

Bible Knowledge (BK) in 2022

July 2023

In 2016, the program started with 17 schools in the Diocese of Kagera, Anglican Church of Tanzania. In 2017, the neighbouring Diocese of Lweru set up a similar program. Later that year, the Diocese of Kagera was divided, and part of it became the Diocese of Biharamulo which continued its BK program. In late 2022 the Diocese of Western Tanganyika also started a similar program, but it's too early to report progress. 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 the statistics for 2022.

	2021	2022*
Number of BK schools in Diocese of Kagera	23	29
Number of BK schools in Diocese of Biharamulo	19	40
Number of BK schools in Diocese of Lweru	4	46
Total Schools	46	115
Students who sat Form 2 BK exam (% passed)	540 (64%)	1371 (68%)
Students who sat Form 4 BK exam (% passed)	226 (92%)	728 (95%)
Estimated total students in Forms 1 to 4	4000	5000

* The number of schools progressively increased. The figures shown are at the end of 2022.

It's amazing to see that the number of participating **schools increased by 150% to 115** in 2022. This rapid growth is largely due to the hard work of the BK coordinators in the three dioceses, facilitated by a large increase in funding. We are thankful that the **number of students taking BK exams in our schools also increased both at Form 2 level (2.5 times) and in Form 4 (3.2 times), and the pass rate also improved**. This is great proof of the serious efforts of BK teachers and their students.

It is difficult to estimate the number of students who studied the Bible as part of our program in 2022 because various schools commenced teaching BK at various times, but it's likely that **about 5,000 students participated** and many more will take part in 2023.

Our program **income** for 2022 is shown below (AUD).

	2021	2022
Bible Society of Australia (BSA)	-	41,850
Leon and Mildred Morris Foundation (LMMF)	-	13,950
SparkLit (SPCK)	20,000	20,000
Tanzania Medical Aid (TMA)	2,500	2,000
TOTAL INCOME	22,500	77,800

We thank God for this huge increase in funding, which facilitated our 150% growth in school numbers. **SparkLit and TMA continued to support our program, and we were delighted that the Bible Society and the Morris Foundation started supporting us in 2022**. We are very grateful to all the donors. 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.