



Working together for “An Acid Violence-free Uganda where Survivors live with Dignity.”

What is CERESAV?

- CERESAV (Center for Rehabilitation of Survivors of Acid and Burns Violence) is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Kampala, Uganda, with affiliates in the U.S. and U.K.
- The organization was founded in 2012 by acid attack survivor Hanifa Nakiryowa to spread awareness of acid attack violence and restore a sense of hope and purpose to survivors suffering in silence.
- Our mission is to eliminate acid and burn attacks and other forms of gender-based violence through treatment, rehabilitation, economic empowerment, advocacy and community engagement.
- CERESAV has served more than 350 survivors across Uganda since its founding.

What Does CERESAV Do?

Medical Support Services:

- CERESAV mobilizes financial resources to provide lifesaving medical support to patients admitted to referral burn hospitals, serving 15 patients a year on average.
- We support plastic and reconstructive surgeries for survivors in Uganda and partner with specialists in the U.S. and India for pro bono advanced surgical care.
 - An average reconstructive procedure costs \$2,100 (US) per patient. Costs range from \$1,388 to \$3,000 depending on severity of damage.

Social & Economic Services:

- We facilitate social and economic reintegration of survivors back into their communities and work with them to address financial literacy, economic sustainability and homelessness.
- We’re addressing the stigma associated with acid attack violence in survivors’ communities.
- Our education fund currently supports 18 survivors’ children, and we have at least 46 on the waiting list.



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How Can You Support CERESAV’s Mission?

Ways You Can Join Our Mission	
Legislators	• Support laws that regulate the sale and distribution of concentrated acid. • Help us secure community development funding from the foreign government missions in Uganda. • Reach out via info@ceresav.org if you can help us.
Donors & Sponsors	• Give to our capital campaign project to establish a rehabilitation and resource center. • Financially support our education fund. • Become a monthly supporter at ceresav.org or ceresavusa.com.
Partners	• Partnerships with pharmaceutical companies provide medical supplies and health supplements. • Partnerships with the cosmetic industry provide products customized to address skin issues resulting from chemical burns. • Email info@ceresav.org to get connected.
Researchers, Advocates & Influencers	• Spread awareness about human rights violations associated with acid attack violence and raise up survivors’ voices. • Influence policy decisions. • Follow us on social platforms, share and engage • Sign up for our newsletter at ceresav.org or ceresavusa.org.