

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



ABOUT US

Capital Solutions Ltd (CSL) is a social enterprise that started operations in 2014 in Uganda working to inspire, transform and build capacity of social entrepreneurs through capacity development and improved access to finance in low-income communities in Africa.



HIGHLIGHTS IN THE QUARTER

- The Launch of A guide to Building a Sustainable Social Enterprise
- WIGOI & Uganda Change Makers Graduation
- Social Entrepreneurship Forum members meet & Greet
- Latest Podcasts
- Launch of Social Business Accelerator Program Cohort 8

Best way to predict the future is to create it
- Peter Druker



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Partners and Social Entrepreneurs,
This past quarter has been a landmark period for Capital Solutions as we continue our mission to bridge the gap between social intent and business sustainability.

As we navigate a global landscape where the traditional development sector is shifting, the need for homegrown, resilient, and profit-making social enterprises has never been more urgent.

One of our proudest moments this quarter was the graduation of 150 remarkable young women from the Women Income Generating Opportunity Initiative (WIGOI) and the Uganda Change Makers programs.

In partnership with Siemens Stiftung, we celebrated these entrepreneurs at our Social Entrepreneurship Hub in Kajjansi.

These graduates—ranging from urban innovators in Kampala to resilient women in refugee settlements—are not just business owners; they are the architects of social change.

By equipping these women with vocational skills, ICT tools, and mentorship, we are doing just that—revolutionizing the local economy through inclusive growth.

To further our commitment to knowledge sharing, we were thrilled to launch our latest publication: “A Guide to Building a Sustainable Social Enterprise.” This book is designed to be a practical roadmap for leaders who want to combine a “business school brain with a social worker’s heart.”

Sustainability is often the missing piece in the social impact puzzle. As Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Peace Prize laureate and founder of Grameen Bank, reminds us:

“Human creativity is unlimited. It is the capacity of humans to make things happen which didn’t happen before. Creativity provides the key to solving our social and economic problems.”

Our new guide provides the framework for that creativity to flourish within a structured, financially viable business model.

As we move into the next quarter, our focus remains on the Social Entrepreneurship Association Uganda and expanding our advisory services to ensure that every social enterprise in Uganda has the support they need to scale.

We thank our partners, our dedicated staff, and most importantly, the entrepreneurs who wake up every day to build a better Africa. Let us continue to be “greedy for social change” and excellence.

Dr. Joyce Namirimo Tamale FCCA (PhD)
CEO & Founder Capital Solutions Ltd.

WIGOI AND UGANDAN CHANGE MAKERS GRADUATION



Graduates show casing their certificates and dummy cheques

Capital Solutions Limited, in partnership with Siemens Stiftung, successfully concluded the Women Income Generating Opportunity Initiative (WIGOI) and the Ugandan Changemakers programs. The graduation ceremony was held at the Social Entrepreneurship Hub in Kajjansi and was presided over by Dr. Peter Turyakira, Dr. Diana Ntamu, and Dr. Joyce Namirimu Tamale.

The organization extended its sincere appreciation to Mr. Richard Kityo, who represented the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development. In his inspiring keynote, Mr. Kityo encouraged the graduates to harness their newly acquired skills to create sustainable employment opportunities.

Recognition was also given to the special guest, Dr. Diana Ntamu, the presiding officer, Dr. Peter Turyakira, the associate trainers, and the expert panel of judges for their invaluable contributions.

Furthermore, profound gratitude was expressed to Siemens Stiftung for their steadfast support of the WIGOI 2025 Cohort and the Ugandan Changemakers project. The project winners were officially inducted into the Social Entrepreneurship Association in Uganda (SEAU), which provided them with vital networking opportunities. In recognition of their outstanding achievements, cash prizes were awarded to the overall winners who demonstrated exceptional business growth and innovation



THE LAUNCH OF “A GUIDE TO BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL ENTREPRISE



Capital solutions team having a photo moment with the author

February 11, 2026, marked a truly inspiring milestone: the official launch of A Guide to Building a Sustainable Social Enterprise – Follow Your Intuition by Dr. Joyce Namirimo Tamale (FCCA, PhD), Co-Founder and CEO of Capital Solutions Ltd.

In her heartfelt overview and remarks, Dr. Joyce posed a powerful, thought-provoking question that resonated deeply with everyone present: “What if profit and purpose weren’t opposites, but partners?”

This profound inquiry shaped the vision for the book and forms its very foundation. The book clearly gives a clear appreciation of social entrepreneurship as a process of using commercial business techniques to generate revenue that is used to combat social problems innovatively and sustainably. It’s a unique business model where the heart and head work together.

With conviction, she shared her belief in its potential: “I’m very confident that this new book will empower us to run our social enterprises sustainably.” Rooted in her more than 20 years of expertise in financial resilience, social innovation, sustainable financing, governance, capacity building, and inclusive scaling, this book is now a practical, hands-on resource to help us all make the invisible visible and build enterprises that thrive responsibly.

