Second Cohort (2018) of the Beneficiaries of the RUFORUM-MasterCard Foundation Scholarship

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1. Lily Bor Chepkemoi (Kenyan) was born in 1996 in a village known as Ogiligei, Nakuru and is a forth born child in a family of six. She is currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Science program in Horticulture at Egerton University (Kenya) for four years (2018-2022), supported by MasterCard Foundation Scholarship through RUFORUM. Lily’s purpose is to acquire agricultural technical skills and entrepreneurial skills which she will use to transform the her community and Kenya at large, through starting a big enterprise which will employ and mentor as many youths and women as possible.

2. Lawrence Ouma is pursuing Bachelor of Science in horticulture in Egerton University and supported by MasterCard foundation through RUFORUM program. He is a Kenyan by nationality, and was born in 1996 in a small village called kisoko in western part of Kenya as third born in family of ten. His dream is to build on the skill I gain from this program to become a horticulturist and solve the issue food shortage in Africa through enhancing agriculture growth and development.

3. Born in 1997, Akankunda Jonath grew up in Bushenyi district Uganda. He is a last born of six children, is currently enrolled in Bachelor of Science program in food and agri-business at Gulu University (Uganda). Jonath is supported by MasterCard foundation and RUFORUM. He has a dream of starting up food processing company after his studies.
4. Iyaloo N. Sheyavali is a Namibian by nationality. Born in 1993, she is the last born of his family and a food scientist. Currently she is doing Masters in Food Security and Community Nutrition at Gulu University under the TAGDEv project (RUFORUM@Mastercard foundation). She plans on setting the baseline that will help the next generation reach their full potential by being a good example to all the young ones in her community. She also wishes to come up with an intervention that will effectively improve the food accessibility and hunger levels in Africa by doing what she loves most, which is food production, value addition and new product development.

5. Jovia Kadoma, a Ugandan by nationality was born in 1998 in the western part of Uganda particularly in Hoima district where she grew up from. She is currently enrolled in a Bachelor’s programme in Food science and Agribusiness at Gulu University in Uganda for a period of four years (2018-2022). She is much pleased with MasterCard Foundation which sponsors her education through RUFORUM. Jovia’s objective is to develop Africa by using the knowledge and skills acquired from trainings attended and more so to ensure food security so as to eradicate poverty out of African communities.

6. Atabong Getrude is Ugandan by nationality, she is the fourth born out of her seven siblings who were born and raised in the Eastern part of Uganda and the only girl at university. She is currently enrolled for a Bachelor’s Degree program in food science and agribusiness at Gulu university in Uganda and supported by MasterCard through RUFORUM. She has a big dream to establish an agricultural learning center to teach local farmers management of post-harvest losses and value addition to improve their livelihood and eradicate poverty in Tororo District.
7. Aarakit Pauline, Ugandan by Nationality was born in 1993, she is third born in a family of eight children whose parents are peasants from Oogoria village, Kumi sub- County, Kumi district, Eastern Uganda. She is currently enrolled in Master of Science in Agronomy and has passion for agriculture. Pauline is being supported by the RUFORUM-MasterCard Scholarship at Egerton University, Pauline being an Agronomist has a purpose to set up a demonstration farm in her village there by training farmers on the modern Agricultural practices, crop pest and disease management and Value addition on the agricultural produce thus improve on the crop productivity and yields leading to increased income levels of the community members enabling them to educate their children, attain medical services and improve on their standards of living within the District and Country at large.

8. Kawooya Joseph was born in 1996 in Kyotera district. He is currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Science in Agri-entreprenuership and communication management. Joseph is being supported by RUFORUM-MasterCard Scholarship at Gulu University for a period of four years. Joseph’s dream is to become a prominent and great business man in Africa who will set up industries that provide jobs to many unemployed people specifically the youth in Africa. Joseph also has a dream of setting up schools for orphans in his region in order to give a chance for the needy children to acquire education which has a greatest impact of changing one’s social mobility.

