



S.A.L.V.E. INTERNATIONAL

Annual Report
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Adaptation and hope

NICOLA SANSOM (CEO)

This year has been a rollercoaster where we have had to adapt and change how we work again and again due to changing COVID-19 restrictions.

It has been so important to us to be able to still be there for the children and families we support in Uganda when they have needed us most. This has involved us having to open an Emergency Quarantine Centre in Jinja for children still on the streets and create a COVID bubble at our main site for the children who were staying there. We also gave out emergency aid in the form of food, soap and phone counselling to families.

I am so proud of what we have achieved together in these difficult times. As a long term development charity, adapting successfully to give out emergency supplies and setting up a new Emergency Quarantine Centre, at short notice, involved a huge amount of work. This wouldn't have been possible without the incredible kindness we received from supporters all over the world. We are all so incredibly grateful that you chose to stand by us at this time.

I also want to thank our amazing team of staff and volunteers who were determined to make sure that we were still able to provide our often life-saving services in the face of so much uncertainty and rapid change. You are an inspiration and have ensured that the children and families we exist to support have been able to stay hopeful and stay together, despite the challenges they faced.

The pandemic is still ongoing, but reflecting on all we have managed to achieve in the last year fills me with hope. S.A.L.V.E. will continue to be resilient and keep adapting and improving our services for street-connected children in Uganda no matter what. This is made possible by our incredible and supportive community. Thank you for all your solidarity and support.

'Without S.A.L.V.E. my family would have starved during lockdown.'

S.A.L.V.E. gives us hope that the future can be better.'

MAMA MOSES



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COVID-19 SUPPORT

The strict COVID-19 lockdown in Uganda forced us to change the way we worked since all transport was banned and schools were closed. We transitioned to provide emergency care to some of the most vulnerable people in their time of greatest need.

1,600

vulnerable people accessed counselling, soap and food (including over 401,000 meals).

54

children were cared for at the Emergency Quarantine Centre we set up to give children on the streets shelter during the strict lockdown

30

children were cared for at our Halfway Homes and Drug Rehab Centre during the main lockdown

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STREET ♥ OUTREACH

320

children living on the streets of Jinja accessed our Street Outreach programme through our Drop-In Centres, street walks and sports sessions

248 boys



72 girls *

*Please note girls make up approximately 25% of the children living and working on the streets of Jinja.

HALFWAY HOMES

74

children stayed in our Halfway Homes, where they were given vital food, medical care, education and counselling to prepare them for life away from the streets

48 children

were referred to our Halfway Homes directly off the streets

26 children

were children we had previously resettled home but needed extra support



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DRUG REHABILITATION

24

children attended our Drug Rehabilitation programme. This programme offers specialist support for children who used drugs as a coping mechanism whilst living on the streets of Jinja

The children are given counselling, medical care and educational classes. They also learn practical skills such as permaculture farming and how to make briquettes (an environmentally friendly cooking fuel), which will be valuable to themselves and their families once they are resettled.



HOME RESETTLEMENT

63

children were resettled safely home to their families as part of our Family Resettlement programme

We believe all children deserve to grow up in a loving and caring home environment. We aim to resettle children back to their families or a foster family if necessary. The needs of a child are assessed individually and both individual and family counselling are offered.



95%

of these children have remained settled back home for six months or longer

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EDUCATION

119

children have been supported through our Educational Sponsorship programme

Our Educational Support programme helps children to access an education, who may otherwise not be able to. Street-connected children don't get to go to school. Our programme supports these children to attend education institutions and/ or vocational programmes so they can build a brighter future for themselves and their family.

7 children

have graduated this year, we're so excited to see what they do next!



BUSINESS EMPOWERMENT

30

new businesses were created as part of our Business Empowerment programme

These businesses included specialised support in these three areas:

10 Permaculture farming businesses

10 Single mother's businesses

10 Urban focussed businesses



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ADVOCACY



Inequality Question at the Youth Climate Summit

Our monthly debate led by the children on the streets was highlighted at the Youth Climate Summit in November 2020. In the last year, our debate forum has been viewed by 11,633 people and generated 751 responses.

S.A.L.V.E. in the media

We reached over 5.5 million people this year through our radio, TV and newspaper articles covering topics such as street-connected children and their needs through COVID-19, child labour and gender-based violence. Wherever possible we give opportunities to the children themselves to participate and advocate for their rights.

PARTNERSHIPS

We believe in the power of partnerships and we are lucky to have some amazing partners who support our programmes in Uganda. Here are two of our amazing partners from this year.

Tales to Inspire

Tales to Inspire continue to kindly share the story of S.A.L.V.E. through live events, blogs, books and podcasts. They have inspired many people to get involved with our work and have generously donated part of the proceeds from their new book to provide children being resettled home with a fruit tree to plant to signify new beginnings.



