



The Canada Uganda EMS Society (CUES) Board of Directors, and its members, are reaching out to you seeking support in whichever capacity available to you, such as financial donations and/or products for our planned silent auctions.

CUES is an Alberta-Based volunteer non-profit society working to develop a grassroots EMS program in Kampala, Uganda. Our mission is to provide quality accessible pre-hospital emergency care to the people of Kampala, transcending the boundaries of class and economic status that currently pose as a barrier to universal affordable access. Emergency Medical Services in Uganda are in disarray – what exists is a patchwork of for-profit companies with no government oversight, no standard of care, no coordination, and no incentive to serve any but the affluent. Due to these inconsistencies, transport for ill patients is most often provided in the form of a motorcycle taxi, crowded van taxi, or more frequently none at all leaving many vulnerable to further injury, illness, or death. According to the WHO a person in Uganda is almost 6 times more likely to die in an MVC than a person in Canada, largely because they succumb to their injuries before they can reach a hospital.

Our goal is create and support a no-cost locally operated Emergency Medical Services program, led by Kampala trained First Responders, in economically disadvantaged areas of Uganda. We plan on achieving the above noted objectives by enacting the following:

1. Create, Train, equip, and support teams of volunteer First Responders to do first contact medical treatment in their local areas;
2. Train segments of this group to an Emergency Medical Responder level, making it possible for them to practice at the World Health Organization minimum level for EMS;
3. Train selected advanced practitioners in ambulance operations;
4. Purchase, equip, stock and staff ambulances to be based in areas where there is greater need;
5. Set up a local organization to do the day-to-day administration. Provide ongoing financial, operational, and educational support;
6. Enter into agreements with Ugandan individuals and organization to support, house, and maintain ambulances and their crews;
7. Establish teams of experts, including locals, to conduct education and administration programs in Uganda

We have been working towards reaching these targets through the projects completed in Phase One and Two. Phase One took place in February of 2018, with 40 students taught a basic First Aid course. Phase 2 in February of 2019 had a team of 4 volunteers teach a refined and expanded course to 27 students in 2 classes. Upon graduation, the new Kampala First Responder Teams were provided with comprehensive First Aid backpacks. These kits were stocked with consumable and diagnostic equipment purchase with funds generously donated by our supporters.

Phase Three is set to take place in early 2020 on a number of fronts. We will continue to teach our First Responder program and equip another class of fifteen with comprehensive first aid kits. We will further train selected applicants from the phase 2 class to an Emergency Medical Responder level. We will purchase and stock an ambulance, set up a base, and begin a graduated operations startup with the plan to be in full 24 hour mode by March 1.

We have begun undergoing our fundraising campaign to make Phase Three a reality. We are aiming to raise \$100,000.00 in order to successfully achieve our goals. Reaching this financial goal cannot be achieved without the support of people and organizations like yourself. We currently hold a society non-profit status; unfortunately, we cannot begin working towards charitable status until August of 2019 as per Canada Revenue Agency regulations. As a result, we are unable to provide charitable receipts. However, we will make your support publicly known throughout our fundraising campaign.

Thank you for taking the time to read about our Society and what we are aiming to achieve. If you're not in a position to donate, please do not hesitate to share our story along to others!

Thank you,

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