



S.A.L.V.E. International



No Street Called Home



Annual Review

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(Registered Charity Number 1126793)



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Hello, another busy year has gone by and I am delighted to have the opportunity to share the highlights with you.

We have completed the building of our Drug Rehabilitation Centre, Emergency Family House, Hall and Playground to allow us to offer vital services to a growing number of street-connected children and their families.

Despite currency exchange fluctuations, we managed to raise enough money to continue to support more children than ever before to leave the streets and re-enter education. I am particularly happy to announce that this year you helped to launch our much needed **Drug Rehabilitation Programme** for children who use drugs as a means to survive on the streets. We are happy to welcome a specialist team of Ugandan staff and volunteers to run the programme and to be able to offer opportunities to children who wouldn't have been able to leave the streets otherwise.

It was brilliant to see the **Emergency Family House** in operation. One highlight was our ability to save the life of a critically ill mother, who received medical treatment and psychological support to help her believe in her future. This house also allowed us to offer emergency support and shelter to children who were arrested for being on the streets, instead of being sent to prison.

We have managed to build greater awareness and support for our work. A particularly special moment was winning the **UK Charity Film Award** for the stunning short video that was made pro bono about our work by our friends at RAW Productions. We are also thankful to Paul Mosley who volunteered his time to update our **website** to become mobile friendly, easier to read and navigate.

We wouldn't have been able to have such a positive impact on so many lives in the last year without our incredible global family of staff, volunteers, partners and supporters. A special mention goes to our five new **UK Trustees** who all bring fantastic experience and ideas to strengthen us for the future.

Thank you for all your support in helping us to make sure there is "No Street Called Home" in Uganda.
Nicola Sansom (CEO)



The children's council has given us, the children, an opportunity to say out loud what we want to be done at S.A.L.V.E. It has given the children a chance that they wanted and we are also happy that we feel important. We are included in taking decisions to take S.A.L.V.E. forward. We feel happy when we are asked on how S.A.L.V.E. can help more children on streets. We see our answers considered.

Bogere (elected to the Children's Council as Chairperson in January 2017).



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It all starts on the streets...

There are an estimated 1,000 children living on the streets of Jinja. Our Street Outreach Programme combines spending quality time together on the streets, through sports, and offering a safe space at our Drop in Centre. This is all aimed at building trusting relationships between our social workers and the children who are currently living and working on the streets.



In our Drop in Centre we give extra support to the children who we have identified as being almost ready to leave the streets. We work with small groups to offer them intensive counselling and support, so that they are able to make an effective plan for how they can leave the streets.

- ❖ In the past year, the average number of children attending our Drop in Centre was **19 children per month.**



A safe place to rest and recover...

When a child is ready to leave the streets, they are either home traced directly back to their families or referred to our Halfway Home.

The S.A.L.V.E. Halfway Home is a safe and caring environment in which children can rest, recover and plan for their future. They stay there residentially, receiving education and counselling to help them adjust from life on the streets and the traumas they may have experienced. This care enables them to prepare for their next steps.

- ❖ In the past year we offered safe shelter to **59 children** who had just left the streets. Some of these children were referred to us by the local authorities or partner organisations, and the majority were referred from our Street Outreach team.
- ❖ We also offered temporary shelter to the **75 children** in our Educational Support programme, as and when they needed it.



“Having the new playground has made a big difference to us at the Halfway Home. The children have their special place for playing. It makes them feel comfortable to stay with us, as it can be hard to make the transition from street to home.”

They need a place where they still feel free.” Auntie Beatrice

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We believe that every child deserves a family...

We work hand in hand with the children to identify caring adults (ideally within their immediate or extended family) who they feel safe and happy to live with. We go home with them to meet their relatives and assess the situation and if everyone feels positive, we resettle the child. From there we do regular follow ups to check on their progress, offer family counselling and assess the family's need for further support i.e. Educational or Business Empowerment.

- ❖ We helped **46 children** resettle home to their families this year.
- ❖ **80%** of the children we resettled are still safe at home.