Nalu Afrika

Nalu Afrika generously donate a percentage of their profits to support S.A.L.V.E.'s single mothers business training and start-up programme. Their kind donations have given single mothers the opportunity to build their family's future.



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PERMACULTURE

We believe that learning sustainable farming skills and ways of working with the natural resources we have is important for everyone.

82

permaculture training sessions were delivered

205

children and family members benefited from this training

We have also increased our own food production at our S.A.L.V.E. learning farm to help reduce costs and increase our sustainability.

FUTURE PLANS

Reaching more children

The COVID-19 pandemic has pushed even more children to the streets. We want to expand our high-quality support programmes to give more children the chance to benefit and turn their lives around.

Expanding specialised support for girls

We want to expand our services to ensure that girls make up a minimum of 25% of the children we support, in keeping with the current ratio of boys to girls on the streets in Jinja.

Strengthening families

COVID-19 has tipped many more families over the edge into poverty. We want to give families the training and support they need to develop their income and reduce the risk of their children returning to the streets.

Improving our funding sustainability

We have developed some amazing partnerships since S.A.L.V.E. began. We will continue to strengthen these links by delivering high impact projects and communicating our results clearly. We will also explore new partnerships and social enterprise opportunities.

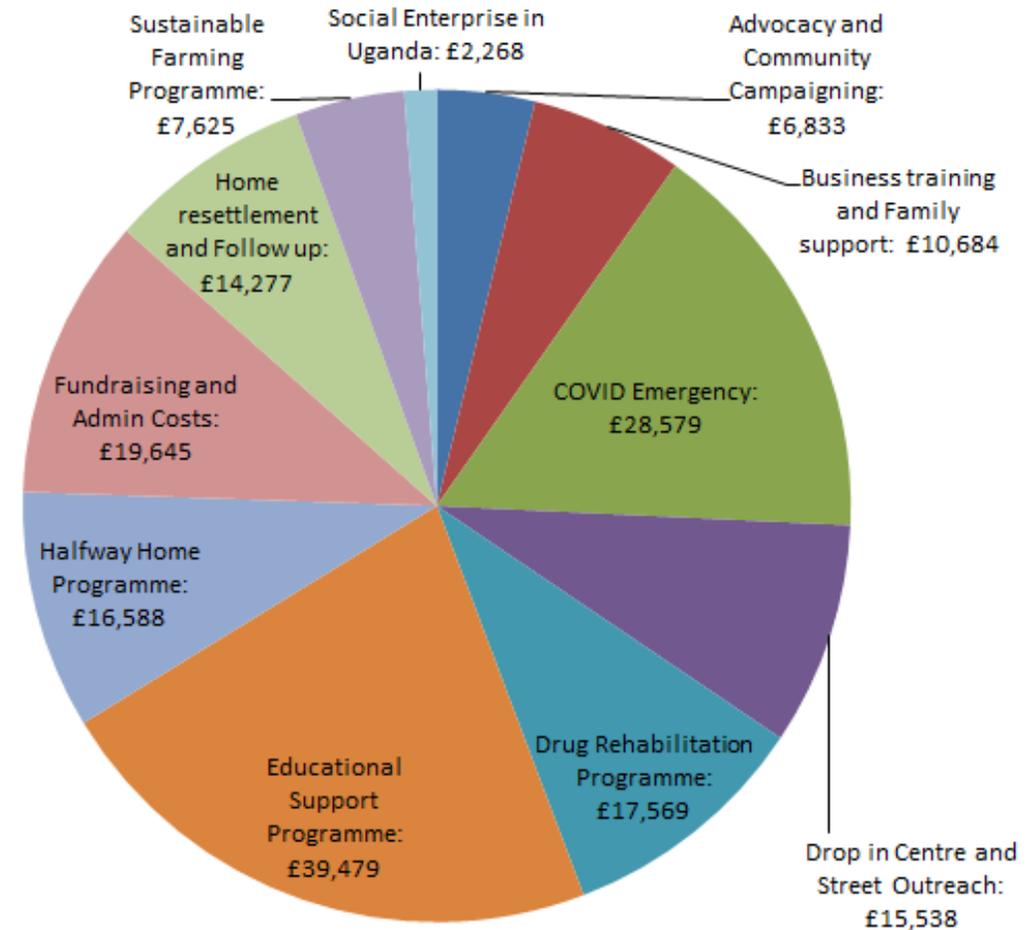
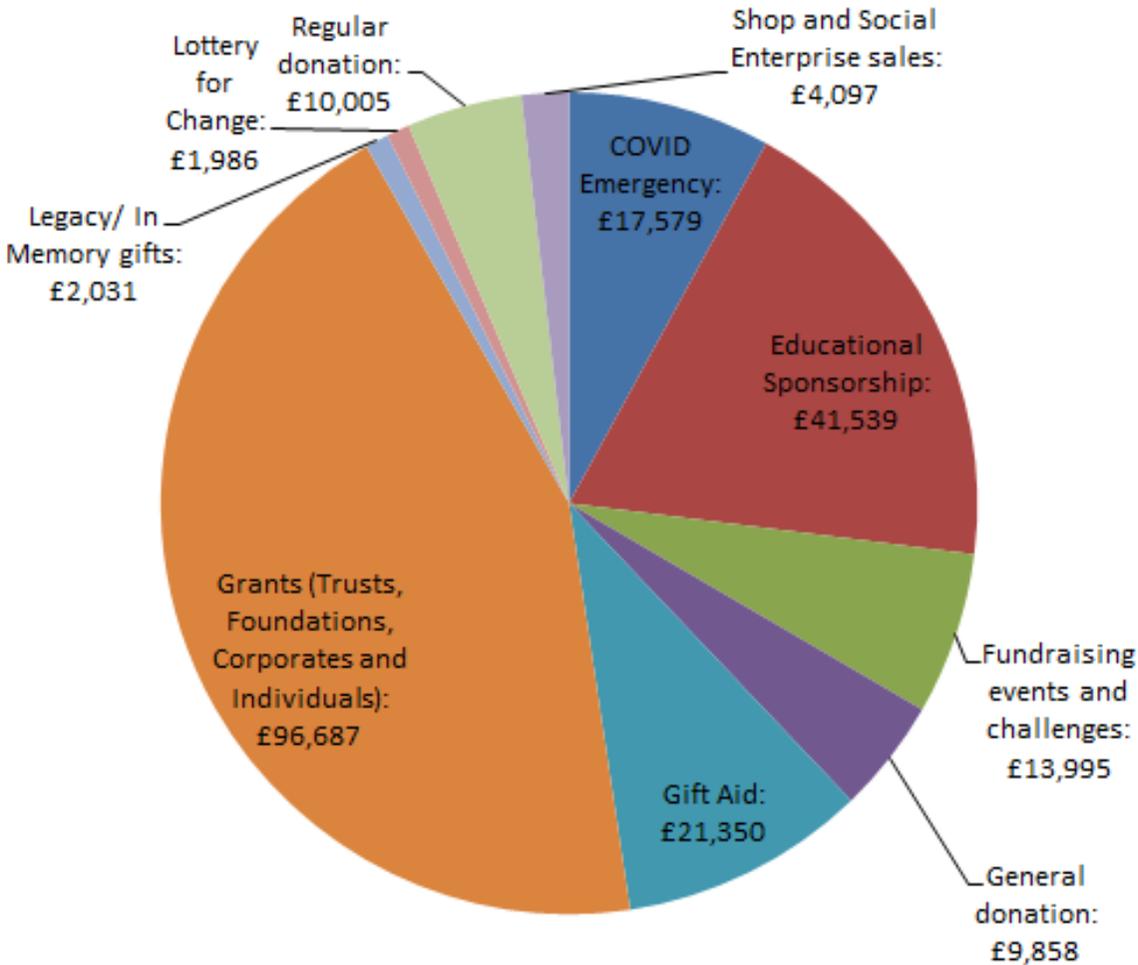