9. Kwadu Ivan is a Ugandan by Nationality. Kwadu was born in 1997 being the 2nd last born of seven children. And he grew up in Eastern region of Uganda particularly Buyende district. He is currently enrolled in a Bachelor’s of science in food and agribusiness at Gulu University, through the MasterCard Foundation supported TAGDEv project at RUFORUM. He sees this as empowerment opportunity to transform his community through value addition to increase food quantity and quality, prevent food spoilage, and reduce food insecurity in the country.
10. Mainimo Edmond Nyuyki is a Cameroonian by nationality. He was born in 1993 in Kikaikelaki-Kumbo, North West Region of Cameroon. Edmond is a purpose-driven young man currently pursuing a Masters of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development (2018-2020) at Gulu University (Uganda). He is being supported by the Mastercard Foundation-RUFORUM Scholarship Scheme. Edmond is so passionate about contributing in converting the agricultural potential of his country and Africa into wealth creation. Developing and establishing well sustained agri-enterprise incubation centers for youth capacity building in agri-entrepreneurship and an agricultural extension agency for rural agricultural development.

11. Balyesiima Christopher (Ugandan) was born in 1994 in Buliisa district western part of Uganda. He is only child in family and all his parents passed away. Balyesiima has shown interest and motivation to become a responsible person and a leader in space. He is currently enrolled for Bachelor of Science in Agri-entrepreneurship and Communication Management at Gulu university (Uganda) for four years (2018-2022) supported by MasterCard and RUFORUM. Balyesiima has a purpose to become an entrepreneur so as to employ youth and also to become a motivational communicator in agricultural field in Africa.

12. Ian Otieno Okoth (Kenyan) was born in 1994 in Siaya County, being the firstborn from a single parent family (mother). He is currently pursuing Bachelor of Food Science and Technology at Egerton University, supported by RUFORUM-MasterCard Foundation for four years. Ian purposes that after completion of this program he will be able to give back to the community the services especially youths to embark on agriculture and general improvement of life, food and poverty eradication youths in Africa.
13. Joseph Aluong Kut is South Sudanese born on 13th of June 1985 with his twin brother in a village called Mareng in upper Nile region Jonglei State-Bor. With determination and passion for education he emerged in a lot of difficulties and obstacles, being in the refugee camp for some years. Joseph Aluong is a beneficiary of scholarship of MASTERCARD FOUNDATION @ RUFORUM, pursuing MSc. In Agri-enterprises development Gulu university (Uganda). Joseph has great passion in Agriculture and is planning to employ and train youth on how to become Agripreneurs. He believes in rural transformation of disadvantage rural villages through agriculture especially in his native country South Sudan.

14. Born on 23rd March 1998, Kobusinge Rachael grew up from a village called Gatyaanga in Kabarole district Uganda. In a family of five children. She is currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Science in Agri-entrepreneurship and communication management. She has always desired to be an entrepreneur and a transformational youth who will change the mindset of the youth with entrepreneurial skills.

15. Lokwiyon Yoanah is a Ugandan by nationality, born in north eastern Uganda. He is currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Biosystems Engineering at Gulu University (Uganda). His dream is to have expertise in soil and water in order to make decisions about irrigation and drainage as well as reducing soil erosion and protecting the water quality, this thereby helps crops to grow more efficiently thus increasing the farmers yields as the results food security is ensured in north eastern Uganda.
16. Born and bred in Zimbabwe, Mpofu Taddias Prince is a MasterCard foundation and RUFORUM supported scholar pursuing a Master of Science in Agri-Enterprise Development at Gulu University (Uganda). Despite all hardships, to Prince endurance was at the epitome of it all as he reflected the peculiarity to retain the conviction that existence holds a purpose, a cause to pursue, a goal to achieve and a community to transform. As great things come from hard work and perseverance, Prince holds a purpose to inspire youths from his community and country at large to become entrepreneurs by awakening their minds to their greatness that resides within them. His dream is to be a role model who motivates the youths to use scarce resources in changing the world in the most positive ways. The stimulus to his personal drive is the fact that positive actions and words have the power to quicken one’s heartbeat, make you think, spur you to action and take a stab at changing the world.