Every child deserves access to an appropriate education

The reason that many children run away to the streets is poverty at home, meaning they cannot go to school. Other children run away to escape abuse. In this situation, where possible, children are resettled to alternative family members, who can give them a loving home but can't necessarily afford their school fees. We believe that accessing education is vital and will help children to achieve their potential and have a brighter future.

- ❖ This year we supported **75 children** in their education.
- ❖ **8 children** completed primary or secondary school.
- ❖ **1 child** graduated as a mechanic.



We support family members or youths from the streets to start a business

We want to give families the tools and skills to thrive. If a child's family is assessed to be without a viable source of income, we consider them for our Business Empowerment Programme. This programme gives training, start-up capital and ongoing mentoring to enable people to start and grow a small business. This will allow them to care for their children at home, and prevent many more children from running away to the streets or being placed into orphanages.

- ❖ This year we supported **20 businesses** to get off the ground.
- ❖ **90%** of them are still operating successfully ensuring they are able to contribute to their family.



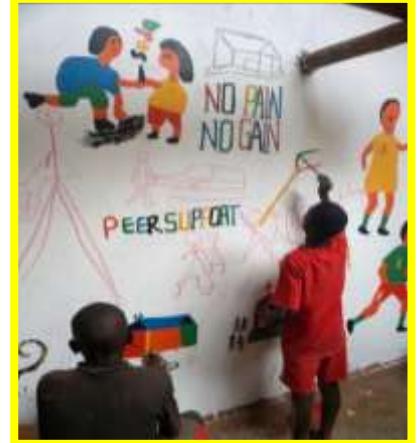
"My family used to survive on one meal a day at most and breakfast was something we never imagined we would have in life. Even the amount of food in our one meal a day was not enough, but it kept us from starving. Now thanks to the business we eat breakfast every day." Lydia, elder sister and care giver to Mary

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We are exploring resilience...

Building with Bamboo is an international learning project exploring resilience-based ways of working with street-connected children. The project aims to find out how we can develop approaches that support children to cope in the face of adversity on the streets. S.A.L.V.E. is exploring resilience creatively using music, dance, drama, art and sports.

- ❖ We had **6 community talks and performances, 3 radio shows,** recorded **2 resilience music tracks**, hosted a **national workshop** for Ugandan social workers to share learning, and launched our **art exhibition** which included pottery, painting, photography and life size statues.
- ❖ We hosted resilience champions from Nepal and Ecuador in Uganda.



Campaigning for change...

Children on the streets often face negative stigma and are treated badly by many members of the community around them. We want to raise awareness of child rights abuses that are happening and help to improve attitudes/laws.

- ❖ This year we took part in another great **International Day for Street Children** celebration in partnership with other Jinja organisations.
- ❖ We helped children on the streets to produce their second edition of their annual newspaper ***News from the Streets***.
- ❖ The children we support in Uganda submitted their views into a consultation for the **UN General Comment about children on the streets** that will be added to the Convention for the Rights of a Child.

Asking the Inequality Question...

Children on the streets are keen to debate, increase awareness and create solutions to tackle the inequalities they witness in society. We designed a special child safe website for them to take their debate beyond our Drop in Centre in Jinja to the world: www.inequalityquestion.com.

Every month the children on the streets in Uganda choose a new question. On the last Thursday of each month the children go online, live, for two hours to lead the debate on the current topic with people all over the world.

- ❖ So far people from more than **20 countries** have participated.
- ❖ Some participants became so inspired they did an **Inequality Challenge**. Social worker Sam Woira's gender inequality challenge got international media attention from **The Guardian** and **BBC**.



“Take your life as a good thing, in everything you do you have to persist. Don’t lose hope, everything will be done. Don’t hate yourself, no condition is permanent.”

Song lyrics for the resilience rap song composed by Ivan.

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We built on our partnership with Manchester University...

In Summer 2016, we hosted 'Team Uganda' for a second time. This is a partnership of volunteers from Uganda and the University of Manchester, working together to benefit both S.A.L.V.E. and the local community.

