

S.A.L.V.E. International Annual Review S.A.L.V.E. international S.A.L.V.E. International April 2014 - March 2015

(Registered Charity Number 1126793)



## Reflections on S.A.L.V.E.'s year

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They help families of the poor who can't pay fees for their children.	We constructed and moved into our first Rehabilitation Home on our land.
lam happy for taking me back to school and venering me from the street J thought a person like me who has no mothe and father and took five years out of school	We had our first 3 young people successfully graduate from our programme
could not get chance to go back to school and study. But splve has done if for me This has made me happy this year even having a home where childs me can stay make me happy too.	We gave life changing opportunities for 45 young people to access education.
Frank you so much SAVE Supporters For helping us Lots of Love to you.	Por CEP represented S.A.L.V.E. at the UN Committee for the Rights of the Child.

#### A message from our CEO

I want to say a massive thank you to all of our dedicated team of staff, volunteers and supporters for making this S.A.L.V.E.'s best year to date. We were delighted to be able to invest in S.A.L.V.E.'s future with our new land, meaning that we will be able to offer a brighter future for children who were living on the streets of Jinja.

My highlight for the year has to be listening to one of our graduates speak at our AGM in January, explaining how S.A.L.V.E made a difference to him. He inspired all the other children (and adults) by saying that even when your road is bumpy, if you work hard and believe in yourself, you can make your dreams come true. He is now, aged 18, a successful mechanic and driver, running his own small food business and employing two other people. S.A.L.V.E wouldn't be able to change lives like his without your support. Thank you.

Nicola Sansom (CEO and Co-Founder) nicola@salveinternational.org

#### If the whole world was listening what would you say?



Open your eyes and your ears - and not just for a day. No child should ever five or work on the street, Beg for money, be abused, have nothing to eat. We work hard; we have dreams of what our futures could be, Look us in the eye; let's take action as one global society.



Take action : http://www.salveinternational.org/get-involved/internationalday

## Who is S.A.L.V.E. International?

S.A.L.V.E. International is a small charity that has been working hard since 2008 to meet the needs of children living and working on the streets of Jinja, Uganda.

We believe: no young person should have to live or work on the streets

- S.A.L.V.E. believes that every young person should have their basic needs met – with access to safe shelter and not needing to turn to child labour to survive.
- S.A.L.V.E. exists to provide positive alternatives to living or working on the streets.
- S.A.L.V.E. respects that every young person has the right to choose whether they access our services or not.
- S.A.L.V.E. wants to make sure that young people are as safe as possible while on the streets.





We believe: young people who have been on the streets deserve the chance to fulfil their potential

- S.A.L.V.E. believes that every young person who has been on the streets, deserves access to an appropriate level of education that will help them fulfil their potential and develop their talents.
- S.A.L.V.E. works with these young people to build their confidence and help plan for their futures.
- S.A.L.V.E. provides counselling and support to help these young people overcome the challenges they have faced.
- S.A.L.V.E. encourages these young people to advocate for their human rights.



This year we gave 45 children the appartunity to access education through our child spansarship pragrammes.

We believe: young people on the streets should have trustworthy, supportive adults around them

- S.A.L.V.E. provides a caring team of adults for young people to rely on, who will listen to them and provide advice and assistance.
- S.A.L.V.E. works with the families of young people to help develop their skills and ability to provide for their family's basic needs.
- S.A.L.V.E. works with the wider community to challenge negative stereotypes and find ways to stop young people ending up on the streets in the first place.





## Programmes and Sutcomes

Between April 2014 and March 2015 we ran five core programmes. Our programmes are aimed not only at helping children leave the street, but also addressing some of the causes of why children end up on the street in the first place.

	Drop-in Centre, Street Outreach and Home Resettlement		Rehabilitation Home and Educational Support			Family Skills and Business Development	
Trees for Integration				Res Com	·		

### Drop In Centre, Street Qutreach and Home Resettlement

Education and Partnership

We have a small team of dedicated Ugandan social workers who work tirelessly to help change the lives of the 200 - 300 young people (aged 5 to 25) currently on the streets of Jinja.

This year, after a short period of closure, we were able to reopen our Drop In Centre. This enabled us to work more intensively, on a daily basis, with a small number of children and help them to plan their move away from the streets.

We believe that, wherever possible, a child should be resettled with a loving family member (after assessing if the home situation is safe). But where this is not possible, we offer the child a safe, loving place in our Rehabilitation Home whilst we look at alternative options for them.



#### Orgp In Centre and Street Potreach



Up to **40** children a day access our services through street walks and our sports sessions.