17. Nelson Papie Kolliesuah is a Liberian by nationality. Nelson was born in 1994 and grew up in the Central part of Liberia. He is currently pursuing a Master of Science program in Food Security and Community Nutrition at Gulu University in Uganda supported by MasterCard Foundation through RUFORUM for a period of two years (2018-2020). He is a passionate and tactful person aimed at building a critical mass of transformational youth through agri-preneurship to encourage sustainable agricultural development in order to break the cycle of poverty among rural households in Liberia.

18. Waweru Leah Wambui is a Kenyan by Nationality. Leah was born in 1995 and grew up in the Central part of Kenya. She is currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Science program in Horticulture at Egerton University, a passion that started since her tender age at primary school. Thanks to the support from MasterCard foundation and RUFORUM. Leah’s dream is to build up on the skills gained from this program and set up a vegetable production farm with a value addition unit to erradicate malnutrition in Kenya, thereby creating employment.
19. Muteti Francisca Ndinda was born in 1995, in Makueni County, Kenya. She is the last born in a family of six, two sisters and three brothers. Francisca is currently enrolled in a Master of Science programme in Agri Enterprises Development at Gulu University (Uganda). She is supported by Master Card Foundation through RUFORUM for the two year programme. Francisca aims at establishing a foundation to train and empower women and youth on agri-entrepreneurship for rural transformation in Kenya and Africa at large.

20. Lochen Samuel is from a family of 5 children, and was born in 1997 in Karamoja Sub-Region North Eastern Uganda. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Biosystems Engineering in Gulu University with support from MasterCard foundation and RUFORUM. His dream is to establish a Research Centre in his disadvantaged region to enable young and peasant farmers get equipped with skills and knowledge for agricultural transformation.

21. Adongo Immaculate is enrolled in Bachelor of Agro-Entrepreneurship and communication management at Gulu University (Uganda). She is supported by MasterCard Foundation through RUFORUM for a period of four years (2018-2022). She is Ugandan by nationality and was born in 1996 in Teso region Eastern Uganda. She is the only one who has reached University in her family. Her dreams are to help her siblings attain Education and help small scale farmers in her community improve on their farming methods through sensitization and opening demonstration farms from where they can learn from.
22. SONgIGBe Mededode Monique, a Beninese, was born in 1994 in Benin. She is the youngest amongst her siblings, and also the only educated. Monique is a MasterCard Foundation@Ruforum student pursuing Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition at Gulu University (Uganda). She has chosen to change her community mindset about women and fight for durable reduction of food and nutrition insecurity from rural to urban areas in Africa through innovation.

23. Nakwooya Justine, is Ugandan by nationality and born in 1999 in Kakiri-Wakiso district. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Engineering at Gulu University under MasterCard foundation scholarship through RUFORUM. She is the fifth born of six and stays with both parents who are primary school teachers. Justine dreams of improving the agricultural value chain through improved preservation methods and food processing technologies, she envisions a food secure Africa and is passionate about community service.

24. Nampija Gloria is a Ugandan by nationality. She was born in 1999 in Kaberamaido district in Eastern Uganda. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of science in Biosystems Engineering at Gulu University (Uganda) which is a four years programme under MasterCard scholarship at RUFORUM Her dream is to learn new agricultural technologies from the course she is pursuing in order to increase the yields in agriculture and income of farmers in my community.
25. Nanok Aaron was born in 1991 in the rural setting of Turkana East Sub County in Turkana County, Kenya. He is enrolled in a Master of Science programme in Food Security and Community Nutrition, Gulu University, and supported through the MasterCard scholarship at RUFORUM. Nanok has a dream of making Turkana County a food and Nutrition Secure through promotion of Climate Smart Agriculture Technologies. He wants to set an organic demonstration farm for learning and adopting favorable technologies in the climate change times, while producing healthy food to rural community.