- ❖ This year the team from Manchester University successfully fundraised to allow us to convert part of our barn into a hall.
- ❖ They mapped schools and organisations in **3 communities** to help people know how to access the services available to them.
- ❖ They researched **4 social enterprise options** for S.A.L.V.E.
- ❖ The team ran a fun educational holiday camp for **42 children**.



We have been developing our land site to offer even more vital services...

We have invested a lot of money into improving our land site this year to make sure that we have the infrastructure needed to ensure there is 'No Street Called Home'. We built a **playground** to ensure the children have enough places to have fun. We converted part of our barn into a **hall** so that we can do bigger events bringing people together to learn and share with each other. We also finished building, and have started to use, our **Drug Rehabilitation Centre** and our **Emergency Family House**. It has been an amazing year of progress.



Challenge 30 success: The amazing year long fundraising campaign by our co-founder Helen Huthwaite and friends enabled us to build our Emergency Family House. The first resident Mama Isma, weighed only 34kg and was critically ill. Thanks to the support and care she got from S.A.L.V.E. she is now healthy and back in her own home, running her small business again and continuing to be a loving single mother to her four children.



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We have a lot of plans for the next year to develop S.A.L.V.E. even further...

Starting our own Social Enterprise...

This year we analysed four potential enterprises that S.A.L.V.E. could operate in Uganda. We were looking for a business that could help us to earn some money to fund our work and teach young people skills. We have chosen to start a **briquette** (creating environmentally friendly cooking fuel) business as this has the added benefit of helping to reduce deforestation.

We can't wait to get started. If you know anyone in the Jinja area who might be interested in switching to this more environmentally friendly fuel, which also supports children to leave the streets, please do get in touch.



Expanding our Partnership with East African Playgrounds...

East African Playgrounds have previously hosted internships in partnership with us to help young people who formerly lived on the streets gain skills in building. This year we also built a much loved playground together on the S.A.L.V.E. land.

In the next year we want to build on this partnership and start offering a more formal internship and apprenticeship programme for street connected youths, so they can learn skills in building, welding and catering.

Improving the sustainability of our land site...

We were really happy to have our plastic bottle classroom featured in *Permaculture Magazine* this year. We are planning to turn our five acre site into a model **permaculture farm** to teach the young people and their families sustainable farming techniques and to provide more of our own food, ensuring we reduce our food bill.