An average of **7** children a day attends our Drop in Centre where we offer intensive one to one counselling, lessons and guidance.



Our home tracing numbers have increased since the reopening of the Drop in Centre. As it was only opened part way through the year, our overall numbers are slightly lower than last year.



The success rate of our Home and Family Resettlement programme has increased from 67% last year to 88% this year.



#### Home Rehabilitation and Educational Support



Education is vital. It gives young people a future full of opportunities, and helps those who have been on the street to settle back into home and reintegrate into their community. We currently run two educational sponsorship programmes. Our partial sponsorship programme supports the educational needs of children who have been resettled back with their families. Our full sponsorship programme covers the educational needs and provides a caring home to children who cannot be fully resettled to their families.

We also offer a safe, loving place for children to stay as they transition away from the street and back into the community. This year, 23 children stayed at our Rehabilitation Home before being resettled back with a supportive family member.



Our first **3** young people graduated from our programme. One as a mechanic, one as a builder and one as a businessman.

# needs of 45 young people through our sponsorship

We provided computer lessons to 75 children, thanks to the Moshi Foundation who supported our computer training programme.

#### Family Skills and Business Development

Our Family Skills and Business Development programme supports relatives of children who have been resettled back at home from the streets. We enhance their business and life skills, supporting them to start their own small businesses. By increasing their income, they will be able to support their family's basic needs, therefore reducing the risk of their children returning to the street. We work with the family to plan and budget so that they are able to fully support the education of their children in the future.

#### amily Empowerment

programmes.



This year we supported **29** women with a total of 191 dependants, to start their own businesses.



These women have seen an increase of up to 8 times their previous income since beginning their businesses. ####

> Women from our pilot group are now acting as mentors for future participants, motivating and inspiring them to succeed.

#### Commonity Groups

Our 2 women's empowerment groups came to the end of their 3 year programme.

We supported all **21** women to grow their own businesses and become fully independent of S.A.L.V.E.

These women are now successfully running their own businesses with an income of

> up to **11** times their income before joining S.A.L.V.E.

Starting my own business has meant that I can now pay for all my children to go to school.



## Research, Community Education and Partnership

S.A.L.V.E couldn't develop our work without key partnerships and clear evidence of what is needed. This is why Research, Community Education and Partnership are vital for us to provide the best possible support for children on the streets in Jinja and prevent more children moving to the streets. This year:



We built a strong partnership with Jinja Connection, sharing ideas and resources, so that even more children can leave the street.



We celebrated the International Day for Street Children with other organisations in Jinja. The children used it as an opportunity to advocate for their rights and explain to the local community about the realities of their lives.



We developed a partnership with East African Playgrounds, offering fantastic apprenticeships and work opportunities for some of the young people we work with.



Our CEO represented S.A.L.V.E. at the UN Committee for the Rights of the Child as part of a Consortium for Street Children delegation.



We partnered with Street Invest to run a specialist training course with 5 organisations who work with children on the streets. One of our team has now become an official trainer, enhancing our community education.



We carried out further research into why children on the street take drugs. As a result of this work, we now plan to develop a specialist drug rehabilitation programme.



This year, we planted **1,735** trees in 4 different schools and on our land.

#### Trees for Integration

Trees for Integration is a tree planting programme run by S.A.L.V.E. in partnership with Trees for Cities. We plant fruit trees in local communities and schools.

The programme involves teaching school children and community members about the value of fruit trees, both for people and the environment. It provides a sustainable source of nutrients to the community once the trees have grown. We also use it as an opportunity to teach about the dangers of life on the street.

We have now paused this programme whilst we evaluate its effectiveness. This will help us make a decision on how to take the programme forwards in the future.



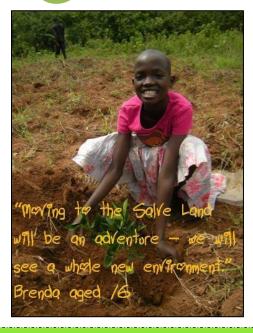


#### S.A.L.V.E. Land



Yum! Moving to the land means I can eat all the fresh mangoes I like! In 2013, S.A.L.V.E purchased five acres of land to create a peaceful, nurturing environment for the children we are working with. In the coming years, we plan to create a complex of buildings including: residential homes for children undergoing rehabilitation and their families, a Vocational Training Centre, a specialist Youth Drug Rehabilitation Centre, a playground and a sports pitch. It will all be designed to give children a chance to live and play, without the worries they had on the streets.

