

Bible Knowledge (BK) in mid 2023

August 2023

In 2016, the program started with 17 schools in the Diocese of Kagera, Anglican Church of Tanzania. Now it is operating in four Anglican dioceses (Kagera, Lweru, Biharamulo, and Western Tanganyika which started in late 2022), collectively covering the Kagera Region in north-west Tanzania (an area bigger than Rwanda or Burundi), as well as parts of the Geita Region and the Kigoma Region. Each diocese is fully responsible for its own BK program, with its own BK coordinator and individual funding. While we have separate diocesan BK programs, it is one cooperative venture with centralised fundraising and the same books. Here are some statistics as at mid 2023.

	End 2022	Mid 2023
BK schools in Diocese of Kagera	29	31
BK schools in Diocese of Lweru	46	51
BK schools in Diocese of Biharamulo	40	48
BK schools in Diocese of Western Tanganyika	Very few	30
Total Schools	115	160
Students who sat Form 2 BK exam (% passed)	1371 (68%)	Exam in Nov.
Students who sat Form 4 BK exam (% passed)	728 (95%)	Exam in Nov.
Total students in Forms 1 to 4*	5,000	10,000

* Student numbers very approximate for 2022 and more accurate for 2023.

In 2022 our schools more than doubled. This rapid growth was largely due to the hard work of the BK coordinators, facilitated by a large increase in funding. **This year we also anticipate many additional schools**, and we are very grateful to all our donors. We started 2023 with 130 schools and a typical intake of 40 BK students per school, so **about 5,000 students started learning BK this year as part of our program**.

Our anticipated **income** for 2023 is shown below (AUD).

	Actual 2022	Budget 2023
Bible Society of Australia (BSA)	41,850	37,231
Leon and Mildred Morris Foundation (LMMF)	13,950	12,500
SparkLit (SPCK)	20,000	10,577
Tanzania Medical Aid (TMA) – closed end of 2022	2,000	0
TOTAL INCOME	77,800	60,308

We thank God for this generous funding which continues to fuel our strong growth in school numbers and in BK students. **SparkLit has supported us for several years, then in 2022 and 2023 we also received grants from the Bible Society and the Morris Foundation.**

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).

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