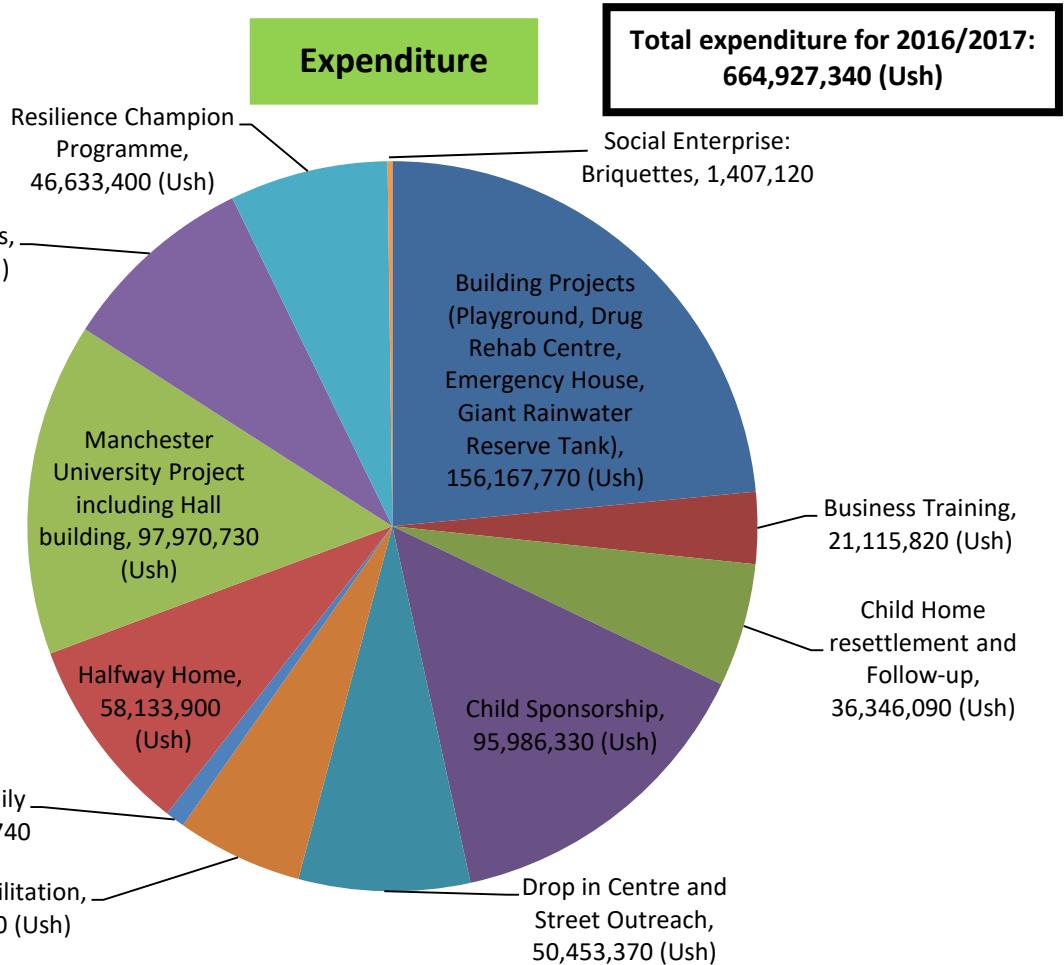
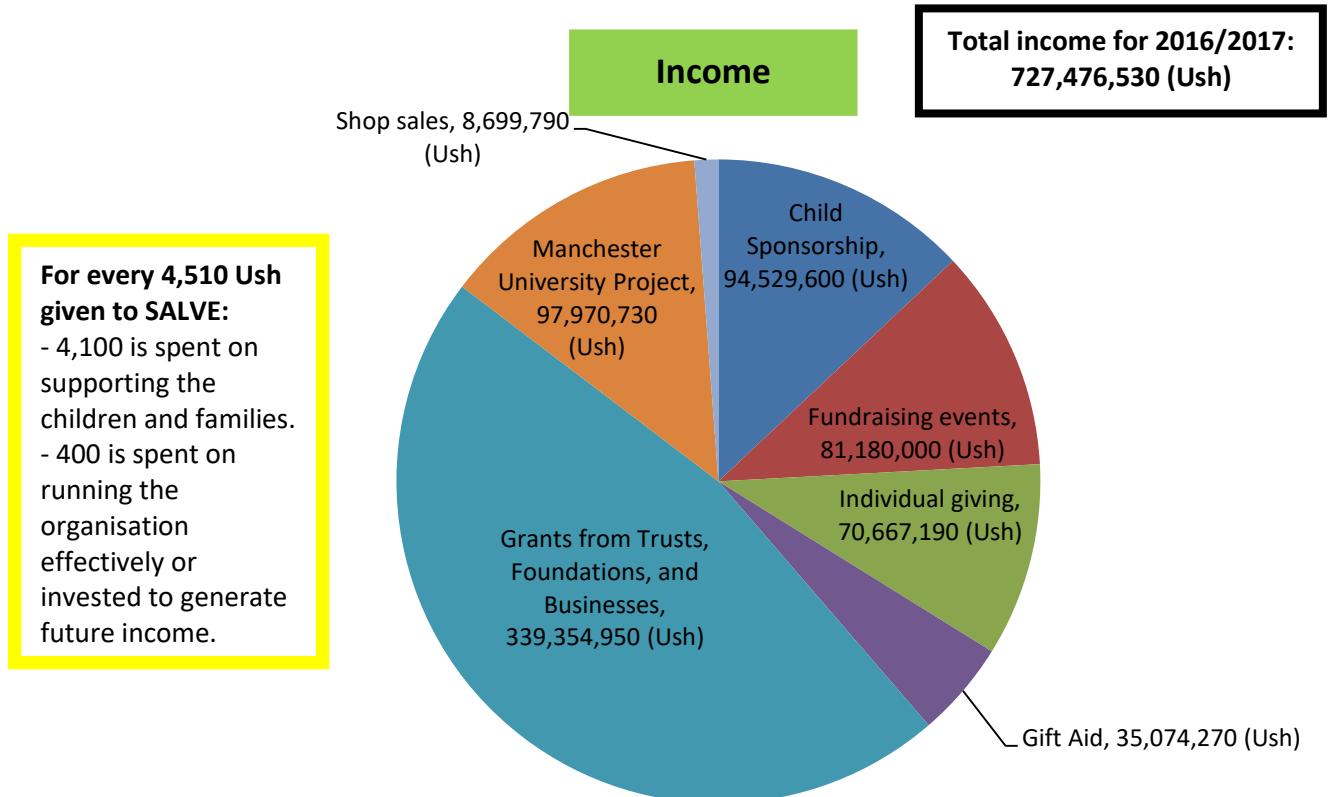