In August 2014, funded by a grant from The Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity and the annual Peak District Challenge, we were able to convert part of our barn into the first functional building, and install solar panels. This conversion was completed in December 2014 and we moved our residential services onto the land at the end of 2014. This means we can reduce food costs, become more self-sufficient and learn valuable skills.





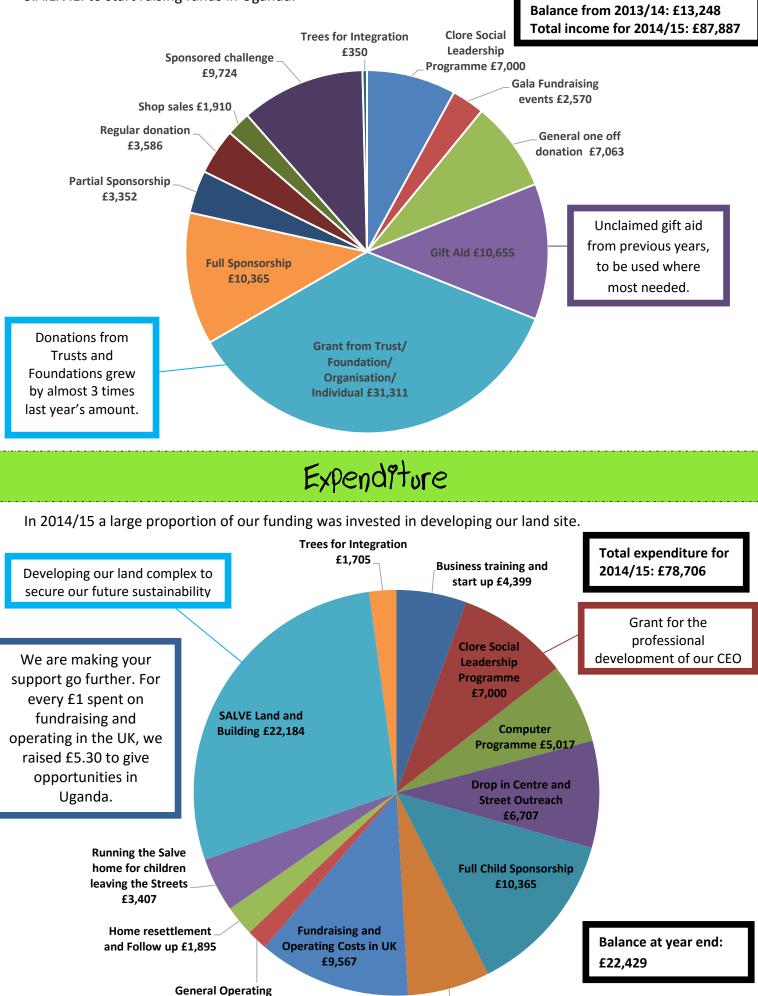
## Looking to the Future

Our focus for the future is to keep improving our support for children to leave the streets, return home to their families and re-enter education so that they have a future full of





All of our fundraising took place in the UK last year. In 2015/16 we plan to develop a social enterprise for S.A.L.V.E. to start raising funds in Uganda.



Partial Child Sponsorship £5,152

**Costs in Uganda** 

£1,307

# Meet our team from 2014 - 2015

We are privileged to have a team of passionate, hard-working staff and volunteers, who are all committed to ensuring that S.A.L.V.E. supports as many young people as possible to leave the streets and return to education.



The majority of our UK team are volunteers but this year we decided to invest funds in a UK staff member. This investment will allow us to monitor, analyse, improve and communicate the difference we are making, grow our income, and ultimately help more children leave the streets.

Some of the team reflected above are no longer working or volunteering with us – but they will always remain part of our wider S.A.L.V.E. family and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported S.A.L.V.E. this year and want to say a huge thank you for making our work possible.

**Paul Mosley:** 

Peak District

Challenge Officer



And a very special mention has goes to our amazing global family of sponsors

and supporters.

How can you help?



Our work can only continue with the generous support of people like you. We want to develop our programme so that we can give every child on the streets of Uganda the opportunity to have a brighter future.

When you get involved with our work, you don't just become a supporter, you become part of the global S.A.L.V.E. Family.

Make a donation or sponsor a child	Give a child the opportunity to leave the street and get an education. Sponsor a child from just £15 a month or become a regular donor.
Valonteer yaor time	Share your ideas, time and skills to help S.A.L.V.E. grow and improve.
Fundraïse for us	Get creative and come up with some exciting events that can raise life changing funds and be fun at the same time.
Spread the word	We have a whole host of resources you can use to spread the word about our work in your school, work place or local community.

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