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Income and Expenditure



Total Income: £219,127
Total Expenditure: £179,086

Some of the activities we planned to do were delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions and will take place when it's safe to do so. We also hold a three month running cost reserve set by our trustees in case of emergencies.

THANK YOU

We want to say a HUGE thank you to every individual and organisation who have kindly partnered with and supported S.A.L.V.E. in the last year. Our work is only possible because of your help.

Together, we can make sure there is 'no street called home' for children living and working on the streets of Uganda.

British Humane Association
Catriona Hargreaves Charitable Trust
Gwyneth Forrester Trust
Hudson Charitable Trust
Mirianog Trust
Nalu Afrika
Open Gate
Pat Newman Memorial Trust
Pignatelli Foundation
Play Action International
Pro-seed
R G Hills Charitable Trust

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Rates Family Charitable Trust
Rotary Club Bedford de Parys
Rotary Club of Ambleside Kirkstone
Souter Charitable Trust
Tales to Inspire
The Bower Trust
The Fore
The Rozelle Trust
The University of Manchester

GET INVOLVED

Fundraise

Challenge yourself and raise money for street-connected children and their families in Uganda.

Volunteer

We are always looking for people who can share their skills and time to help S.A.L.V.E.'s work.

Donate

Every donation will provide life-changing opportunities to children living on the streets of Uganda.

Partner

Could your school, university or business support us to achieve our vision of 'no street called home'?



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