



S.A.L.V.E. International Annual Review

April 2013 – March 2014

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

Wow, what a year it has been, it's hard to know where to begin!

We now own five acres of land, which is exactly what we had planned.
Next comes the trees and the sports field, the buildings and farm.
Creating a safe environment of learning and healing, away from harm.

We told stories galore for the month of May, to raise funds for the motorbike we needed, which is zipping round Uganda today.

29 more young people are now safe in a home.
2,798 community trees are now being grown.
39 children are supported in their learning at school.
30 families have skills, business opportunities and tools.

We're delighted our global family of supporters continues slowly to grow.
Without whom none of our work would be possible, you know.

So if you know of someone who shares our belief
That no young person should have to live on the streets
We would love to have them join with S.A.L.V.E too;
The larger our family, the more we can do!

Very best wishes,
Nicola Sansom (CEO and Co-Founder)

nicola@salveinternational.org

A short poem of
introduction from our
CEO



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"

A powerful message from Robert currently aged 18, who lived and worked on the streets for 6 years.

He is now studying hard at secondary school and dreams of becoming a chef.

#DemandADay #homestreehome
12th April International Day of the Street Child



I AM NOT STREET
You cannot trample me with words or feet
HOMELESSNESS WAS NOT MY CHOICE
I DREAM I HOPE PLEASE HEAR MY VOICE
LET'S START OFF small JUST WITH A DAY
For you to **listen** to what I have to say
And then... you might see **ME**
Not a criminal, or worthless or someone to batter.
A PERSON with a **FUTURE**
where my opinion will matter

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

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

No young person should have to live or work on the streets

- S.A.L.V.E. believes that every young person should have access to safe shelter and have their basic needs met so they don't have to work.
- 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.



Young people who have been on the streets deserve the chance to fulfil their potential

- S.A.L.V.E. believes every young person who has been on the streets deserves access to appropriate 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 ability to plan for their future.
- S.A.L.V.E. provides counselling and support to help these young people to overcome the challenges they have faced.
- S.A.L.V.E. encourages these young people to advocate for their human rights to be respected.



Young people on the streets should have trustworthy, supportive adults around them

- S.A.L.V.E. provides a caring team of adults who these young people can rely upon to listen to them and provide advice and assistance when needed.
- S.A.L.V.E. works with these young people's families to help develop their skills and ability to provide the basic needs and support that these young people need.
- 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.



S.A.L.V.E. is growing an environment of opportunities so no young person has to live on the streets.

Programmes and Impact

Between April 2013 and March 2014 we ran five programmes in the Jinja District of Uganda. All of our programmes contributed towards our vision of growing an environment of opportunities so that no child has to live on the streets.

S.A.L.V.E. is dedicated to working with others to continuously improve our programmes so that we are offering the best service possible to the children and adults we exist to benefit.

Street Social Work
and Home
Resettlement

Foster Home/
Rehabilitation
Centre

Family's Skills and
Business
Development

Trees for Integration

Research,
Community
Education and
Partnership

Street Outreach Work and Home Resettlement

Our street outreach team works in Jinja developing trusting relationships with young people who live and work on the streets. We classify young people as being aged 5 – 25. We have **200 – 300** young people registered as being on the streets in Jinja at any one time.



We run regular street sports sessions and street outreach walks where up to 40 young people on the streets access our services daily.



Our Drop in Centre was a rented room in Jinja town centre where young people could come to meet our team and access counselling, education and games. This was sadly closed by the local authorities this year so we are looking for alternative venues where we can re-open it.

We give young people the chance to re-connect with their extended family and resettle home with them, if it is safe to do so, because we believe that every child has the right to a loving family home.

In the last year we gave opportunities to 43 young people to leave the streets. We re-settled them with their families or the S.A.L.V.E. Rehabilitation Home where needed.

