



# Andrew Banman

*Children Arise*





# EDWARD BANMAN

On June 5th I lost my dad. Edward Banman (Poppa to the family) was 95 years old and had lived a full life. He had raised 3 children and lived to see 6 grandkids as well as 3 great-grandkids. He was faithfully married to my mom for 66 years. Dad grew up on a Mennonite farm but left for the west coast as a young man where he drove truck and married my mom. Dad moved the family to Victoria where he worked for the BC Ferries for more than 20 years.

Dad was a gentle man. He cared for his family and stayed engaged with my life and my family. He was very involved in our work in Uganda and loved his new Ugandan grand children. I have always known that dad would be there for me in trial or triumph. While Dad and I shared in word and in action how we felt toward each other, I wish I could speak to him today and share how much he has impacted my life. The impact of a good father in ones life builds an important foundation. My confidence and capacity in life today, the love I give my family, the way I show up at work and in relationships has its roots in the care given me by my dad.

I will miss my dad but I know I will be with him again one day. Thank you dad for all your love!

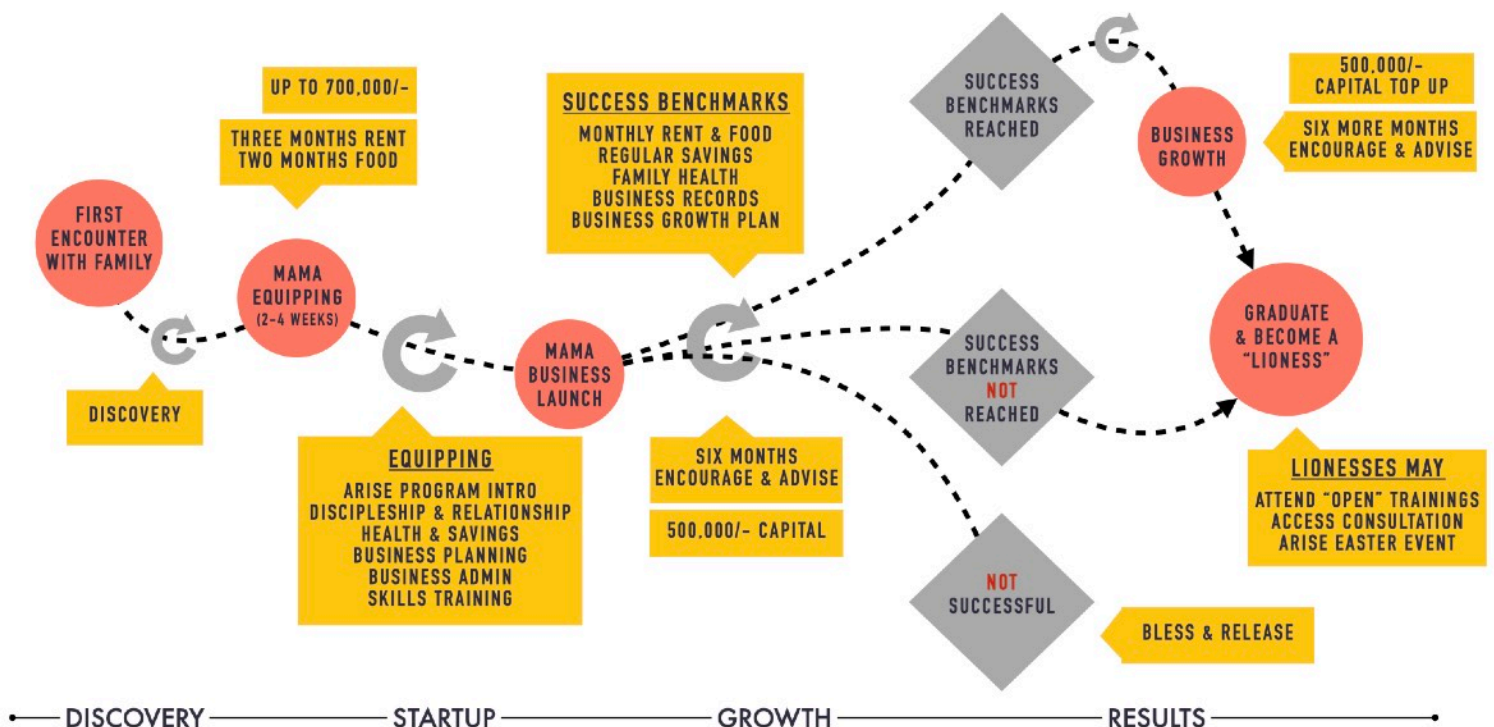


# ARISE Community



Children Arise works with underprivileged families in a slum community of Kampala Uganda. The Arise Community program helps struggling mamas create small businesses so that their families can begin to thrive. I'd like to share with you how this work is done. This work needs to be repeatable so Arise has a well articulated method of helping. The flow shown below describes our process and our team of trained Care Workers steps each mama through each phase from Discovery to Results.

