

ANNUAL REPORT 2026 · OUR STARTING REPORT

Ready to *begin.*

How a young foundation built its base, found its first friends and gathered the tools for its first courses.

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First tools, first courses
Five sewing machines and six more tools.

BEHIND THE NUMBERS
Careful from day one
A bank account, a trained treasurer, an audit committee ahead.

ON SITE
Kiryandongo, Uganda
With Bweyale Vocational Education.

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> *"A society where everyone, whatever their background, gets an equal chance to build a dignified life."*

1 · MISSION

Better lives, *built through skills.*

Cariboo Gate Foundation works to structurally improve the wellbeing and quality of life of vulnerable refugees and local communities in Uganda. We build self-reliance through vocational training in masonry, carpentry, computers, tailoring and agriculture, combined with guidance and counselling where possible, with special attention to orphans, widows and people with disabilities from vulnerable situations.

We do this with our Ugandan partner, Bweyale Vocational Education (BVE), in Bweyale, Kiryandongo District. In Canada we inform, involve and mobilize people to make this mission possible.

Vision

We believe in a society where every person, whatever their background, has equal opportunities to develop and build a dignified life. Lasting change grows from strengthening resilience, offering practical skills and working with local communities.

HOW WE RAISE FUNDS

Contacts
Churches, individuals and companies.

Grants
Applying for grants and funds.

Giving
One-time and recurring gifts.

Actions
Supporting and organizing activities.

We choose a personal, involved approach. By working with volunteers and local communities we build a lasting network that contributes financially and socially to our projects.

2 · OUR STARTING POINT

Building the *base.*

This is our starting report. It covers the build-up before our first courses: a young foundation finding its identity, its network and its first tools.

The focus of this first period was strengthening the organisation, becoming more visible and building the relationships that matter. We developed the materials that make the Foundation easier to find and easier to trust.

We also looked for connection with churches, organisations and people who want to stand beside the Foundation as friends and supporters.

Although this was mainly a time of preparation, the first practical work was done as well: clean-up work on a compound in Uganda, and the first tools gathered for future training. The Foundation does not only make plans; it contributes on site.

11
tools and machines collected for the first courses

5
industrial sewing machines with stands

1
meeting with ZOA, active in Kiryandongo

> *A foundation year: the base is laid, the first structures are in place and valuable contacts are built.*

WHAT WE PUT IN PLACE

STEP	WHAT IT IS	STATUS
Flyer	Introduces the Foundation and its mission	Done
Business cards	For directors and volunteers	Done
Website	cariboogate.ca, our home for donors and partners	Improved
Compound clean-up	First practical work on site in Uganda	Done
First tools	Machines and hand tools for training	Collected

3 · FIRST TOOLS

First tools for *first courses.*

Six kinds of equipment, eleven pieces, collected to support future training in tailoring, woodwork and practical building.

ITEM	QTY
Industrial sewing machine with stand (work-table model)	5
Extendable ladder	1
Mitre saw	1
Hand plane	1
Hammer	1
Hand drill	2
Total	**11**

With these first materials the Foundation takes a concrete step from preparation to execution. They are meant to support future vocational courses, including tailoring, woodworking and practical building activities.

Each tool is a small promise: that when the first students arrive, the workshop is ready for them.



Mitre saw for woodwork and building courses.



Hand drills, a hammer and a plane.



Extendable ladder for practical building work.

3 · TAILORING

Five machines, *one workshop.*

Industrial sewing machines for the Foundation's future tailoring courses.



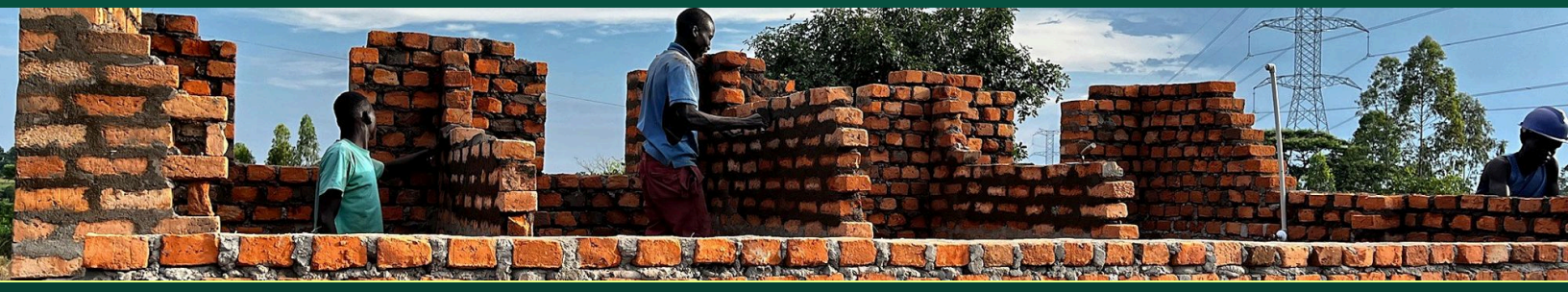
Sewing machines waiting for the first tailoring students.

5 industrial machines, each on its own stand.

