



# S.A.L.V.E. INTERNATIONAL

ANNUAL REPORT 2022





**NICOLA SANSOM - CEO**

Being CEO of a small charity is often a whirlwind experience. There is so much going on at once that we don't often have the opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved. Writing this, however, brings me joy as I get the chance to appreciate what we, as a global family, have done over the past year and the impact that we have had with street connected children and their families.

One of our proudest achievements is that we helped more people than ever through Uganda's second, strict Covid-19 lockdown. This involved providing a safe place to stay for children on the street who otherwise would have been punished for being outside beyond curfew. It also involved delivering food and soap packages to families in vulnerable situations. For some families, we were also able to pay their rent to stop them from being evicted and forced onto the streets.

While the schools were closed, we offered tutoring services to children to help keep them engaged with education and to stop them dropping too far behind. Thankfully the schools in Uganda fully reopened in January 2022 and the children were delighted to re-start their education. We were so proud to see them in their uniforms at the start of the year, brimming with hope!

As the rest of the country also re-opened, we were able to support families whose businesses were forced to close during lockdowns, to once again start trading. This has enabled them to be more financially self-sufficient and empowered them to look after their own families and their futures.

We have expanded our support services for girls in the past year with a larger dedicated Drop in Centre, which we were lucky to have funds for, despite losing our UK Aid Grant in the cuts. Thanks to another kind donation we were also able to build our Anam Cara Halfway Home of Healing for Girls at our residential site, providing a safe place for more girls to come and recover away from the dangers of the streets.

None of this would be possible without you, our loyal and generous friends and supporters. I am always humbled by your kind words, deeds and hearts.

From myself and the whole team at S.A.L.V.E. International, thank you for believing in us and standing with us in such difficult times,

Nicola



**Chairperson of Children's Council for  
S.A.L.V.E. International**

Before being entrusted with this role, I have been a member on this council for two consecutive years.

Me and my three siblings had run away from home to street due to problems at home. We met S.A.L.V.E. staff there and I am happy to say that I am no longer on the street and I am now at school. In this role I enjoy helping share views on how to best support other children in S.A.L.V.E. both in education, already reintegrated home, on the street and those who are being prepared to go back home.

My vision in this leadership is to focus on providing and developing leadership skills among the children supported by S.A.L.V.E. I want us to help there to be 'No Street Called Home' in the world.

# COVID-19 SUPPORT



We helped 1,908 people with food and soap parcels through the second strict Covid-19 lockdown.



Schools in Uganda were closed for almost 2 years - one of the longest lockdowns in the world.



We provided education tutors to children in our Educational Support programme to help them catch up on missed learning.





# STREET OUTREACH

520

children have accessed our Street Outreach services in the past year.

This is a 62% increase from the previous year.

403 BOYS

117 GIRLS\*

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

# HALFWAY HOMES

127

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.

**87 CHILDREN**

were referred to our Halfway Homes directly off the streets.

**40 CHILDREN**

were children we had previously resettled home but needed extra support.



# DRUG REHABILITATION

61

boys were part of our innovative Drug Rehabilitation programme last year.

This programme currently only runs for boys but we hope to expand it to girls, who are also at risk of dangerous drug and alcohol addictions.

Of the children who completed their drug rehab programme, we had a 70% success rate of them staying home and drug free.

Drug abuse is common amongst children on the streets and we are pleased to be able to provide this lifeline against battling addiction.



# HOME RESETTLEMENT

92

children were resettled safely home to their families (or a foster family) as part of our Family Resettlement programme.



We had an 80% success rate of children successfully remaining at home for the long term (1 year or more) after being resettled. We are proud to have achieved this. This is a small drop from previous years, likely caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and the rising cost of living, which has led to increased poverty at home for many Ugandan families.



# EDUCATION

128

children have been helped through our Educational Support programme.



At S.A.L.V.E. we believe that education is key to unlocking a brighter future for street connected children.

We now offer both individual Educational Sponsorship, as well as giving people the option to support children through our Education Fund. Any money given to the Education Fund is used to support the schooling of whichever child(ren) are in greatest need at the time.

# GRADUATES



young people have graduated this year. Congratulations to all of them!

## Sarah's\* story

We first met Sarah on the streets when she was 13 years old, spending her days on the street picking firewood to sell. She had run away from home after the death of her mother.



Once we were able to resettle her with a family member, she was supported by a kind education sponsor to return to school. Sarah has now qualified as a teacher, working in a school to empower other children through education.

\*names are changed in line with our Child Protection Policy



# BUSINESS EMPOWERMENT

56

new businesses were created as part of our Business Empowerment programme.

