## "Give Me a Chance to Sing": Voice Lesson Clinics in Secondary Schools Lawrence Branco Sekalegga

This project seeks to support children in secondary schools (where music education is very scarce or not existing at all), to develop their talents in singing through a rigorous yet friendly-based approach. Although music education provides excellent preparation for life, many school children in Uganda miss out on the opportunities to develop their singing voices due to lack of established voice lesson programs and qualified vocal coaches. In fact, the recent changes in Uganda's education curriculum has made it worse by considering music as an elective/optional subject, and as such many schools that used to teach music have dropped it in favor of other "highly rated" subjects. This has left many young people who would have loved to explore and develop their musical abilities with limited options. Therefore, the "Voice Lessons Clinic" project targets school children who have no access to music education practices.