Tailoring gives people a trade they can practise from home or in a small shop. It needs little capital and it serves the people around them, which fits our focus on orphans, widows and people with disabilities.

Having the machines in place before the first course means money raised later can go straight into teaching, materials and support for students.

> *From preparation to practice: the machines are ready.*



4 · NETWORK AND VOLUNTEERS

Connections that *carry us.*

A small foundation grows through the people who stand with it.

ZOA. We made contact with ZOA, by email and in a personal meeting, and discussed possible cooperation and support. ZOA is active in Kiryandongo and has existing projects and local knowledge there. That offers opportunities for alignment and cooperation in the future.

We will continue by reaching out to ZOA's local representatives in Uganda.

Volunteers. We are grateful to the volunteers who gave their time. In particular, Reverend Johan has joined the Foundation as an adviser. His involvement and advice are of great value for the development and direction of the organisation.

> *We look for friends and supporters: churches, organisations and people who want to be connected to the mission.*

BWEYALE, KIRYANDONGO DISTRICT, UGANDA · WHERE OUR PARTNERS WORK



5 · FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Careful, from *day one.*

An important milestone was opening a bank account, a first step toward professional financial management and transparency.

Fundraising started cautiously, partly because of the start-up phase. Even so, first steps were taken in collecting goods and financial resources.

To strengthen the financial organisation we invested in knowledge and structure: the treasurer completed a training course, and preparations are under way to set up an audit committee.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

LINE	AMOUNT (CAD)
Income: gifts and donations	[to be confirmed]
Income: grants	[to be confirmed]
Total income	**[to be confirmed]**
Tools and equipment (11 items)	[to be confirmed]
Foundation costs, Canada	[to be confirmed]
Total expenditure	**[to be confirmed]**
Closing balance	**[to be confirmed]**

Bank
account opened; the yearly overview links to it

Trained
treasurer course completed

Next
audit committee being prepared

The board and volunteers receive no payment. All amounts will be in Canadian dollars (CAD). Financial activity is still limited in this start-up phase; the foundation for further growth is in place.

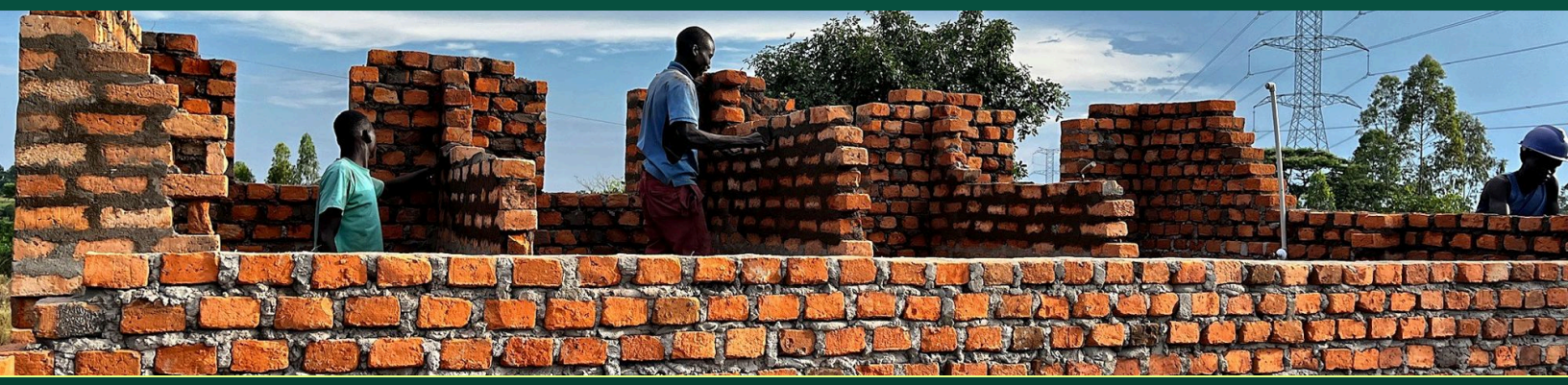
6 · LOOKING AHEAD

From base to *building.*

After a period of preparation, the Foundation turns to growth and to making its mission concrete.

1. A field visit to Uganda, focused on Kiryandongo and the surrounding refugee settlements. This took place in May 2026; see our field visit report.
2. Building and strengthening contacts with local organisations, including ZOA.
3. Active fundraising and growing our financial capacity.
4. More partnerships with organisations and churches.
5. Strengthening our network, locally and internationally.
6. Active communication, including growing our social media channels.
7. Involving more volunteers and partners in the mission.

> *The foundation is laid. Growth and real impact come next.*



7 · ORGANISATION

Who *stands behind it.*

Cariboo Gate Foundation has six volunteer directors. No director is paid.

THE CHAIR MJ Caillier	SECRETARY Elizabeth Marie	TREASURER Emmanuel Zamba
DIRECTOR John Sleypen	DIRECTOR Bruno dos Santos	DIRECTOR Jackson Rosch

OUR PARTNER · BWEYALE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BOARD

ROLE	NAME
Chair	**Angbada John Kongi**
Treasurer	**Ajok Nancy**
Board member	**Kwaje Joseph**

> *Thank you to our volunteers, advisers, partners and everyone who supported us morally or practically.*

