

## A Letter from Our Founder

To our potential partners and fellow change-makers,

We've all seen the photographs. A smiling child receiving a new pair of school shoes, a backpack or perhaps a gleaming new laptop. These are beautiful gestures, born from a place of deep compassion. But at Lowapi, we've had to ask ourselves a difficult, uncomfortable question:

***What happens when those shoes are outgrown? What happens when the laptop breaks or the child is unable to read the instructions on the screen?***

In Botswana, we are facing a silent crisis. Our children are brilliant, resilient and full of potential. Yet, as they sit for their Primary School Leaving Examinations, many find themselves staring at a wall they cannot climb. Six out of seven exams are written in English- a language that, for many, is a second or even a third language, taught by teachers who were never given the specific "rules" of how reading actually works.

When a child fails these exams, we often blame their effort or their aptitude. The truth is much simpler and much more heartbreaking: ***They didn't fail the subject; they failed the language barrier.***

This is why Lowapi exists. We believe that literacy is the only gift that never wears out.

While a pair of shoes helps a child walk to school, ***literacy helps them walk into a career.*** While a laptop provides a window to the world, ***literacy provides the key to open it.*** We are moving beyond the "charity of things" toward the "charity of capacity." By training teachers in the Science of Reading and providing structured literacy support, we aren't just giving children a resource, we are rewiring their future.

***But we cannot do this alone. We are looking for partners who want to see this transformation happen in real-time.***

Through our "**Literacy on Wheels Adopt-a-Class**" initiative, your organisation can directly sponsor the literacy journey of an entire classroom. We don't just send materials; our team goes directly into that classroom to implement the Impact Lab methodology. We train the teacher and work side-by-side with the students to bridge the gap. You won't just be a donor; you will be the reason thirty children finally understand the language of their own education.

We are looking for partners who are tired of temporary fixes. We are looking for those who want to invest in the infrastructure of the human mind. Join us in the Impact Lab. Let's stop just helping children *get* to school and start ensuring they can actually *learn* once they arrive.

With hope and determination,

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