

Does Uganda's economy give young people hope for the future?

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The talk about the economy is everywhere; prices shooting up, jobs feeling out of reach, and everyone saying "life is hard." But what do teens really think about Uganda's economy and their future in it? We asked a few students at Namirembe Hillside High School, and here is what they said.



Musa Katenga (S.5 Sciences)

Honestly, the economy feels tough right now as everything is expensive. However, I still believe the future can be better if more investment is made in science and innovation. We just need real opportunities, not empty promises.



Arthur Busobozi (S.5 Sciences)

The economy does not give much hope yet because you see graduates struggling to find jobs. It is scary. But at the same time, I think young people can create their own hope by being more innovative and business-minded instead of waiting for government jobs.



Joshua Akandwanaho (S.5 Sciences)

I think the economy can only give us hope if leaders prioritise education and skill development. Many youth have talent and ideas but lack support to start something.



Ryan Agum (S.5 Arts)

Right now, I would say the economy does not feel friendly to young people. You see how expensive everything has become – even small side hustles are hard to start. But I still have faith that our generation will find creative ways.



Vivian Vivika Ayebare (S.5 Sciences)

The economy is definitely shaky, but I think hope is a personal choice. If we learn to use technology, start small, and stay focused, we can build something. I just hope we get more programs to help us.



Bonus Ankunda (S.5 Arts)

When I hear about inflation and unemployment, it feels like the system is stacked against us. But I also believe we should not just sit and complain but be part of the solution.



Esther Stanley Lioni (S.5 Sciences)

It is hard to stay positive when prices keep rising, and even parents are struggling. But the hope I have is that young people are more aware now. We talk about money, investment, and saving.



Lauren Mitchel Atuha (S.5 Sciences)

I think the economy gives a little hope but not enough. There is too much inequality and corruption. If that changes, then maybe we can have a real chance at success. Until then, I just focus on studying.