

Improving school results

Pilly Mwashiyombo is a teacher at Nambinzo Secondary School in Shitunguru, she uses REDAVIA solar power to prepare lessons in the evenings and has seen student results improve

Pilly teaches Biology, English and Geography to secondary school pupils in rural Shitunguru. Her school is connected to REDAVIA's mini-grid and she also has access to REDAVIA power in her home.

"The light makes me happier, I don't face the same challenges in preparing my lessons at home in the evenings, if you are happy you can do something better."

Pilly has also noticed improvements in her students' attainment since the school connected to REDAVIA's clean solar power. **"In my school, we decided that students should be able to study in the school at night. We have 492 students and about 400 of these study in the school in the evenings as their homes are not connected to electricity. The students are happy that they can come back to school to revise what they have learned during the day, particularly maths and science subjects which require more reading and revision."**

She notes that access to electricity has already had a positive impact on the exam results of her students: **"In the past, many students would get poor grades or fail a course completely; with access to electricity, grades are improving and the number of students who fail a course has significantly dropped. Before**

we got electricity, our school held 30th or 40th position regionally for our exam results, this year our Form Four results placed us in first position. Hard work and access to electricity are the reasons we became the best!"

Pilly has high hopes for her students, encouraging them to work hard in science subjects and perhaps become the next innovators in electricity whose work can help people elsewhere.