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The Ashinaga Foundation is a Japanese non-profit organization that provides educational and emotional support to young people who have experienced the loss of one or both parents. In the past 50 years, Ashinaga has raised over \$1 billion to enable more than 100,000 students complete higher education in Japan.

In 2001, Ashinaga expanded beyond its domestic activities and now supports a global community of disadvantaged young people, with a focus on Sub-Saharan Africa. We now have offices in Uganda, Senegal, the United States, the United Kingdom, Brazil and France and have supported over a hundred students from Sub-Saharan Africa to study at universities in Japan, Europe, the US, the UK and Brazil.

Ashinaga Africa Initiative

The mission of the Ashinaga Africa Initiative (AAI) is to contribute to Sub-Saharan Africa's expanding role in global development through access to higher education abroad. Ashinaga supports students who are committed to returning home, or to the region of Sub-Saharan Africa, to initiate change, innovation and development.

The AAI is an academic leadership program that aims to provide opportunities for access to education at the world's leading institutions of higher education to students who have lost one or both parents, coming from 49 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. The goal of the program is to nurture future leaders who will pay forward the support they've received by contributing to economic development, poverty eradication and more in their home countries post-graduation. Ashinaga hopes that access to education will empower these students to overcome their difficult backgrounds and bring positive change to their societies. One outstanding student from each Sub-Saharan African country is selected to join the program every year. Ashinaga provides these students with the training, opportunities and finances necessary to study at academic institutions around the world.