29 (or 67%) are still at home as of August 2014 and

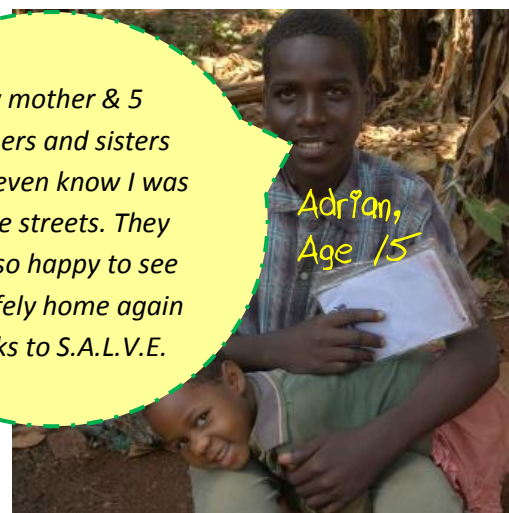
14 (or 33%) are back on the streets.

Our average success rate for home resettlement since we began in 2008 is **75%** with 95 out of 126 young people still safe in a home.

The closure of our Drop in Centre had a significant effect on the relationships we can build with young people on the streets as there was no longer a safe place for our staff and children to meet. This is why we are prioritising reopening the Drop in Centre.

My mother & 5 brothers and sisters didn't even know I was on the streets. They were so happy to see me safely home again thanks to S.A.L.V.E.

*Adrian,
Age 15*



We **won a SOFII award** (Showcase of Fundraising Innovation and Inspiration) in June 2013 during Small Charity Week, for the way we successfully fundraised over £1,000 through our Motorbike May campaign.

Foster Home/ Rehabilitation Centre

We have continued to run our Foster Home/ Rehabilitation Centre which provides shelter, care, counselling and education for young people who were formerly living on the streets (or who were at serious risk of living on the streets).

Our home provides a safe space for young people to readjust to life off the streets – a stepping stone before returning home to their own family. This year we gave shelter to **45** young people.

It is also a loving home for those young people who cannot currently be resettled with their family, while we work with them to identify the best way forwards for each child based on their individual needs.



At the end of March 2014 we had **24** young people under Full sponsorship, through which S.A.L.V.E. offers full educational support and care due to their current family situation.

At the end of March 2014 we had **15** young people in our Partial sponsorship programme, supported by The Moshi Foundation. Through this scheme, S.A.L.V.E. supports the young person's education, whilst they live at the family home, as their relatives are unable to provide funds for schooling.



Family Skills and Business Development

We are excited to have launched our new Family Skill and Business Development Programme which was trialled by **7** women (with **30** child dependants between them). The women are all relatives of young people who had formerly been living on the streets. The programme gives business training, mentoring and start up capital, alongside requested life skill classes. The women are now earning **up to 26 times more** and this is enabling them to provide for their family ensuring their children do not end up on the streets.



We were delighted to find out recently, that we are to receive funding from The Noel Buxton Charitable Trust for the next three years, which will enable us to support at least **20** families per year.

We have also continued to support our two women's empowerment groups in Mafubira and Kakira, while planning how they can become independent in the future. During this three year project they have learnt how to make recycled crafts and have been earning an income from the sale of these products. We will use the model from our Family Skills and Business Development course to help the group members to become fully self-sufficient in the next financial year.

This project is currently supporting **24** women who have **162** dependants between them.

I have been able to take my children to school, kept on with my business of selling handmade soap and saved some small money I received as wages to start up another business thanks to S.A.L.V.E.



We believe that research, community education and partnership are vital to help to ensure that less young people end up on the streets in the first place.

In April 2013 we contributed to the organisation of the International Day of the Street Child for **over 200** young people, with our partner organisations in Jinja. The theme was 'Off the streets and on your own two feet'. S.A.L.V.E.'s choir of young people were praised by the attendees for performing the S.A.L.V.E. song that had such a strong, inspirational message about how life can be different when you leave the streets and get back to school.



I sniff drugs to forget the death of my parents. The drugs make me feel calm and confident.

