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BIG BOLD IDEA

Connect individuals and communities in rural Uganda to critical health and education services by building and coordinating the distribution of locally made transport vehicles, such as wheelchairs, bicycles and bicycle ambulances.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

There are many people living in poverty in rural Uganda; dirt roads, dry conditions, and long distances between villages and scarce health care facilities challenge access to critical health and education services. Rides for Lives manufactures high quality transport products, which are designed, assembled, and distributed locally, with local conditions and resources in mind. Unlike imported items, Rides for Lives products can take a beating: they can be baked by the sun, pounded by the rain, dragged over huge potholes and rocky surfaces, and still remain standing. These products help individuals in rural Uganda access dispensaries, clinics and hospitals many miles away from their villages.

PERSONAL BIO

Chris is an award-winning serial-entrepreneur, engineer, futurist, & an optimist. He is the founder/ CEO at UCOT Inc. [www.helloucot.com], a company that has created a unique model to support and fund early-stage startups creating solutions to unintended & willfully ignored consequences of technology. Chris also founded UCOT FORUM, a conference whose main objective is to have authentic discussions around exponential technology development and usage that may not be serving humanity's best interests.

Before that, he founded Hourglass Ventures, a fund that supports visionary entrepreneurs from the African continent who come from the underprivileged background- and need a Friends and Family round of financing to get their ideas off the ground. He also founded and remains involved in Health Access Corps, formerly Rides for Lives, a social enterprise that works to establish sustainable health care systems on the African continent. Chris has been invited to speak at some of the world's most prestigious platforms such as TED, Clinton Global Initiative and United Nations.

Organization/Fellow Location

Oakland, United States

Impact Location

Africa

Uganda

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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