

## *My journey with Apprenticeship*

### A success story of Jjumba Isaack A-KIF-027-01

Just within Wakiso Town council is where Kiki Ekiremye motor garage is located; where Jjumba Isaac aged 17 was placed to learn motor vehicle mechanics. He has to move a distance of 6 km going to study and back. Before enrolling his family on the project, Jjumba had dropped out of school sometime back, he had no job and was just helping his parents in the garden. His family is one of the vulnerable households that were identified in Katubwe Village mende Sub-county, in their household plan, Jjumba wanted to join apprenticeship in motor vehicle mechanics, when he was enrolled.

Jjumba was able to start training from Wakiso Town council and he has acquired most of the required skills now, in my discussion with him he says, ***“This car was brought here when its temperature was raising a lot, the behind red lights ie brake light were not functioning and the brakes needed new brake pads.”*** I looked in amusement as Isaac explained with ease and confidence. At this point I asked him whether he knew what to do about the non-functioning parts and why, and before I even completed my question: he had already started explaining again. ***“When you step on the brake pedal and the still moves, then there is a problem and that is why I put new pads such that the car stops as it should, then the too much warming was because the largenter had a small hole which could let water out and hence the engine could heat. Because the engine becomes hot while its running, the water here helps it to cool, but this one could not because of the outlet.”*** Isaac looked so determined and confident in what he was saying and doing.



***Isaac at work [In both pictures].***

"I now get some money which I take home to my mother and other people at home. I can save some in my small bank at home then use some for other things like buying paraffin, soap, paying some people to dig for us but above all that I can buy for myself clothes". "I plan to join a saving group so that when I complete training I have some money to buy my own tool box." He further explains, that life skills training helped him not to be shy, and he is able to communicate to customers and bargain on the costs involved.



*Isaac emphasizing a point.*

The trainer says that Isaac is the most obedient boy he has at his garage, he even reached an extent of giving him a room to stay in and reduce on the long journey he travels everyday but Isaac threw away the offer saying that he has to be near his mother, to help her at home every day. There were other youth training and were also copying the behaviors of "Butwampa" as he is called, and are all willing to learn as instructed by their trainer.

Isaac thanked the organization and its partners to have come and picked them from their villages where they never had hope of being someone in society. The trainer also was also thankful to KIFAD and its partners for helping youth like these ones acquire skills which will help them become useful community members and also paying him for the services.

## **KEY**

KIFAD Kiyita Family Alliance for Development

VSLA Village Saving and Loans Association

HH Household

VAT Vulnerability assessment

NAT Needs Assessment  
SPM Selection, Planning and Management of an IGA  
HCT HIV counselling and Testing  
HIV Human Immune deficiency Virus  
AIDS Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome  
FL Financial literacy