

Warm greetings Partners, Allies and Friends,

The <u>Taala Foundation</u> is pleased to announce Severus Hama-Owamparo, a Transsexual man, activist, researcher, author and Community Psychologist as the Managing Director of the organisation effective April 2022. Severus a graduate of Makerere University brings a wealth of experience having worked with the Sexual and Gender minority communities in Uganda for the last seven years; thereafter progressing into senior leadership. He's also a published researcher in the Annals of theoretical Psychology focusing on how mental health impacts the lives of sexual and gender minority community members. Severus is also committed to ensuring that communial work places of sexual and gender minority are healthy with strategic integration of work and life.

Before taking up leadership as the Managing Director of The Taala Foundation, Severus co-led The Taala Foundation with Noah Mirembe who tendered his resignation to the Board on the 6th January 2022 to focus on school and personal development. Noah has been pivotal in the growth and development of the Taala Foundation over the course of its inception since 2017. His significant contributions over the years have propelled and elevated the institution and allowed it to gain traction among a myriad of stakeholders- we would not be here without him. We will miss him and are grateful for the dedication and heart that he has poured into the institution.

The foundation is transitioning from a co-directorship model to a single director and restructuring the organisation, roles and policies with the support of the Board and consultants to ensure accountability and commitment to our mission and our partners. While these internal changes have been occurring, the programs at The Taala Foundation have been running smoothly, backed by a strong expanding team that is working to ensure that our vision and mission are uninterrupted. We are confident that this period offers us an opportunity for strengthening our Institutions.

We shall be sure to provide regular updates and more to keep you apprised of our continued success and progress being made by the institution.

We wish our new Director the best, as he steers The Taala Foundation forward!

Severus can be reached directly at his email; <u>owamparo@taalafoundation.org</u> if you would like to know more about the Organisation.



Regards,

The Board of Advisors,

Friday, 22nd April 2022.

<u>The Taala Foundation.</u>