These businesses included specialised support in these three areas:

26

Permaculture farming businesses

10

Single mother's businesses

20

Urban focused businesses



# PERMACULTURE

We were shortlisted for the Permaculture Magazine Award in 2022 for our work with street connected children at our 5 acre site, teaching them about sustainable farming; as well as our community education with families to improve food production at home.



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



# ADVOCACY

Our News From the Streets publication is written by street connected children and published on the International Day for Street Children. It tells their story in their own words and is available in both Luganda and English.



On the International Day for Street Children in April, we helped to organise the Jinja celebration in partnership with the District, to highlight the rights of children living on the streets.

We also launched our new 5 year strategic plan:  
[www.salveinternational.org/salve-explained/our-strategic-plan/](http://www.salveinternational.org/salve-explained/our-strategic-plan/)



# 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 from this year.

## Sole2Soul Yoga

Sole2Soul chose S.A.L.V.E. as their charity partner for their advent yoga challenge in 2021. This was 24 days of yoga in the run up to Christmas. They also kindly donated a special yoga session for a raffle prize. Sole2Soul have additionally created special videos for the children in Uganda to do their own yoga sessions, which they love!



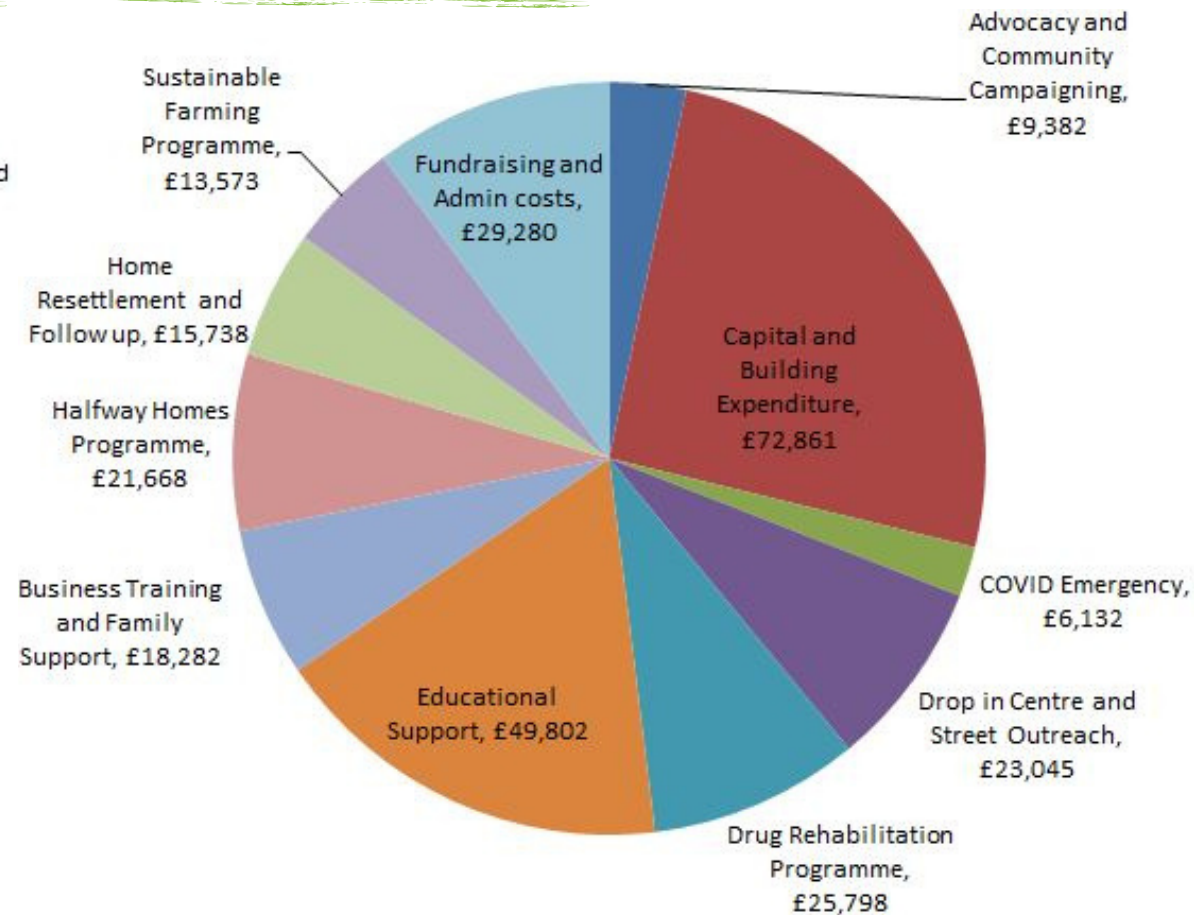
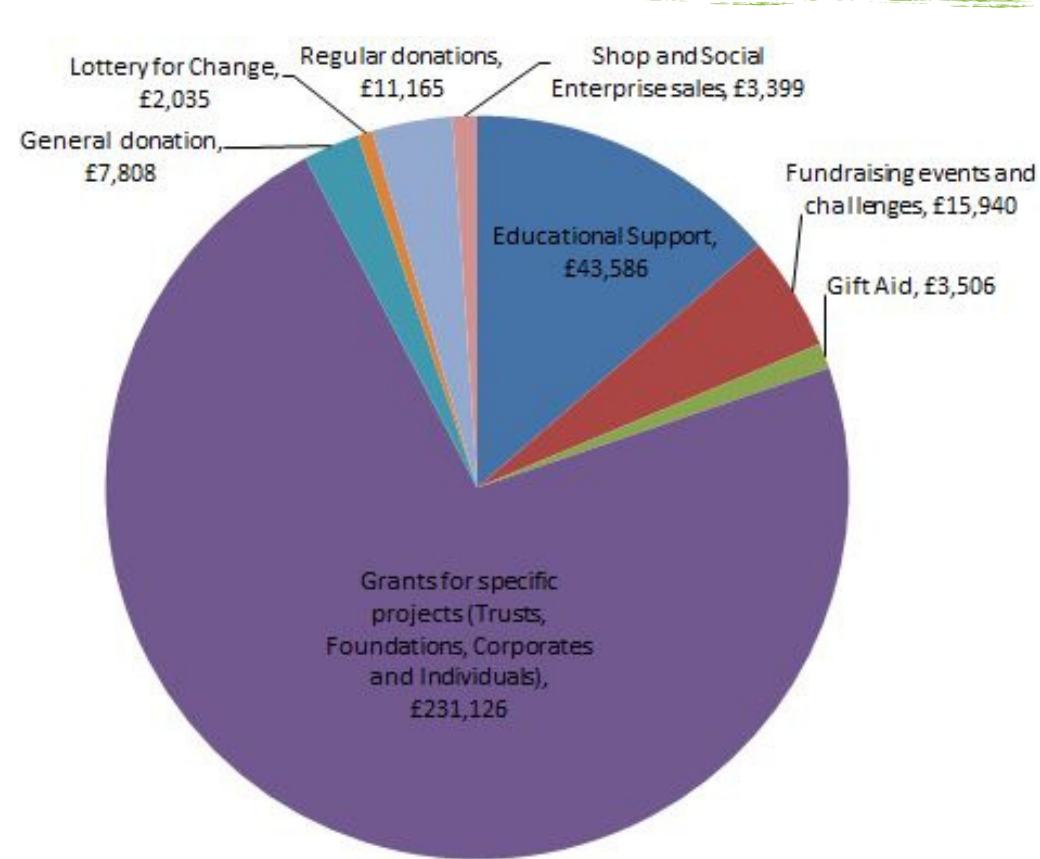
## Stepping Out Theatre