The Guest of Honor Francis Kamulegeya emphasized the need to think about the possibility of social entrepreneurship in shaping the future as its evident that it belief that locally driven solutions can transform our communities. His inspiring story on supporting the deaf through his initiative of Masaka school of the deaf was connecting with the book.

PICTORIALS FROM THE BOOK LAUNCH



LAUNCH OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY SOCIAL ENTREPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Group photo of some of the implementing partners of ACSA

In this quarter we official launched the Civil Society Organizations (CSO) Social Enterprise Development Program! This strategic partnership is between Capital Solutions and ACSA Uganda is a transformative 18-month journey designed to support five selected Misereor partners in starting and scaling social businesses.

The initiative kicked off with an intensive two-day Social Entrepreneurship Masterclass at the Social Entrepreneurship Hub in Kajjansi, equipping leaders with the tools to navigate a shifting global landscape.

As we adapt to a changing donor environment, the focus has shifted toward self-sustenance. Harriet Evelyn Nakasi the National Coordinator for ACSA Uganda set the tone during her opening remarks: “Our path forward requires strength and a new approach. Our focus is now on three pillars: Visibility, Creativity, and Networking. These are the keys to our long-term sustainability.”

Dr Joyce Tamale (FCCA,PHD)delivered a powerful reminder on the weight of leadership in business: “There’s an inescapable truth: If you’re bankrupt as a leader mentally or financially your company will follow. To survive the unexpected, you must build your ‘strategic blocks’ now, before the calamity hits.”

This milestone would not be possible without the generous funding and vision of Misereor. Their support is empowering these five organizations to move beyond dependency and toward impactful, scalable business models.



LAUNCH OF SBAP COHORT 8



Group photo of some of the members of SBAP Cohort 8

On March 18th, we successfully conducted the recruitment, onboarding, and training for the 8th Cohort of the Social Business Accelerator Programme (SBAP).

Out of 17 shortlisted entrepreneurs, 10 participants were enrolled and are now being supported through the programme. Social entrepreneurship is more than a business model; it is a commitment to solving our community's most pressing challenges through sustainable innovation.

By welcoming these new founders, we are not just starting a training program—we are strengthening an ecosystem of impact.



SEF Members' Meet & Greet



Group photo of the some of the SEF members that attended the Meet and Greet

Following extensive preparations, the Social Entrepreneurship Forum (SEF) Uganda, in strategic partnership with Capital Solutions Ltd, hosted its signature Members' Meet & Greet on March 25, 2025. This premier event served as a high-level platform designed to unite social entrepreneurs under the theme, "Strengthening Connections and Collaboration."

The primary objectives of the gathering were to deepen member relations, facilitate high-impact networking, and solicit critical feedback regarding the association's value proposition. The initiative proved to be a resounding success, marked by an exceptional 92% attendance rate from the targeted SEF community.



Some of the groups clustered during the Speed Networking Session



Members sharing and showcasing their business models and ideas to other members in the room



Discover the latest episodes of the Social Entrepreneurship in Africa Podcast



Topic : The Ripple Effect: Flow, Freedom, and Future

In this episode, Ms. Benardate discusses the importance of breaking the silence surrounding menstruation. She explores how sustainable, reusable period products are transforming lives, improving educational outcomes for girls, and protecting the environment.

Topic:

Turning Trash into Treasure : Innovating Sustainability with Plastic Waste.

In this episode, Ms. Akori Martha, Co-founder and Executive Officer of Recycled by Grace, shares her inspiring journey of transforming single-use plastic bags into durable fabric used for sewing high-quality raincoats and shoes.



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THE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND



The social investment fund (SIF) was started by capital solutions limited (CSL) in January 2020 as an impact fund for Social Entrepreneurs based in Africa. The main aim is to demonstrate that small amounts of debt capital, equity capital, and challenge grants, combined with entrepreneurial capacity building can result in thriving enterprise that serve vast numbers of the most Vulnerable populations.

Our target clientele is social enterprises led by youth and women, those that are vulnerable such as refugees, PWDs, People with Albinism (PWA) among others. Through SIF over 90 Social enterprises have accessed inclusive financing to scale their businesses.

Our products and services

- **Private Loan.**

Collateral free below 10m, 2% interest rate, digital documentation, free consultation. Great Turn Around Time, Flexible payment Options.

- **Top up Loan Product.-**

Collateral free, safe, fast, easy & timely, low interest rate, online application, No hidden fees, flexible repayment period.

- **Social Enterprise staff Salary Loan Product.**

2% Interest Rate, Affordable, Convenient, Credit Score, Promotes Employer-Employee Trust, Promotes Mental Peace, Reduces Financial Stress.

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UP COMING EVENTS

SEF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026



Registering New SEF Members

Launch of Impact for Academy

ACADEMY FOR IMPACT WOMEN MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE

Young women's investment readiness in social enterprise in Uganda



Field Visit to Ewaffe Cultural Village



SEF Social Entrepreneurship Association Uganda Theory of Change



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