Following on from our 2012 research we conducted further research into drug addiction on the streets and found that **90%** of young people (from a sample group of 30 that we interviewed) admitted to sniffing the inhalant Mafuta (aviation fuel). There are currently no addiction rehabilitation programmes in Jinja, so we will look to make partnerships with other organisations to help us design a programme to address this huge need.

Trees for Integration

Trees for Integration is a project S.A.L.V.E. runs in partnership with the charity Trees for Cities, planting fruit trees in local communities and schools. The project improves children's diets and aims to increase fruit consumption. It promotes learning about the importance of trees and their role in the wider environment and empowers children to take environmental action. It also tackles negative stereotypes in the community about young people on the street by enabling them to contribute to the local community, share about their own experiences on the streets and learn and play alongside other children in a positive way during the planting sessions.

Our tree planting was delayed this year by one month as Ugandan rains came late. We have included the full numbers here but some of this work took place in April 2014.



We planted **2,798 trees** in 15 different schools and communities.

969 people took part in our lessons about the importance of trees in the environment, and what life on the streets of Jinja is really like.

9,530 people will benefit from the nutritional value of the trees and increased social and environmental knowledge in their community.



Fred,
Age 13

I love fruit trees so much.

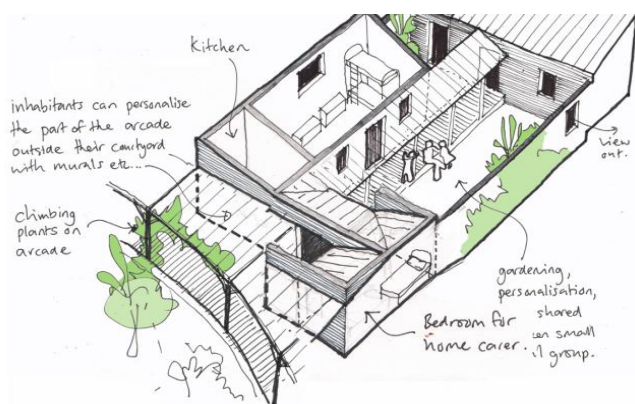
I took part in the tree planting so that I can learn how to plant trees and for me to be in a school again.



In November 2013 we were able to purchase a beautiful five acre plot of land in the Jinja district to develop on over the next five years.

Our plan is to build eight small homes, each with space to house a maximum of eight children along with a supervising home assistant as a mother or father figure. These could also become temporary whole family accommodation if needed.

We plan to develop communal facilities such as a central hall, library and a vocational study centre, as well as sports and play areas and a permaculture fruit and vegetable garden. We will also build a dedicated drug addiction unit for children needing to undergo a specialist detox and addiction rehabilitation programme.



Our aim is to create, and sustain, a healing environment for young people to come and learn new skills, go through rehabilitation programmes from drug addiction and street life, and be prepared for resettling with their family/wider community again.

We want to give them the space to play, learn, be with their friends and act like children – something denied to them living on the streets.

Looking to the Future

We want to keep improving our services so that no young person should ever have to live on the streets of Jinja.

We will invest to increase our funding so we can offer opportunities to more young people on the streets who need them.

We will expand and develop our business skills and mentoring programmes for families. We will research social enterprise options for S.A.L.V.E. to raise funds from within Uganda to increase self sufficiency.

