



Kids Club
Kampala



Impact Report 2023

Dear friends,

Welcome to the Kids Club Kampala 2023 Impact Report! We want to start by saying thank you for your continued support over the last year – we are so grateful for each and every one of you.

2023 saw many exciting developments, like the official opening of our new Hope Centre in Naguru. Our vision here was to increase the capacity of our skilling courses, providing vocational skills training to more people to support sustainable income generation for young adults living in Naguru.

Our Ugandan team held a launch event for the opening, and we were delighted to be joined by: the Mayor for the Nakawa division, Mr. Paul Mugambe; the chair of our Ugandan Board for 2024-2025 and Ugandan MP to the East African Parliament, Dr. Siranda Gerald; and Democratic Party

Secretary General, alongside other community leaders and representatives.

In September we proudly welcomed a new cohort of students. Through the new Hope Centre, we can double the number of women and young adults with access to tailoring, knitting and business skills – going from 200 to 400 students per year. Thank you to all of our supporters who made this huge step possible.

We also launched a successful BBC Radio 4 appeal, with over 2 million listeners, hosted by actress Sheila Atim. Sheila, who was born in Uganda, did a wonderful job of sharing our purpose with genuine passion for our projects.

Last but not least, in 2023 we launched the Foster Care project to build new families and ensure more children have the opportunity to grow up in a loving home – an initiative we're excited to continue growing.

2023 came with both its successes and challenges for all four of our programme areas. Keep reading to find out more about what this last year has looked like for Kids Club Kampala.

God Bless,
Jo Black
Interim CEO

Our year in numbers

20
Children

reintegrated back with families

£17.6k
Raised

from BBC Radio 4 appeal

86
Children

given transitional support at Ewafe

1
New Football Centre

doubling our football players to 64



6,000
Period Products

provided to teenage girls

92
Adults Graduated

our vocational courses

204
Food Parcels

sent to families

12
Sponsored Children

successfully graduated



40
New Safeguarding

officers on-boarded

805
Children

in our Saturday Kids Clubs

168
Children

on the School Sponsorship project

116
Children

enrolled onto our Encouraging Education project



Where we've made a difference

We work across 10 slum areas of Kampala.

The communities and our projects

1 Katanga

Saturday Kids Clubs, Teen Counselling, Period Product Distribution, Encouraging Education, Sponsored Children, Carpentry

2 Naguru

KCK Head Office, Saturday Kids Clubs, Teen Counselling, Period Product Distribution, Encouraging Education, Hope Centre, Sponsored Children, Football

3 Namuwongo

Saturday Kids Clubs, Teen Counselling, Period Product Distribution, Encouraging Education, Football, Sponsored Children

4 Busika, Luwero District

Ewafe

5 Bukoto, 6 Gayaza,

7 Jandira, 8 Mpigi,

9 Kasubi, 10 Wakiso,

11 Mbuya

Saturday Kids Clubs, Sponsored Children, Teen Counselling, Period Product Distribution

Uganda

Kampala

Feeding programme

Our Feeding Programme has been running since 2011 and continues to be part of our free, daily education classes for children aged 3-6 years old, in three different slum communities. Our aim is to provide food for children living in food poverty – improving nutrition and health, and reducing economic pressure for families. Each child who attends our Encouraging Education project receives a free hot meal everyday, and up to 3 daily snacks a week.

In 2023 we worked hard to act on the recommendations that came from the Vashi Impact Group's Independent Evaluation of our work. This started with scaling back and eventually stopping our food banks in Q4 of 2023. We acknowledged the importance of shifting our focus to understanding and tackling the root causes of food insecurity in the slum communities, and stopping our food banks has allowed us to free up resources to scale up our other projects.



Impact
in 2023

96
Children

received daily
hot meals

204
Food Parcels
given out

973
Individuals
received a food
parcel

20.4k
Meals
provided

Read about our latest
visit to Uganda



Protecting programme

Our Protecting Programme includes a range of community-based abuse-prevention approaches which provide emergency responses to safeguard children in imminent danger and provide a safe space for children to play. Child protection is, and has always been, at the heart of our projects. We are on a mission to make a real, long-term difference to the lives of children and young people in the slum areas of Kampala.

Ewafe spotlight

Our Ewafe project offers emergency help (and a safe place to live) to at-risk children, while also working to reunite them with their relatives.