26. Nafula Marveen (a Ugandan) was born in 1990 and grew up in the Eastern part of Uganda. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science program in Food Security and Community Nutrition at Gulu University (Uganda), thanks to the support from MasterCard foundation and RUFORUM. Marveen’s dream is to set up a demonstration farm which will act as a learning center for both students and farmers, provide employment to many youths and improve their livelihoods.

27. Adilu Kato Omia is a Ugandan, and born in 1993 in Woroworo village West Nile region of Uganda. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor programme in horticulture at Egerton university in kenya, with support from RUFORUM. His major passion is in Agribusiness, and he wants to improve the standard and income level of farmers in Arua district through supply of improved seed modern agricultural techniques and value addition chains under an agribusiness company.

28. Lewis Mithamo Githinji (Kenyan) was born in 1992, grew up in central region of Kenya, in a family of seven. He is currently enrolled in Bachelor of Science program in Horticulture, a passion which developed since his younger age, since he grew up in a farming family. He is being supported by MasterCard through RUFORUM scholarship for a period of four years. Lewis objective is to mentor youth, establish horticultural enterprises for jobs creation and research center for training and solving various challenges facing rural farmers.
29. Hanan Sirat Ahmed is Kenyan by nationality. She was born on in 1993 in a small town known as Isiolo. She grew up there with her nine siblings. She is currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Science programme in Environmental Science at Egerton University (Kenya) with support from RUFORUM and MasterCard Foundation which is funding her education for four years. Coming from a marginalized area she dreams to educate the youth on the importance of gender inclusivity in science and other fields which are perceived to be for the male gender.

30. Mutai Kiplangat Jonah, is a Kenyan and was born on in 1993 in Narok, Rift Valley, Kenya. He is also a student at Egerton University pursuing Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and supported by Mastercard Foundation through RUFORUM. It’s with the knowledge that he gains that enables him address the problems resulting from environmental degradation and solving them.

31. Lavender Atieno Ochieng is a Kenyan by nationality. Born in 1999 in a small village of Kamagawi, Rangwe sub-county in Homabay County, she is currently pursuing a bachelor of science in environmental science at Egerton University. She dreams to improve and minimizes the negative environmental impacts to living organisms not only in her country but worldwide.

32. Beverlyne Mwangale Oruko is a Kenyan by Nationality. Mwangale was born in 1996, and grew up from the Western part of Kenya (Kakamega). She’s currently pursuing a Bachelors of Science programme in Environmental Science at Egerton University and supported by MasterCard Foundation through RUFORUM for a period of four years (2018-2022). Beverlyne is a dedicated and a compassionate student with an interest in transforming rural lives in Arid and Semi Areas of Kenya through Agriculture.
33. Joana Nyirenda Nowezzie is a Malawian. She was born in 1995 in Northern part of Malawi in Nkhatabay district at Chintheche village. She had her primary education at Chihame Primary school in 2006 and her secondary education at Dzuka Girls Secondary school in 2013. She is currently enrolled in four years degree program of Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science at Egerton University in Kenya supported by Mastercard Foundation through RUFORUM. Joana’s passion is to be an entrepreneur by introducing new technology system of farming in order to improve food security at her community as well as her country.

34. Acheng Anna Grace is a born of 1993 in a family of six (one boy and five ladies) in Karamoja sub region in north eastern part of Uganda particularly Kotido district. Grace completed her Diploma in Crop Production and Management from Bukalasa Agricultural College in Luwero district Uganda in 2017 and worked with WeltHungerHilfe Moroto as research assistant. She is currently enrolled for BSc. Food science and Agribusiness at Gulu University Uganda (2018-2022) under the TagDev program with MCF@RUFORUM and MasterCard Foundation. Grace is determined to improve food security in her region, Uganda and the all of Africa by improving on better post-Harvest technologies which will reduce food losses and combat food insecurity and become an Agribusiness leader that would champion community development through modern Agricultural technologies.

