



# S.A.L.V.E. International



## Annual Review

### April 2015 – March 2016

(Registered Charity Number 1126793)



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



## A message from our CEO

Wow, what a fantastic year of progress it has been for S.A.L.V.E.! Your support has allowed us to build **three essential new buildings**;

- a Drug Rehab Centre,
- a Classroom made of plastic bottles,
- an Emergency Family Home.

Our Ugandan and UK boards have worked hard to strengthen the organisation and we are so proud that our UK board won the

**NCVO Winifred Tumim Memorial prize for Best Practice in Charity Governance** in November 2015.

After two years, I have completed my **Clore Social Leadership Fellowship** and published my research on impact assessment. I now look forward to putting more of these ideas into practice to help S.A.L.V.E. ensure even more children can leave the streets.

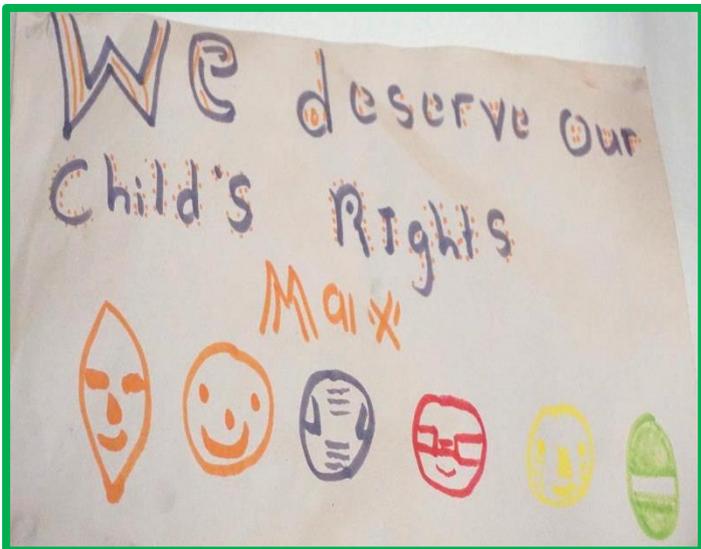
Special mention has to go to Helen Huthwaite for her unbelievable year of fundraising for her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday via the "**Challenge 30**" campaign! One of the challenges she took on was our very own **Peak District Challenge** which grew this year to raise **over £10,000** for S.A.L.V.E. - so an extra thank you goes to everyone who took part or volunteered to make it such a success.

**RAW Productions** created an incredible short video about S.A.L.V.E. which has helped us to spread the word about why our work is so important.

S.A.L.V.E. is so lucky to have an amazing staff and volunteer team who work tirelessly to make sure that every child we meet on the streets has the opportunity to fulfil their potential. This year, our **four graduates** - in building, social care, mechanics and hairdressing - are a testament to that care and commitment.

Finally, I want to finish by thanking every person who has supported S.A.L.V.E. in the last year. Together we are changing children's lives. None of this work would be possible without you.

Nicola Sansom (CEO and Co-Founder) [nicola@salveinternational.org](mailto:nicola@salveinternational.org)



## A message from the S.A.L.V.E. Children's Council

The council has changed us in the way we express ideas and concerns that we have as children. It has taught us that matters and issues raised in a group appear stronger than when raised by one person.

We have the chance to contribute to the growth of the organisation and the wellbeing of other children, which makes us feel proud. Together we are going to help more children leave the streets because we know what it was really like.

Thank you.  
Tiff, aged 18

No child should have to live on the streets



On the street I survive by any means,  
but I need a safe place where I can follow  
my dreams.  
I am not a thief, an animal or even a drug  
I am a human being too,  
not a worthless thug.  
Build me shelter, believe in me and  
keep my streets clean,  
Don't beat me, mistreat me or call me names  
that are mean.  
If I could change one thing about my street  
I would open up the minds of the  
community I meet.

#shareforsolidarity  
12th April International Day for Street Children



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

S.A.L.V.E. International is a UK and Ugandan charity that has been working hard to meet the needs of children living and working on the streets of Jinja, Uganda since 2008. Our programmes are aimed not only at helping children to leave the street and return to education, but also address some of the causes of why children end up on the streets.

