



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY



BEYOND WARDS – IMPACTING LIVES

After the death of her three siblings, Lucia Buyanza helped raise seven orphaned nieces and nephews in Kibera, Africa's largest slum. Refusing to settle as another slum dweller, Lucia studied to become a nurse. "I yearned to be an ambassador for my people and to serve as a role model for the younger generation... These are my people I want to be with them until the end... Sometimes while I studied, the paraffin would go off, but I had the alternative of using a candle... There was nothing going to stop me from finishing my homework."

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this environment, Aga Khan University's Advanced Nursing Services (ANS) programme provides professional development opportunities for nurses to upgrade their qualifications, improve their employment opportunities and enhance individual and family incomes. It has also improved the status of nurses in East Africa, preparing them to become leaders who can address development issues in the region. After graduation, Lucia ran Kenya's busiest ward for AIDS patients at Mbagathi Hospital, the only district hospital in Nairobi city. She also helped start a school in Kibera. "I want to live a life full of meaning so that's why I am still in Kibera. I want to [make it] a better place for each young Kenyan."



Since 2002, about 1,167 nurses like Lucia have graduated from AKU's ANS programme. Many more are still waiting to enrol, but lack the funds to do so. It costs \$105,000 to equip 80 nursing students with books and teaching material for a year. AKU's commitment to educating the best and the brightest, regardless of their financial standing, means that students only cover about 25 per cent of the actual cost of their education. The

remainder comes through community support and a socially responsible private sector.

Your donation can help build a nation where thousands of nurses like Lucia can make an impact on health care in the region. More importantly, they can help people find opportunities to improve their lifestyles and even dare to hope.

Aga Khan University

Chartered in 1983, Aga Khan University is a private, autonomous university that promotes human welfare through research, teaching and community service. Based on the principles of *quality, access, impact and relevance*, the University has campuses and programmes in Afghanistan, East Africa, Egypt, Pakistan, Syria and the United Kingdom.

Through its needs-blind admissions policy based on merit, the University imbues the most promising leaders and thinkers of tomorrow with an ethic of service and the skills to help communities solve their most pressing challenges while instilling the highest professional competence.



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