35. Yasir Sa’adu (Nigerian) was born on 14th April 1998, and grew up in Katsina state of Nigeria. Yasir is currently pursuing bachelor of Agribusiness Management, at Egerton University (Kenya) for four years (2018-2022). He has a vision of making agribusiness attractive to the youths of his community, so as to reduce unemployment, uncultivated acreage, and to enhance food security. Also as an agribusiness manager in making, he has a purpose to facilitate access to continental and intercontinental agricultural markets.
36. Cheruiyot Benard Kipngetich, is a Kenyan, and born in 1993 in the central part of Rift Valley, Kenya. He is currently pursuing Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education and Extension at Egerton University (Kenya) for four years (2018-2022) with support from RUFORUM in partnership with MasterCard Foundation. He developed passion for Agriculture from an early age and through practicing it at home. His dream is to apply the knowledge gained to offer quality and practical extension services to farmers in Kenya and Africa at large through setting up demonstrations plots and use of modern methods of farming for sustainable agriculture to improve their livelihoods and create self-employment.

37. Naomi Njeri Mokua is enrolled in Bachelor of Science programme in food science and technology Egerton University (Kenya), and supported by MasterCard through RUFORUM for a period of four years (2018-2022). She is a Kenyan by nationality and was born in 1998 in Njoro sub –county Nakuru County in a family of eight. Her dream is to be a great agriculturist and entrepreneur also create support organization as a way of giving back to society.

38. Concilia Achieng Orwa was born in 1995 in Jimo-East Location, Nyakach Sub-county, Kisumu county (Kenya) being the last born in her family. She is enrolled in a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education and Extension at Egerton University in Kenya, with support from TAGDev project, a partnership programme between RUFORUM and MasterCard Foundation. Her dream is to revive her home which never existed due to loss of parents as well as supporting any needy person in the society. Having gained skills from the program, Concilia also dreams of transforming her society through empowering the youth with entrepreneurial and Agricultural skills so as to eradicate food insecurity and provision of job opportunity hence creation of sustainably improved livelihood in Kenya and Africa at large.
39. Stephen Ongaria was born in 1996 in Katakwi district-eastern part of Uganda. He is a last born of the three children orphaned at a tender age after the death of both parents. Stephen is currently pursuing a program of bachelors of Science Education-Agriculture at Gulu University with support from the MasterCard Foundation through RUFORUM. He has gone through huddles in His Education but thanks to African Development Bank and MasterCard foundation@BRAC who supported his secondary education. His aim is to see his community get transformed through transformative education.

40. Kodet Mary Gorretti is a Ugandan by nationality. Gorretti was born in 1997 and grew up in Karamoja region (Napak district) in northern Uganda. She is the third born in her family, taken care off by a single mother. She is currently pursuing a Bachelors program in Science Education Agriculture for a period of three years at Gulu University with support from MasterCard foundation through RUFORUM. Gorretti is a focused lady with a vision of her community through Education as a stepping stone to change the other conditions in her region.

41. Born in 1993, Akejo Gordon Victor is a Ugandan by nationality who grew up in Northern region of the country, Lira District. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education and Extension at Egerton University, supported by MasterCard Foundation through RUFORUM for a period of four years. Gordon’s dream is to promote qualitative and quantitative agricultural education, research and extension in his country and internationally. He is a determined and target oriented agriculturist with a vision of setting up agricultural research Centre in order to harness scientific research, in frontier areas of science and technology for all sections of farming community in Africa.
42. Stella Kendi Njeru is a Kenyan born in 1992 in Nkuthika Sub location, Chuka division. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Technology at Egerton University, Njoro Campus and she is supported by MasterCard Foundation through RUFORUM for four years. Her dream is to train farmers on food value addition to minimize food losses and ensure Food security in Kenya and Africa at large.

43. Kirabo Allen is a Ugandan aged born in 1999 in Ruti village in Mbarara district, Western part of Uganda. She is pursuing a Bachelor’s programme in Science Education Agriculture at Gulu University, with support from RUFORUM. She dreams of becoming a professor. She is passionate about teaching and I love children.