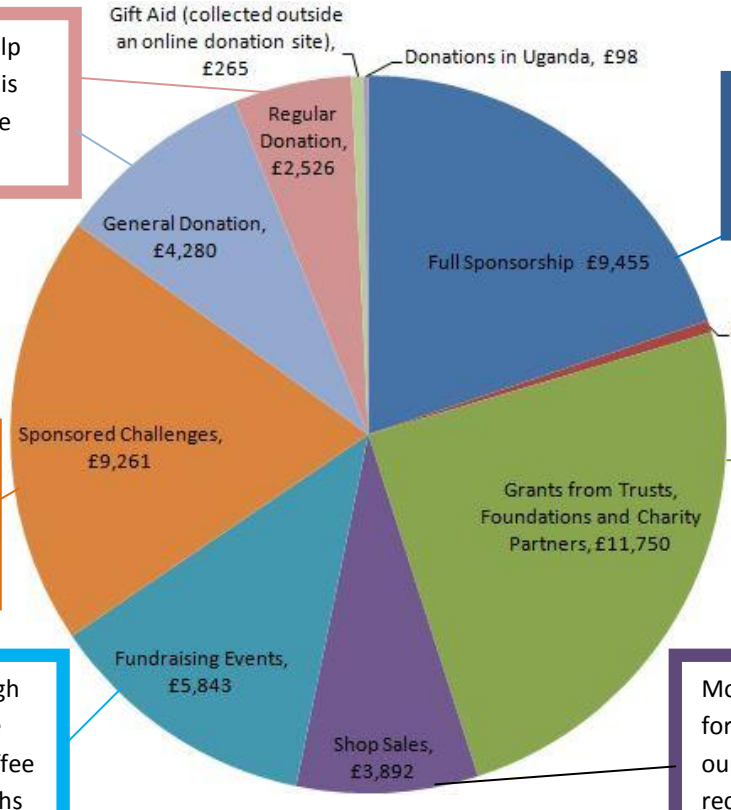
We will move onto our land to reduce our rent and food costs. We will find solutions to full sponsorship not covering the real cost of caring for the child.

We will restart our Drop in Centre service so that we can spend more quality time building relationships with young people on the streets.

Income in British Pounds

The majority of our fundraising was done in the UK, though we are keen to develop ways to fundraise globally, and especially within Uganda itself via income generating projects.

Last year's balance: £39,615
This year's total income: £47,625



Money given to help S.A.L.V.E. where it is most needed at the time

Money given to sponsor specific young people's education and care



Money given towards specific projects such as Trees for Integration

Money given through exciting challenges like swimming, running and mountain climbing

Money given through fantastic events like Ugandan meals, coffee mornings and ceilidhs

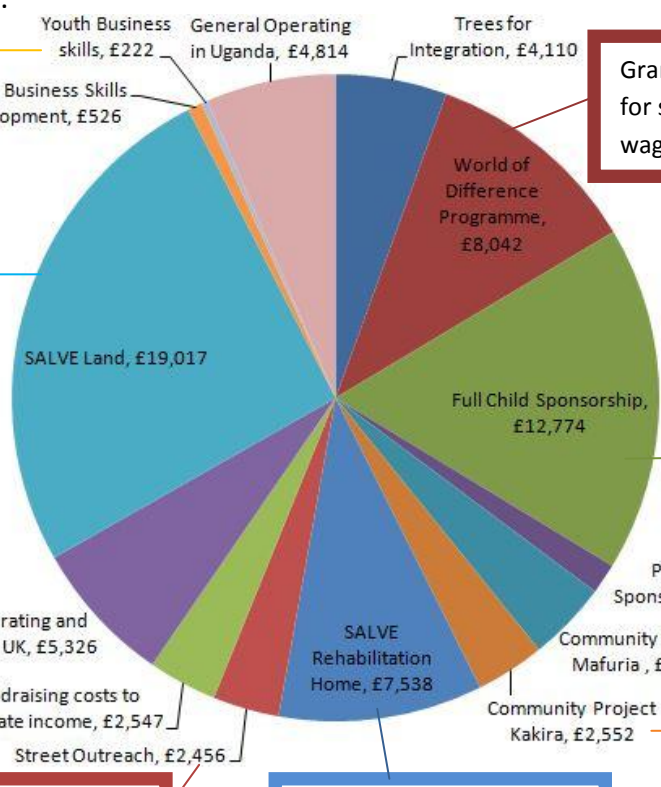
Money given for purchasing our handmade recycled crafts



Expenditure in British Pounds

We spent a lot of money this year by investing in our 5 acre plot of land to help to make us more sustainable for the future.

