

## Bible Knowledge in 2021

August 2022

**The structure of our Bible Knowledge (BK) program changed in June.** In 2016, the program was established with 17 schools in the Diocese of Kagera, Anglican Church of Tanzania. In 2017, the neighbouring Diocese of Lweru set up a similar program, with training and books given by the Diocese of Kagera. Later that year, the Diocese of Kagera was divided, and part of it became the Diocese of Biharamulo which continued the BK program with help from its mother diocese. **Now each diocese is fully responsible for its own BK program, with its own BK coordinator and individual funding.** But while we now have three separate programs, it's still one cooperative venture with centralised fundraising and the same books. Here are the statistics for 2021.

	2020	2021
Number of BK schools in Diocese of <b>Kagera</b>	19	22
Number of BK schools in Diocese of <b>Biharamulo</b>	10	19
Number of BK schools in Diocese of <b>Lweru</b>	4	4
<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>45</b>
Students who sat Form 2 BK exam (% passed)	428 (58%)	540 (64%)
Students who sat Form 4 BK exam (% passed)	107 (64%)	226 (92%)
Estimated total students in Forms 1 to 4	2500	3000

It's great to see that the number of participating **schools increased to 45** in 2021. We also had many **more students sitting the BK national exams** for Form 2 and Form 4 in 2021, and a significantly **higher percentage of them passed**. (Tanzania does not have national exams in Forms 1 and 3.) About **3,000 students studied the Bible** as part of our program, which was the main benefit.

Our program **income** for 2021 is shown below (AUD).

	2020	2021
Income from SparkLit	20,286	20,000
Income from Tanzania Medical Aid (TMA)	3,000	2,500
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>23,286</b>	<b>22,500</b>

We thank God for this funding. **SparkLit and TMA continue to support our program**, and without their help our program would have probably collapsed. You can see the BK page on the SparkLit site at <http://sparklit.org/2020/11/12/bible-knowledge-is-in-demand/>. They also featured our program in their 2021 prayer diary.

Our **expenditure** is primarily on the following activities.

- Promoting the BK program to schools.
- Providing free BK teaching materials to participating schools. These materials include Bibles, BK text books (specially published by us), BK syllabus books, and our BK teaching guides.
- Helping teachers in government schools to teach BK (eg by running free seminars).

In mid 2021 we submitted six grant applications for additional funding in 2022, to help us to reach many more schools. A few months later we heard that four of these grant applications were approved! As a result, **at the time of writing we look like more than doubling the number of participating schools in 2022, thanks to grants from the Bible Society of Australia and the Leon & Mildred Morris Foundation.**

**Please pray that the program will keep growing so that thousands more students get to study Bible Knowledge.**