44. Mugagga Moses is a Ugandan, and was born in 1997. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Biosystems Engineering at Gulu University under the TAGDev project at RUFORUM. He is the second born in a family of three and was raised by my grandmother who is a peasant farmer. He has a vision of boosting agriculture as a whole using engineering skills and knowledge and an entrepreneur with a purpose of creating job opportunities in my community.

45. Saliru Zena (Ugandan), born in 1994 in Entebbe, Katabi, in a family of ten. She is currently enrolled for BSc agricultural education and extension at Egerton University under MasterCard-RUFORUM Scholarship. Her objective is to transform livelihoods through teaching farmers productive agricultural techniques in order to increase their income.
46. Nabatanzi Lydia is a Ugandan by nationality who was born in 1995. She grew up in Mpigi district which is in the central part of Uganda. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science program in Agri-Enterprise Development at Gulu University, thanks to the support from MasterCard foundation. Her dream is to change the perspective of the youth towards agriculture such that they can look at it as not only a source of food or a punishment but as a business where one can earn a living by engaging them in agricultural activities that can transform their lives through her agri-entrepenueral skills.

47. Aipa Grace Bekah was born in 1992 in Turkana North sub-county, Kenya. She is the second born of a family of three. Currently, she is pursuing a degree course at Egerton University which will eventually lead to the award of Bachelor of Agricultural Education and Extension. This is a four year programme from 2018-2021 supported by Mastercard foundation and RUFORUM. Grace has passion in agriculture and her dream is to mentor youths and women to engage actively in agriculture as a livelihood activity in order to increase food production in Turkana County and the neighboring Communities. Grace plans to use the skills acquired from this course to set up a consultancy firm; whose base will be in proximity with farmers.

48. Manzubo Nadia is Ugandan. Born in 1994 in Machaganya in Yumbe District in Uganda, she is currently pursuing Bachelor of Science Education Agriculture programme, sponsored through Master Card Foundation@ RUFORUM Scholarship for period of three years in Gulu University. Her dream is to open a center for learning (farm) for students at all levels in her District and engage the youth in livelihood activities for self-independence in their lives and support the farmers too in their activities in Africa at large.
49. Anyango Kasolina is enrolled in Bachelor of Science Education (Agriculture) at Gulu University (Uganda) with the support of RUFORUM for a period of two years (2018-2020). She is a Ugandan by nationality, and was born in 1996 in Acholi region northern Uganda in a family of nine children and the fifth of all, both parents are peasants. She dreams to improve food and nutritional security through sustainable agriculture as accompanied by training small scale farmers on agricultural practices for general improvement of agricultural production.

50. Moyoo Rose (a Ugandan), was born in 1997 in the Morrobi village of Moyo district. She grew up with the sacred heart sisters in redeemer children’s home in Moyo, with support from good Samaritans for primary and secondary levels education. She is now enrolled in a Bachelor of Science programme in Agricultural entrepreneurship and communication management at Gulu University with support from RUFORUM in Uganda. She dreams of helping the local farmers in Africa who have not got the chance of getting skills on how to make farming as a business by forming agricultural education Centre where farmers are taught on how to add values to their produce.

51. Malekhooa Moletsane Suzan is a Mosotho by nationality. She was born in 1992 in Mafeteng district, Lesotho. Suzan studied Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Extension at National University of Lesotho and she is currently pursuing her Master’s degree in Agronomy at Egerton University Kenya through the support of MasterCard foundation through RUFORUM. Malekhooa grew up in a family where they mainly survived on peasant farming. Her dream is to establish an agriculture institution which will provide informal education (learning by doing) to youth, adults, vulnerable children and orphans so as to upgrade their knowledge, adoption and practice of new technology in agriculture.
52. Niyonshuti Fabiola (Rwandese by nationality) was born in 1998, and is the second born in a family of three girls. Fabiola is currently pursuing a Bachelor’s programme in Food Science and Technology at Egerton University (Kenya), with support from MasterCard foundation and RUFORUM. Fabiola’s ambition is to be creative and innovative Entrepreneur.