Being based on a hill without access to piped water or a borehole encouraged us to invest in rainwater harvesting tanks. We currently have three smaller tanks in use. The growing number of children needing our services means we have to grow our water harvesting capacity if we are to avoid the expense of trucking water to our site. So we will partner with *Drink Local, Drink Tap* to build a **giant rainwater harvesting reserve tank** later this year.



With the increased activity on our site, we have noticed that our steep dirt road is not fit for purpose. So we also see the urgent need to improve our **road** to ensure safety and that projects like our social enterprise can thrive.

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Meet our amazing team of staff and volunteers, without whom, none of this impact would be possible:



Staff: Nicola Sansom, Mike Asiya, Alfred Ochaya, Moreen Katushabe, Samuel Woira, Amy Calcutt, Solomon Otale, Yamima Nangira, Emmanuel Obia, Beatrice Ajiko, Sentongo Richard, Santi Ayikoru, Mugalya Cramner, Faisal Kapeli, Stephen Bazibu, Ochaya Francis, Nyakuni Richard, Anna Kerby.

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Our **enormous thanks** goes to everyone who has been kind enough to partner with/ support S.A.L.V.E. in the last year, with a special mention going to our committed global family of sponsors and regular givers. Below are a few of the wonderful organisations we have worked with in the last year.

It is thanks to this support that all these achievements have been possible and we are very grateful.



The University of Manchester



Educational and General Charitable Trust



Hille Pandana



Angela Gallagher Memorial Fund



Wilderness Development

The Balcombe Charitable Trust

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What can you do to help?

Our work can only continue with the kind support of people like you. We want to develop 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 S.A.L.V.E. you don't just become a supporter, you become part of our global family.

Make a donation or sponsor a child:

There are so many ways you can give to make a difference to a child's life. Sponsor a child's education, give a regular gift, join our Lottery for Change or make a special one off donation.

Volunteer your time:

Share your time, ideas and skills to help S.A.L.V.E. We value the chance to improve and learn from others, as well as to share our knowledge.

Fundraise for us:

Raise life-changing funds whilst having fun. Get creative or try something traditional. Whatever appeals to you, we will be glad to support you every step, or delicious meal, of the way.

Raise awareness:

Use our specially designed resources to help spread the word about the realities of life on the streets in your local community, workplace or school.

Peak District Challenge: Do you have enough Grit, Limestone and Determination?

Join our annual mountain challenge in September to help S.A.L.V.E. raise funds to enable all this work to happen. Run or walk 10km, 25km, 50km, 75km or 100km in the stunning Peak District National Park.



www.peak-district-challenge.com



We are turning 10 years old in 2018!

We can't believe how much we have achieved together in that time.

Want to help us celebrate? Please get in touch: nicola@salveinternational.org



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