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African used to say European Mzungu, it means white man. Indian XXXX, it means brown man. When I went in eighty two, same children of Uganda, which was born after XXXX, they started calling me Mzungu because I come from XXXX.

*Hmm. Just in that ten year period*

Ten year period, only. The new… they’re all children under five, ten years playing in the ground, in the grass. They don’t know anything. ‘Mama, mama, Mzungu, Mzungu, mama, mama, Mzungu over here… But then, any foreigners Mzungu. In earlier time, African was known as African, Indian was XXXX… The African men called me XXXX ‘XXXX’

*Laughs*

They were joking, in a friendly way. But now, all foreigners are Mzungu….

*Yeah, because I think maybe when they were there, there was no other separation*

Exactly

*Do a lot of your other peers still give back to Uganda?*

Hmm?

*A lot of your friends… they still invest… or you know, still, still support Uganda, like you were saying…*

Charity we support, yes, definitely. I think all the Uganda people do support charity.

*Yeah*

Definitely. My generation. I don’t know even about my children’s generation. My son will give probably. If he makes from Uganda, he’ll give to Uganda.

*Okay*

I owe Uganda. I, I, I… my generation

*You feel like you owe Uganda something?*

Of course. My children are born there. Of course. My children are born there. I live there my young life, and I made my first money there. Like it or not, eh? So that much is definitely there. Anything comes out… something happens in Uganda, I want to hear first. Not India.

*Laughs*

No… But I do a lot of charity work in India too. We build temple in India, we built two temple in India.

*So after you work hard, and you built yourself up, you go back and you help people?*

You have to. XXXX. That’s what life is, isn’t it?

*Yeah*

So, do you want to XXXX something XXXX?

*No, I’m okay.*

Sure.

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