This year's total expenditure: £73,992



Income and skill building projects

Grant given for staff wages



Investing in our future sustainability to reduce rent and food costs

Giving young people a chance to develop their skills and talents



Investing to help to raise more money to help more young people in Uganda

Women's income and skill building projects

Building relationships and trust

A safe and loving home for young people to stay

Balance: £13,248

Meet our team from 2013 - 2014

We are privileged to have a team of passionate, hardworking staff and volunteers who are all committed to ensuring that S.A.L.V.E. can support as many young people as possible to leave the streets and go home to a family.

Nicola Sansom:
CEO and Co-
Founder



Helen Bolton:
UK Trustee and
Co-Founder



Mike Asiya:
Ugandan Director
and Co-Founder



Caitlin O'Neill:
UK Trustee



Juliet Kisakye:
Chairperson of
Ugandan board



Hannah Bird:
UK Trustee



Charles Palanyi:
Ugandan Board



Alfred Ochaya:
Street Outreach
Manager



Amy Calcutt:
Programme
Officer



**Barnaby
Millard:**
Treasurer



Emmanuel Obia:
Street Outreach
Worker



Jenny Carlen:
Education and
Fundraising



**Gordon
Katuramu:**
Research



Carol Agwang:
Home Assistant



**Moreen
Katushabe:**
Home Assistant



**Cathryn
McGarvey:**
Trust Fundraising



Ngozi Ojuka:
Business and
Training skills



Susan Mudondo:
Community Social
Worker



**Richard
Setongo:**
Security and
Agriculture



Agnes Kawala:
Community
Social Worker



Annet Alate:
Home Assistant



Rosie Mellor:
Intern



**Kathryn and
Peter Davis:**
Teaching



Geoff O'Neill:
Teaching



Lucy Ellis:
Teaching



The majority of our team in the UK and some of our team in Uganda are volunteers. We have been able to pay some UK staff through specialist grants from foundations like The Vodafone Foundation, which has allowed us to invest in our fundraising so we can offer more opportunities to young people on the streets. Some of the team reflected above have now completed their positions or placements and have moved on to other jobs – but they will always remain part of our wider S.A.L.V.E. family.

Any questions? Please get in touch: nicola@salveinternational.org

Or go to our website: www.salveinternational.org

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SALVEint>

Jo Reid:
Medical
Teaching



**Philip
Huthwaite:**
Teaching



Partners and Supporters

Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who offers us support and partnership to make our vital work possible.



Trees for Cities
Breathing life into your neighbourhood



Hudson Charitable Trust



CONSORTIUM FOR
STREET CHILDREN

the **FSIO**

Wilderness Development



HOWARD MILLER DESIGN



And a very special mention has to go to our amazing Sponsors and Supporters!

How can you help?

S.A.L.V.E. International only exists because of people like you. People who are passionate about giving children who live on the streets a chance of having an education and a brighter future.



Getting involved with S.A.L.V.E. is a way for you to learn more about our work and contribute in whatever way you like. This could be anything; from time, ideas, or donations, to spreading the word in your community.

Donate or sponsor a child to give us the vital funds we need to provide opportunities.

Sponsor a child from as little as £15 a month to ensure they can get the education they deserve.

Or give us a one off or regular gift so we give more young people the chance to leave the streets.

Volunteer your time in the UK and/or Uganda, or whichever country you are from.

You can share your energy and skills to help S.A.L.V.E. to grow and improve.

With your help we can ensure that no young person should have to live on the streets of Jinja.

Fundraise for us through events and sponsored challenges.

A great chance to get creative and show how much you care, by putting on your own event or joining one of ours.

Spread the word in your company, at your child's school, or at your place of worship.

We have lots of free resources to help you to explain why no child should have to live on the streets and will be there to support you every step of the way.

We are a small organisation with big ambitions to grow a brighter future full of opportunities for the next generation. We can only do this with your help. Thank you.