

## She's Got a Plan

"Happiness is killing me!" exclaimed Africa ELI graduate Edina.

Why is Edina so happy? Because she has just finished a 3-year program of study at the Nile Institute of Management in Arua, Uganda, commonly called "NIMSA." While there, some of the courses she completed included principles of management, business law, and macroeconomics.

Earlier this year, from June through September, Edina interned at a local Ugandan co-operative savings and credit society. Initially, she worked in the Loan Department. Once she learned procedures for working with the loan committee to secure and recover loans, she advanced to the Finance Department for lessons in receiving and withdrawing money, securities, and conducting appraisals. Regarding her experience while at the co-op, Edina said, "The internship is going well but the work is too much!" She may have felt overwhelmed, but she persevered and successfully completed her assignments. The topic of her final paper was "The Role of Commercial Banks in the Growth of Small Scale Business."



Africa ELI sponsored Edina's education from 2009 - 2012. When asked about the highlights of her secondary school experiences, Edina talks of being able to "speak very nicely," write, and of having good friends. She said the best part of school was "gaining new knowledge."

She said her mother is "so happy" that Africa ELI was able to offer a sponsorship to help get her through secondary school. Her husband, Edina's father, died in 2003. Without assistance, it's likely that her daughter would have only completed primary school.

What's next for Edina? She wants to get a degree. When I asked her about her plans for managing university tuition and related expenses, she explained, "I expect to spend the holidays selling things in the market!" Given her recently acquired business experience, we are confident she will be successful.

### Our Mission

By providing access to education, Africa ELI prepares young women in South Sudan to become leaders in their families and communities, engage in business enterprise, counteract inequalities, improve health practices, and work toward improving society for the benefit of all citizens.

### Help Get the Message Out

A strong social media presence is vital to grow support for our girls in South Sudan. Please help us build support by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) and sharing our posts.

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