When Arise encounters a struggling family, a **Discovery** phase is undertaken to determine who they are, what obstacles are causing them to struggle, and if Arise has the capacity to help. Families that have a single parent, poor education, and few resources fit nicely into the program if they are willing to learn and work hard. In the Discovery phase, the Arise team builds a family profile and establishes a relationship in order to consider if we can help.



During the **Startup** phase, Arise trains a mama to prepare her to support her family financially, physically and emotionally. Her rent and food are provided by Arise for a time so she can focus on topics including wellness, saving and business. Each new mama will practise business skills by researching, planning and costing one or more business ideas. Examining the profit projections with Arise staff, this mama will eventually decide on one or more business ideas to launch.

In the **Growth** phase, Arise provides capital to start up the preplanned and vetted business. The team then works alongside the mama to acquire any items necessary for business operation as well as stock. The mama then begins working to establish her new business. Arise mentors the mama offering advice and encouraging her. When problems occur, mamas have the immediate support of the Arise team to analyze and address issues.

Arise works with each mama during the Growth phase to reach specific goals including:

- Being able to reliably pay their rent and food
- Saving something for a rainy day (even just a little)
- Maintaining family health to reduce medical costs and time away from their business
- Maintaining business records so that they are able to analyze their success
- Articulating and planning ways their business can be grown

In the final **Results** phase of the program, mamas will reach one of 3 typical outcomes:

1. They may see their business is growing well and they have reached the goals set by Arise. In these cases, Arise provides a capital top-up to help the mama grow her business. Along with these funds, the mama is mentored as she implements her growth plan before graduating and becoming a “Lioness”.
2. Alternatively, some mamas find their small businesses are providing their family with a stable source of income but they were not able to meet the wider goals. In these cases, the mama still graduates and becomes a “Lioness”, however without business records and a growth plan Arise cannot invest further in their business.
3. A small percentage of mamas are less cooperative. They are not easy to collaborate with and they are unwilling to target the goals. In these cases, the Arise team helps the mama achieve the best possible result and then lets them move on with their own plans.

Each mama who succeeds in reaching graduation is invited to become a “Lioness”. This new role allows them to act as examples to new mamas and access further advice and training from the Arise team. These mamas are honoured as they and their families continue grow and thrive.

The Arise Uganda team have been working with struggling families in our community for years now. The Arise Community program is changing lives. Leveraging education, entrepreneurship and love, many children are now living in homes where nurture, nutrition and education exist.



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# ARISE

## EASTER



Each year, Children Arise in Uganda gets all the families we work with together and celebrate Easter. Christian, Muslim and those without faith are blessed and entertained by dance, drama, food and fun.

This year we hosted the event at the Children Arise offices. We setup tents and had a big meal catered. The kids played in the fort and kicked balls while the mamas had time to chat.

The Easter celebration is one of the primary social events of our year here. Each member of our families and the Arise team itself look forward to the event.

These events are priceless in the lives of children who don't get to have much playtime as a family. This may be one of the few times in their year where they will see green grass, eat meat and have a piece of cake.





**SPECIAL FOOD** is a treat for the kids. Their typical food is simple and bland. They eat beans and maize products (porridge for instance). Easter brings meat and sauces and even soda pop. This is a big event and the kids eat huge plates full.

**FAMILY TIME** is not available every day. Our mamas must cook, clean and run a small business to survive. Some have children who can help but others have children too small to take on chores. Easter is a time where mama and the kids can all rest and have fun together.



**ACCEPTANCE** ensures kids can be exactly who they are. If they want to sit on the grass and shovel food with their hands then they are welcome to do so. This is a time to be loved and accepted.

**CANDY & PRIZES** make it easier to see the party end. Each child will take home a goody bag with candy and small toys. They will sit at home tonight with full bellies happily playing with their prizes.



**AGE** doesn't limit the fun. The Children Arise Easter event is fun for all ages. Mamas, team members and even Andrew enjoy each part of the event.

*Where there is love, there is life.*

*– Mahatma Gandhi*

# skip it!

*For the Kids*

## Your Choices Matter !!

Children in our community lack basic necessities like food, warm beds and even parents. The Arise Community program works with abandoned children and struggling parents to build families with the capacity to thrive.

Arise is raising \$10,000 CAD to reunite 10 more families. The money you would spend on a coffee or a meal can make a huge difference. Please help Arise transform lives by sharing what you can.

**What would you skip to help the kids?**

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