53. Oduor Omondi Selphine is a currently enrolled in a Master of Science programme in Agronomy at Egerton University, supported by Master Card Foundation through RUFORUM. She is a Kenyan by nationality, born in August, 1992 in Matungu sub-county, Western Kenya. She is the 6th born in a family of 5 boys and 3 girls, Selphine fought her way through numerous challenges, as orphan at a tender age, to become the only one with higher education in her family. Her vision is to help small scale farmers achieve their optimum production potential through her agricultural extension and agronomic skills and knowledge.

54. Said Hassan Abdirahman (Somali nationality) was born on in 1992 in the province Erigabo, Sanag region in Northern Somalia (Somaliland), from a large family. He grew up in Erigabo, where he took his basic education. He undertook a Bachelor programme at the University Of Bahri Khartoum Sudan. Currently, he is enrolled in Master of Science in Agronomy at Egerton University (Kenya), supported by MasterCard Foundation through RUFORUM for the period of two years from 2018 to 2020. He dreams to help the different parts of his community and has also a vision of helping farmers in his country, especially train them on how to create modern farming practices. He is also motivated to help the young generation to improve their leadership as well as educational skills.
55. Norbert Iraboneye is Masters Student in Agronomy program at Egerton University (Kenya), supported by MasterCard foundation through RUFORUM for a period of two years 2018-2020. Norbert is Rwandan by Nationality, born in 1991 in Gisagara district in Southern part of Rwanda. He is the first born in a family of four children and first one to attend University studies and his family lives by farming on small scare farm. He is committed to provide contribution to boost agricultural productivity in Rwanda through extension services and training of farmers on improved agricultural practices. Norbert has a vision to be an Agri-preneur in post-harvest area for the purpose of creating job, reducing agricultural losses, value addition and providing employment to the local peoples.

56. Andrew Nkhoma (a Malawian) was born in 1999 in a village called Chintheche in Nkhata-bay district (Malawi). Andrew was born from a family of six children and he is the third born. Currently Andrew is pursuing bachelor of Agribusiness management at Egerton University (Kenya) with a four-year support from MasterCard and RUFORUM. Andrew’s dream is to give motivation to youths in Africa in Agribusiness.

57. Otieno Casmiel Nyaholo (a Kenyan) was born in March 1999 in Westlands division in Nairobi County, in Kenya. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science Programme in Agribusiness Management at Egerton University with the support of MasterCard Foundation through RUFORUM. Casmiel’s main objective is to become an Agri-enterprise Manager, a motivational speaker and training officer.
58. Mary Wairimu Nyambura is a Kenyan by nationality. She was born in November 1999 in Maraigushu Naivasha sub-county. She is currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Agribusiness Management at Egerton University (Kenya). She is supported by MasterCard through RUFORUM for a period of four years (2018-2022). Mary has a dream of becoming a successful entrepreneur and providing job opportunities to the youths as a way of curbing unemployment issues in Kenya.

59. Leoncie Dushimirimana is a Rwandan by nationality. She was born in 1996 and grew up in the Eastern part of Rwanda. She is currently pursuing Bachelor of Food Science and Technology thanks for the support offered by MasterCard Foundation through RUFORUM for a period of 4 years. Her dream is to start an agricultural processing industry to reduce shortage of food and minimizing unemployment in Rwanda especially for the youth.

60. Manyuele Leitato is a Kenyan by nationality. Manyuele was born in 1994 and grew up at Nkokolani sub location in Narok County. He is currently enrolled in a bachelor degree in agribusiness management at Egerton university under the support of MasterCard foundation through RUFORUM for a period of four years (2018-2022). His dream is to gain skills acquired from this program and become entrepreneur and innovator in field of agriculture. He is also dedicated to share skills and knowledge acquired for transforming youth life and community development.