Stepping Out Theatre is a charity based in Bristol that is the country's leading mental health theatre group. We began our partnership in 2021 and they did a special theatre production as a dedicated fundraiser for S.A.L.V.E. and we are currently exploring if it might be possible for them to come to Uganda to train the children to put on a production too!





# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE



Total Income: £318,565

Total Expenditure: £287,297

We were able to do a big building project this year to add a security fence and girls Halfway Home of Healing on our main site in Namulesa. Some of the activities we planned to do this year were delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions that were in place until January 2022. We also hold a three month running cost reserve set by our trustees annually 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. Below are just a few.

Together, we can make sure there is 'No Street Called Home' for children living and working on the streets of Uganda.

Anam Cara Trust  
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust  
Gilchrist Educational Trust  
Help Change Lives  
Herbert and Stephanie Straus Memorial Trust  
Hope 4 Smile  
Inverclyde Trust  
MJB Charitable Trust  
Nalu Afrika  
Open Gate  
Play Action International  
Pro-seed  
Rotary Club Ambleside Kirkstone  
Shishukunj  
Sole2Soul Yoga

Stepping Out Theatre  
Tales to Inspire  
The Angela Gallagher Memorial Fund  
The Austin Bailey Foundation  
The Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation  
The Cumber Family Charitable Trust  
The Evan Cornish Foundation  
The Fulmer Charitable Trust  
The Hudson Charitable Trust  
The Pat Newman Memorial Trust  
The Rates Family Charitable Trust  
The Rozelle Trust  
The Souter Charitable Trust  
The Tula Trust Limited

[www.salveinternational.org](http://www.salveinternational.org)

UK Charity Number: 1126793

Ugandan NGO number: MIA/NB/2019/07/2297

# 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'?

Get in touch:  
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