S.A.L.V.E. believes no young person should have to live or work on the streets



Street Outreach

Our Street Outreach walks allow children the opportunity to get to know our staff and learn about our services. They are also an opportunity for children to ask for one to one counselling and highlight medical and legal issues they are having while living on the streets. They allow us to identify children who are interested in leaving the streets so that we can refer them to our Drop In Centre.

49 children

attended Street Outreach sessions each month this year on average

Our sports sessions are a much needed opportunity for children on the streets to be able to play and forget their troubles. We have weekly practice sessions for the children to enjoy and then hold football matches every two months against different community teams.

30 children

attended the Sports sessions each month this year on average



Street Sports



Drop In Centre

Our Drop In Centre provides a safe place where children on the streets can come during the day. They shower, wash their clothes, eat breakfast and lunch, are taught life skills lessons and receive group and one to one counselling. Children attend the Drop In Centre in order to build relationships with the S.A.L.V.E. staff and because they want support to move away from the streets.

18 children

regularly attended the Drop in Centre each month this year on average

"The streets are dangerous. They kick you, beat you. They are tough in the heart. You can even die."

Fred, aged 12



S.A.L.V.E. believes there should be "no street called home"

Our Halfway Home provides a safe, loving place for children as they make their move off the streets and back to their families. It is also a safe place for any child receiving our educational support, should they need it. Children are given nutritious food, counselling and medical treatment to help them get healthy after their time on the streets.

59 children

have received love and care at our Halfway Home in the last year



Home Resettlement



The aim of S.A.L.V.E.'s work is to see children thriving off the streets in a safe and caring family home. So wherever possible, we work with children and their family members to help reunite and resettle them within their extended family.

34 children

85%

were reunited and resettled to their families by us this year

are still settled safely at home

From 2008 – 2016:

We believe that continuing to follow up, counsel and show care for children after they have been resettled home to their family is key. We are increasing how often we do child follow-up to help to solve any family issues at home and reduce the number of children ending up back to the streets.

193 children

83%

Have been resettled since 2008 with continued follow-up

are still settled safely at home



"Thanks to S.A.L.V.E. I have managed to forget the street things I have done and come back to a normal life."

Mark, aged 15

S.A.L.V.E. believes young people who have been on the streets deserve the chance to fulfil their potential

Our educational sponsorship programme supports children who have formerly been on the streets and their families. By contributing towards school fees, we create a brighter future for children through academic or vocational schooling. Children in our full sponsorship programme go to boarding school and visit their families during holidays, and children under partial sponsorship attend day schools from their family homes.

62 children

were supported to unlock their potential through education this year



Many children on the Ugandan streets are addicted to drugs like Mafuta (aeroplane fuel), which makes it harder for them to successfully leave the streets. We conducted research with Drug Rehabilitation Centres across the world and are using that learning to design our own specialist rehabilitation programme.

12

organisations visited in five countries:



Followed up by stakeholder consultation meetings in Jinja to analyse the research findings

We train and mentor relatives of children we have resettled, and older youths on the streets, to help them start and grow their own businesses. This helps to provide food, education and essentials for their family and themselves at home, reducing the risk of the children ending up on the streets again.

20

90%

new businesses were started this year

are now making a profit that benefits their family



"S.A.L.V.E.'s support helped me to have a business. I used my profits to help two other children whose parents died and would have been homeless without my support."  
Mama Tiff

S.A.L.V.E. believes young people on the streets should have trustworthy, supportive adults around them



Research and Partnerships

We believe in the power of partnership; that together you can achieve more. Research is also vital to increase our impact.

In April 2015, we led the Jinja Street Advocates Coalition to celebrate the International Day for Street Children.

We share a Drop In Centre with Jinja Connection so that we can co-operate and give more children the chance to leave the streets.

In 2015, we did further research into patterns of drug taking and reasons why children are coming to the streets of Jinja.

