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The story of Hisamba Eddy – Kiira View Secondary School

**My name is Hisamba Eddy, a Senior 4 Student at Kiira View Secondary school, located in Butagaya Sub-county, Jinja District.**

Before getting the bike from FABIO, I used to walk 8 kilometers to and from school. This was too straining and I often felt like giving up on education - everytime I came late to school I was punished and always dozing in class. Almost giving up on my education, FABIO offered me a solution:

I received a bicycle from FABIO in 2020 while in S.3. This was a great opportunity to boost my studies; I never had to miss lessons again or doze of exhaustion. I have struggled with reaching school on time and on numerous occasions, I missed lessons or would be so exhausted that it affected my concentration.

I have used the bicycle for 3 years now. My arrival time had shifted from 9:00am to 7:30am and I was able to attend all lessons. That boosted my performance and therefore, I have been able to complete my O' Level. However, shortly after receiving the bicycle, I

encountered school fees challenges and despite the fact that I had gotten a solution to the long distance, school fees had now turned out to be my biggest problem. It was in this period that the country encountered a Covid 19 outbreak which led to closure of schools. This was a blessing in disguise. I embarked on brick laying and with this bicycle, I transported water and firewood.

I was able to make 10,000 bricks, which earned me 900,000ugx. And for when the lockdown was lifted, I had all the money to pay for my education. The bicycle is also serving several purposes in my family as a tool of earning income, transporting animal feeds and accessing hospitals.

I have confidence that when Senior four results are released, I shall have good grades and hopefully enroll for advance level.

**“I am delighted to say that FABIO and All We Can are a blessing to me and many others. I wish that other students in my village would have the same opportunity as me and receive a bicycle.”**