



## First African Bicycle Information Organisation

# FABIO

### A bicycle can change the life of people in rural Uganda!

**FABIO – First African Bicycle Information Organisation** is an indigenous non-governmental organisation based in Jinja, Uganda using the bicycle as a sustainable tool for development.

FABIO started in 1997 and is registered with National NGO board. We promote the use of sustainable transport solutions with major emphasis on active transport and mass public transport, as well as creating civic awareness. We believe this is the only sustainable way to enhance access to social economic services for improved quality of life. Over time FABIO has become a one stop centre on issues of active transport not only in Uganda but in Africa as a whole. FABIO organised the first ever pan-African bicycle conference in 2001 which established a springboard for advocacy for active transport on the continent.

#### CYCLE TO SCHOOL (CTS)

Many students & teachers in rural Uganda have to cover great distances to reach school - 5 to 10km are common and they usually have to walk this distance resulting in delays, physical tiredness and increased risk using the roads in darkness. Usually students also assist



their families at home by fetching water, cleaning or cooking which is very time consuming and often interferes with attendance in school .



By subsidising bicycles **FABIO** is improving access to affordable bicycles and aims at improving efficiency & performance in school as well as reduced non-attendance & dropout rate.

#### BICYCLE SPONSORSHIPS

**FABIO** revived the **bicycle sponsorship** programme to mobilise individuals in Uganda and to improve their quality of life. A bicycle has a very positive effect on them: they get the chance to generate some income, they travel a lot faster and are able to participate in social activities. They also get access to better schools and universities, health care facilities and markets.

We would also love to see people riding a bicycle who usually use motorcycles because we promote an environmentally friendly way of life.



Mobilise the poor and help them to ride their own bicycle!

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