Over 250 children led our International Day for Street Children celebrations

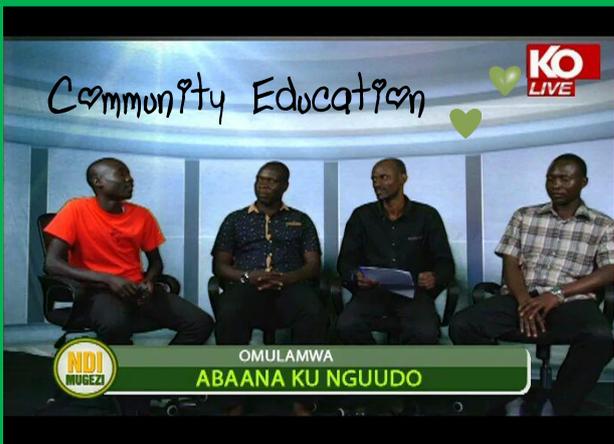
We partnered with the University of Manchester to run their first flagship International Volunteering Project, 'Team Uganda' where twelve students helped to create sustainable impact for S.A.L.V.E.

5 Projects

- I.T. skills
- Community research
- Environmental skills
- Holiday camp
- Plastic bottle classroom building



Manchester University Team



We want to give children a platform to increase community knowledge about the real reasons why young people are living on the streets. We also want to increase understanding about the reality of life on the streets and the violence and abuse that children face.

We achieved this through media advocacy; where children wrote their own newspaper and spoke out on the radio and TV.

Over 600,000 community members heard children/staff on the Ugandan TV/Radio

We want to challenge negative stereotypes around homelessness and children on the streets.

In 2015 we created an Audio Tour in partnership with the Young People's Support Foundation who work in Manchester, UK to encourage people to 'Sense our Streets' differently through real life stories of youth homelessness in Uganda and the UK.

In 2016 we launched the Inequality Question online debate to start a global conversation about inequality, led by children living on the streets in Jinja.

Over 1,000 people have listened to our Audio Tour so far...



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



*"Thank you for the books in the library Rotary Club Bedford de Parys. They are progressing my future job through reading; hence I want to be a journalist. I love reading."* **Blessing, aged 17**



*"This house, built by Challenge 30 fundraising, will mean we can offer supportive family accommodation to young people and families during emergencies. It will change lives and increase the impact of S.A.L.V.E.'s work."*

**Mike Asiya, Ugandan Director**



*"The Drug Rehab house will allow our friends who are still on the streets a chance to change."*

**Paul, aged 12**

## Looking to the Future

We plan to begin a specialist Drug Rehabilitation Programme designed specifically for young people who have been living on the streets. This is so that we can support the hardest to reach children.



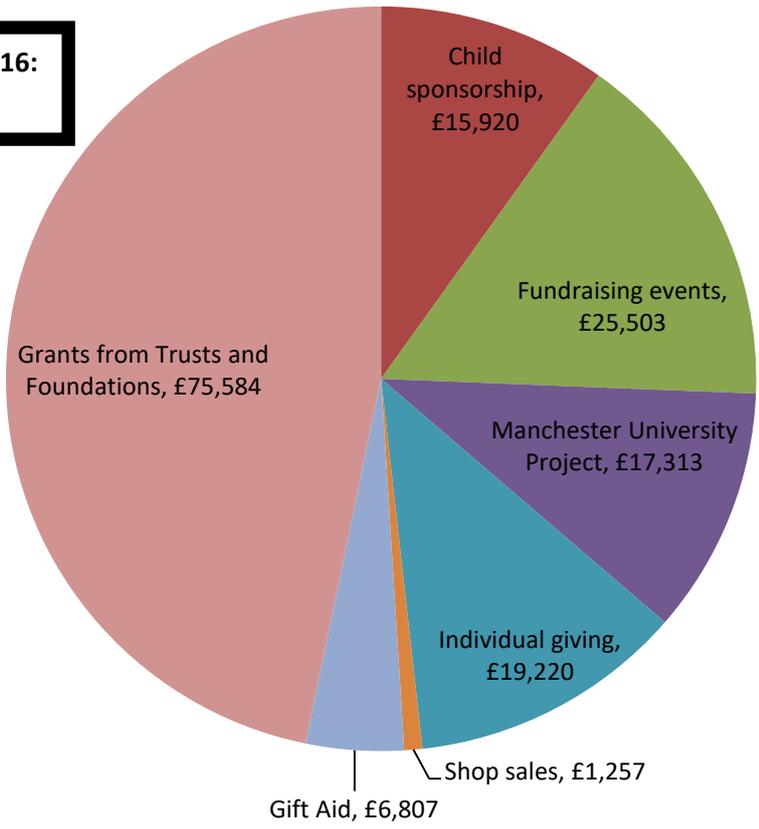
We will work more intensively with families who are most in need and whose children are at risk of ending up on the streets. We want to prevent this from happening and to keep the family together. We have a new emergency house where families can stay whilst they receive support and counselling should they need it.

