

Why We Give on #GivingTuesday



#GivingTuesday is not just about giving money, time, or services to our favorite causes. It's also an opportunity to reflect on *why* we give. We give because of the values we cherish and the beliefs we hold in our hearts. But we also give to support the people who embody those values, who work hard and sacrifice of themselves to make those beliefs a reality.

We want to dedicate this #GivingTuesday message to one such person. He is a gentle and modest man. He has an endearingly pleasant disposition, and is rarely seen without a smile on his face. He braves the perils of the East African roadways on a humble

motorbike in order to ensure the safety, security, and success of each and every Africa ELI student. He is Africa ELI's Monitoring and Program Officer, Alemi Charles.

Charles is a vital part of our operations. He is our eyes and ears. He is the one on the ground in South Sudan and Uganda, day in and day out, checking in on our students, making sure they are safe, giving them moral support, and ensuring that their needs are met.

When you give to #AfricaELI on #GivingTuesday, you are helping to make sure that Charles is able to carry out his important mission of watching over our students.

Here are some scenes from one of Charles' recent treks, along with his own words.



"River in Imvepi where we crossed without a bridge at high tide. There were no crocs!

None of the people we met knew the name of the river.

I'm trying to cross with my shoes on but could not make headway."



"On my rented motorbike."



"Me in my plastic sheet hut where I slept at Aba's Aunt's home. It was built for orphans by UNHCR."

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.