

Dear Skyhook Foundation,

Mathematical education is one of the keys to success in the 21st century, for the developed as well as for the poorest countries of the world.

I want to strengthen participation in the International Mathematical Olympiad for teams from developing sub-Saharan African countries like Uganda. The IMO is the leading international math competition for high-school students, taking place annually since 1959.

I am a professional mathematician based in Bucharest, Romania, holding a PhD from MIT (1999). I am also a former participant in the IMO (gold medal in 1991).

My project for Uganda's brilliant students can be read here:

<http://www.imar.ro/~sergium/mathuganda.html>

In the past 5 weeks I have raised more than \$2,300 from individuals in Romania, mostly fellow mathematicians. I have also obtained a sponsorship of more than \$3,000. So far, we are going to be able to pay at least 50% of the trip costs to the IMO 2019 in England for Uganda's team. I am not a professional fundraiser, so 100% of the money raised in this way will reach the Uganda Mathematical Society.

I am determined to help African teams compete on a more level field with teams from Europe, North America or Asia. You may help, too.

I believe that mankind's greatest asset lies in the minds of our youths. I urge you to consider extending a hand to the most talented teenagers of Uganda. Mathematical competitions on the national level, culminating in the IMO, are an incredibly effective way of popularizing science among millions of children.

I am looking forward to the first IMO gold medal for a country like Uganda. You can help making this gold medal possible in the long run by allowing these children to attend the competition in the first place!

You may call me at +40740609547 for any questions you may have regarding this project (please be aware of the time zone difference: Romania is in GMT+2, 7 hours ahead of Boston).

Best regards,

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Bucharest  
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