We have partnered with East African Playgrounds to build a playground on our land in 2016. This playground was requested by the children so they can play and have fun outside, develop their talents and more easily adjust from life on the streets to life in a home again. The picture to the right is an example playground they have built.



# Income

**Total income for 2015/16:  
£161,604**

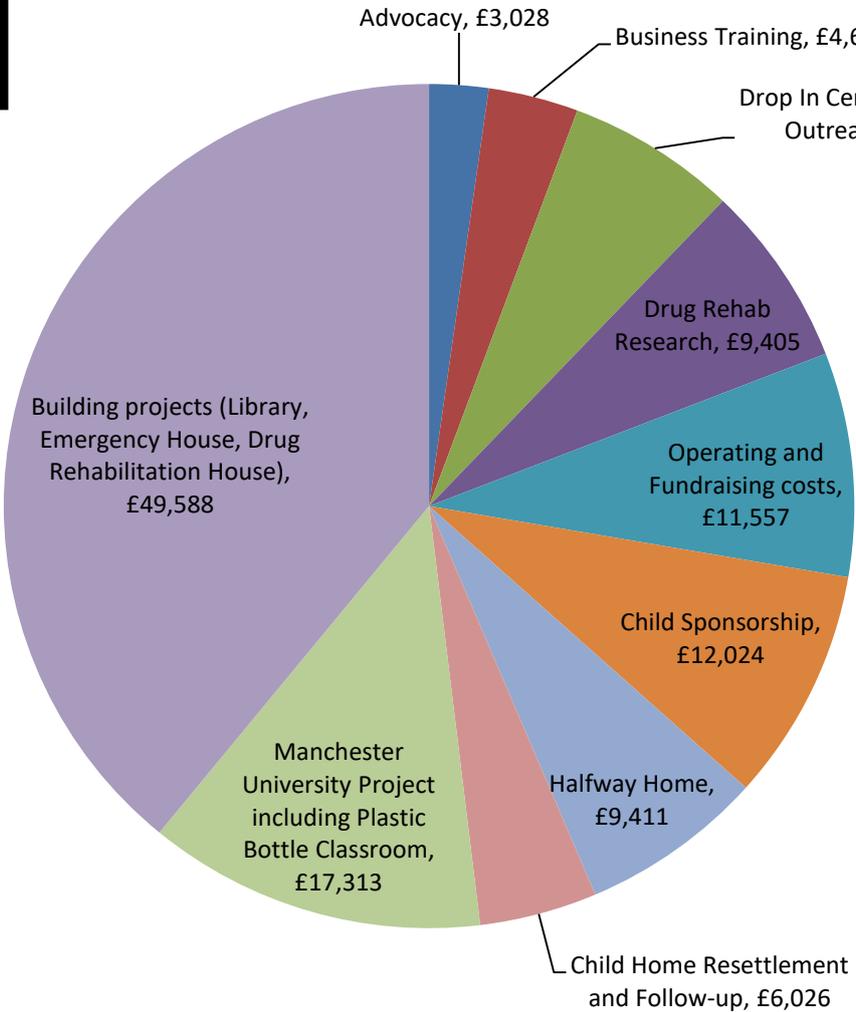


**For every £1 given to SALVE:**  
 - 91p is spent on supporting the children.  
 - 9p is spent on general admin costs or invested to generate future income.

# Expenditure

In 2015/16, a large proportion of our funding was invested in developing our land site.

