



Malengo



***Extreme poverty elimination through
international education and vocational
pathways***

Executive Summary

- Malengo alleviates extreme poverty by helping young people from low-income countries **get jobs in high-income countries** after completing university or vocational training there.
- Malengo Scholars are funded through **Income Share Agreements**: after they graduate and earn a sufficiently high income, they contribute a percentage of their **income back to Malengo**. The model thus becomes **self-sustaining**.
- Malengo Scholars experience **2,000%+ earnings increases** while **fully repaying costs**, eliminating extreme poverty while fully returning capital to support future generations of scholars.
- Scholar outcomes are scientifically evaluated in a **Randomized Controlled Trial** with leading development economists



*“Each dollar of donation to **Malengo** is likely to increase the incomes of program participants by more than would be the case for donations to **virtually any other organization.**”*

Michael Kremer, University Professor in Economics, University of Chicago

Nobel Laureate in Economics, 2019

Some photos from our scholars' daily lives



TVET Culture day, July 2025



TVET sports day



Cohort 5 Uganda university students doing the writing portion of their German exam



Cohort 5 Uganda university students doing the speaking portion of their German exam

Malengo's Programs

1

Uganda–Germany University

Launched in 2021

- Focus on **extremely poor Ugandans (\$1.40 daily income)** who complete English-taught **Bachelor's programs in Germany, mostly STEM subjects**
- Malengo provides **financial support, mentoring, language training, mental health, and legal support** during studies and in finding jobs after graduation
- Currently **~250 scholars in Germany**
- After 1 year in Germany, scholars have **income increases of 2,200%**. The money they send home **doubles their families' income**.

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Kenya–Germany Vocational Training

Launched in 2024

- Focus on **refugees from South Sudan and Somalia living in Kenya**
- Malengo provides 1–1.5 years of **German language training** in Kenya
- Scholars then complete a **3-year vocational training in Germany**, e.g. nursing, electrician, or IT specialist. Salaries after training are **~\$3,500/month**.
- Malengo provides **financial and mentoring support** throughout
- Currently **~160 scholars studying German in Kenya**

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Rwanda–Germany Vocational Training

Launched in 2025

- Focus on **refugees from DRC and Burundi living in Rwanda**
- Similar model as *Kenya–Germany TVET Program*, but **focused on Green Jobs**
- Launched in 2025, currently **50 scholars per year**