

# CORRIDORS OF DREAMS AND HOPE

An African girl's life-long battle for freedom

Bukirwa Irene Kamara is born in a family of seventeen siblings, into extreme poverty, on a farm in rural Uganda. The choices she makes, specifically getting an education against all odds, are fundamental to breaking the poverty cycle and strict cultural barriers. Her dream is nurtured by her unschooled parents, with peasant farmer's earnings. She becomes the first, and a female, in her family and community to graduate and get a job. She marries and they move to Southern Africa in pursuit of a better life. She encounters tormenting work permit and marriage struggles. With four children, and poverty looming, she returns to university at age 35 and completes her masters and doctoral degrees. Her twenty-year marriage ends and her husband returns home. She stays behind and under unsympathetic circumstances, she single-handedly, nurtures her four children to great success.

Bukirwa Irene Kamara is an educator, scientist, researcher, writer and speaker. She holds a PhD in Chemistry, has lectured and graduated Masters and doctoral students in Chemistry and published her work in international scientific journals. She has also worked as a Fuel Scientist at an Oil Company in South Africa. Irene is a co-founder of Schools in a rural South African community. Her next project is to build a vocational school that will graduate youth with entrepreneur skills.



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