**Total expenditure for 2015/16: £131,682**



**We want to pay all those working for S.A.L.V.E. a 'living wage' for the country they reside in.**

**We hope to increase salaries for the whole team together when we can afford it.**

Children in Full Sponsorship receive educational support and also use the Halfway Home as temporary accommodation when needed. This year, Full Child Sponsorship contributed £3,896 towards running the Halfway Home; the other £5,515 Halfway Home costs are for new children leaving the streets.

# Meet our team from 2015 - 2016

We are fortunate to have a team of passionate, hard-working staff and volunteers, who are all committed to ensuring that S.A.L.V.E. is a high-impact organisation.

<p><b>Nicola Sansom:</b> CEO and Co-Founder</p> 	<p><b>Helen Huthwaite:</b> UK Board and Co-Founder</p> 	<p><b>Mike Asiya:</b> Ugandan Director and Co-Founder</p> 	<p><b>Juliet Kisakye:</b> Chairperson of Ugandan Board</p> 	<p><b>Charles Mpalanyi:</b> Ugandan Board</p> 
<p><b>Hannah Bird:</b> UK Board</p> 	<p><b>Caitlin Ashdown:</b> UK Board</p> 	<p><b>Harriett Roberts:</b> UK Board and Treasurer</p> 	<p><b>Peter Wasswa:</b> Ugandan Board</p> 	<p><b>Mourine Mugisa:</b> Ugandan Board</p> 
<p><b>Ngozi Ojukwu:</b> UK Board</p> 	<p><b>Yamima Nangira:</b> Finance and Records Officer</p> 	<p><b>Alfred Ochaya:</b> Street Outreach Manager</p> 	<p><b>Moreen Katushabe:</b> Community Business Trainer</p> 	<p><b>Amy Calcutt:</b> Project Officer</p> 
<p><b>Samuel Woira:</b> Street Outreach Social Worker</p> 	<p><b>Emmanuel Obia:</b> Street Outreach Social Worker</p> 	<p><b>Beatrice Ajiko:</b> Home Assistant</p> 	<p><b>Carol Agwang:</b> Home Assistant</p> 	<p><b>Richard Setongo:</b> Security and Agriculture</p> 
<p><b>Solomon Otale:</b> Street Outreach Volunteer</p> 	<p><b>Diana Khasa:</b> Fundraising and Design Officer</p> 	<p><b>Anet Mugabane:</b> Finance and Operations Officer</p> 	<p><b>Timothy Lasuba:</b> Business Trainer</p> 	<p><b>Paul Mosley:</b> Tech and Comms Volunteer</p> 
<p><b>Charles Higudi:</b> Teacher Volunteer</p> 	<p><b>Veronika Tesarova:</b> Inequality Question Volunteer</p> 	<p><b>Michal Rybacki:</b> Children's Rights Volunteer</p> 	<p><b>Kyle Spinks:</b> Inequality Question Volunteer</p> 	<p><b>Helena Closa:</b> Research and Comms Volunteer</p> 
<p><b>Manchester University Team Volunteers:</b> Ahimbisibwe Gloria, Atim Gracious, Naukasa Julian, Wamimbi Florence, Amoding Martha, Adam Codrington, Elise Morley, Robert Gall, Oscar Murray, Leah Slater-Radway, Christel Mutunda, Courtney Lawson, Elinore Gillespie, Sarah Walker, Jaimini Popat, Heather Chiles, Kate Bowmar.</p>				

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

**We are very grateful to everyone who has supported S.A.L.V.E. in the last year and want to say a huge “Webale Nyo” for making our work possible.**

# Partners and Supporters

Huge thanks goes to everyone who has supported S.A.L.V.E. in the last year, especially our committed global family of sponsors and regular givers.



## 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 Jinja, 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 £15 a month or become a regular donor.
Volunteer your time	Share your ideas, time and skills to help S.A.L.V.E. grow and improve.
Fundraise for us	Get creative and come up with some exciting events that can raise life-changing funds and be fun at the same time.
Raise awareness	Use our resources to spread the word about the realities of life on the streets in your school, work place or local community.

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