings accounts with balance as low as **10,000 UGX**.

Elevate students were excited to learn of the bank and we had **33 of them register** for savings accounts. We love the eagerness they have shown to save and invest for the future.

*“So excited to have my first Young Mula account with the fund, with the financial skills i learn from 2moro alive, i will begin to save for my first PC Isaac.”*



# 2nd Wave Covid'19 Lockdown

In the month of June, the country was hit by a deadly Covid'19 wave that forced us to halt for 2 weeks and assess how we would implement virtual classes as we did in 2020.

As Elevate, we could not sit back and fold our hands with the lockdown on the horizon. We know that our young people can easily lose morale, give up on school and be forced to get into informal work to support their families.

For most of them, that's not the worst that can happen. They fall back into petty theft and robbery, prostitution or work in precarious environments that exposes them to drug abuse and unwanted pregnancies and early marriages.

We could not afford to let them be idle so we put in place distributed classrooms in the community spaced out through the week while practicing social distancing and Ministry of Health SOPs.

*Students are able to continue practicing their craft and learn from each other as they wait for the lockdown to be lifted.*



# Conclusion

We wouldn't have done this without the support, prayers from Impact Nations Family, as the sole partner of the program they have helped us tremendously on this journey of creating pathways for underserved youth in the slums of Uganda.

Thank you, Impact Nations Family

Together, we are **unlocking** Africa's **Youthful Potential** & creating lasting **social impact.**





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