

Odongo Kenas



ODONGO KENAS was born in 1982 at a remote village in Nyatike sub county in migori county. His father had 4 wives with a total of 26 children.

His mother was number three and had a total of 8 children.

He started schooling at Othora primary school, completing grade 8 exams in 1995. After passing his exams, he couldn't proceed to high school immediately but had to stay at home for one full year.

He later joined secondary school in 1997 with the support of his American friend Debbie K. and in 2000 he sat for his high school exams.

From 2000 to 2004, Debbie sponsored his diploma course in medical laboratory sciences; he graduated and got a job at Ojele as a medical technologist.

In 2008 he was retrenched with many of his fellow workers. Later, in 2008, he joined Face Nyanza as a community lab technologist and in 2011 he decided to enroll for degrees in one of the universities in Uganda; Debbie assisted him and he graduated in 2014. In 2017 he left working as a medical laboratory technologist and joined Wisser girls which champions less fortunate girls in the society.

In 2019 he left Wisser and joined Oridi Girls to continue with his teaching career. He teaches Business Studies and Geography.

He says:

“I have been passionate for the plights of girl child since 1998 when I learnt bitter lessons because I missed joining form 1 due to poverty.

“Were it not for Debbie’s assistance, I would have not made it to school--a lot of thanks to her.”