

Nile Breweries hands UGX. 300million scholarships

Kampala, 12 March, 2019: Nile Breweries Limited today handed UGX. 303 Million to secondary schools and universities where students under its Equality Scholarship programme attend, in a ceremony at the company head office in Luzira, Kampala.

The money will go towards the 2019 school fees and welfare expenses for the 102 beneficiaries, who comprise 42 secondary school students; 20 university students; and 45 orphans who lost their parents in the July 11, 2010 bombing.

“NBL is paying full fees and basic requirement for each of the students for the three terms of this year, so that they concentrate on their studies,” said Thomas Kamphuis, the NBL Country Director.

“This is in line with the commitment of our mother company, ABInbev, to create a Better World,” he said.

The annual scholarship programme has since 2011 benefited the best PLE performing pupil in selected districts, largely in areas that grow sorghum and barley for NBL.

The students are supported from Senior one until university, with the currently enrolled students costing the company approximately UGX 2 Billion to complete their undergraduate studies.

“The selected pupils are enrolled in the elite Ugandan secondary schools, thus breaking the financial barrier between poor rural farmers’ children and their counterparts from privileged urban families,” said Onapito-Ekomoloit, the NBL Legal & Corporate Affairs Director.

“It is why we call it the Equality scholarship,” he said.

In addition, in 2011 NBL committed to educate the orphans of the victims of the 2010 twin bombings in Kampala. The company entered a 10-year partnership agreement with St. Mary’s College Lugazi (SMOCOL) to admit the orphans free of charge.

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The scholarships have helped to educate students from vulnerable backgrounds who are gifted, with 30 already in university.

“We thank NBL for bridging the gap and also promoting equalisation of opportunities to learners,” said, Elias Mugisha, Head Teacher Namirembe Hillside High School, one of the partner schools where students are enrolled.

Others partner schools include Gayaza High School, Mt St Mary’s Namagunga, Nabisunsa Girls School, Uganda Martyrs Namugongo, St Mary’s Kitende, Seeta High School, Kings College Budo, Ntare School and St Marys’ College Kisubi.

“Programmes such as our Equality Scholarship enable us give back to communities and empower them,” said Pamela Bayenda, the NBL Sustainability Manager.

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