- 86 children being rehabilitated
- 36 families traced
- 20 children reintegrated into family-based care
- 9 foster care placements
- 70 post-reintegration family supervision and follow-ups

Impact
in 2023

805
Children

attended our
weekly Saturday
Kids Clubs

64
Boys
in our Football
project

43
Child
Protection
cases responded to

390
Girl Support
groups held

726
Girls
attended the
support groups

Joshua's* story



“Unfortunately, whilst left in the care of his older cousins, my grandson Joshua went missing. I was so scared and feared we may never find him. After he was admitted to the Ewafe project, Kids Club Kampala began looking for our family so we could be reunited. If it wasn't for this organisation we may never have found Joshua. Thank you!”

Delia's* story

“My name is Delia and I live in Namuwongo slum with my mother and siblings. Although our situation was hard before COVID-19, as a result of the national lockdown it became even harder. My mother quickly lost her job sorting coffee beans and, as hers was the only source of income for our family, we were soon evicted from our home due to failure to pay the rent and are now living with a family friend. During this

difficult time, we have been supported by Kids Club Kampala, who provided us with regular food parcels to keep us going. Today they have even given us free sanitary materials, which we had been unable to afford since my mother lost her job. We really appreciate all of the ways in which Kids Club Kampala has reached out to us and supported us during these dark days. May God bless you to reach out to more people in need.”



Launching our Foster Care project

In 2023 we launched the Foster Care project to ensure more children have the opportunity to grow up in a loving home.

Ronnie* was referred to the Ewafe project in May 2020. As soon as this happens, our team of social workers begin searching for immediate and extended family members, and where possible, put in place reintegration plans to bring these children home.

Ronnie had been found alone in a small room with no food by Aidah* (the women's counsellor of the local village). The team later discovered that following the death of Ronnie's parents, he had sadly been abandoned by his other relatives.

During his stay at Ewafe, Ronnie was cared for, given counselling and sponsored to go to school, while our social workers attempted to trace safe family members for Ronnie to stay with. Our teams always aim to reunite lost and abandoned children at our Ewafe project with relatives – but sometimes this is just not possible.

After much searching it became clear that reintegration with family was not an option, so our team then began the process of

foster care. Fortunately, after hearing that Ronnie required a foster home, Aidah got back in touch as she is a trained foster carer and wanted to welcome Ronnie into her family.

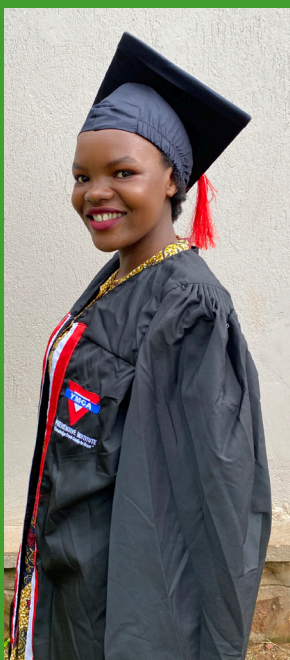
Following consultations between Ronnie, Aidah, our social workers and the probation officer, Ronnie was successfully placed with Aidah and has been integrated well with her family. Our team has continued to follow up with Ronnie – he has recently passed his primary leaving exams and this year he started secondary school.



Educating programme

Our Educating Programme continues to provide children in the slum communities with free education. It's extremely difficult for poor families in Uganda to afford the cost of sending their children to school and as a result, many children miss out on the vital education they deserve. The education we provide is necessary for families to break the cycle of poverty and help kids reach their full potential.

Sarah's* story



Sarah from Katanga slum joined the school sponsorship programme 10 years ago as her parents couldn't afford her education. Thanks to a generous sponsor, Sarah was able to attend a technical college and is now qualified in early childhood education. "I am so grateful for everything my sponsor has done for me because I did not know that time will come when I am a professional teacher. You made all this possible for me with the grace of God. Thank you very much."

Impact in 2023

116
Children

enrolled on our Encouraging Education project

168
Children

on our School Sponsorship project

14
Children

joined the School Sponsorship project

12
Children

graduated from the School Sponsorship project

Skilling programme

In 2023, our Skilling Programme once again offered free vocational training, courses and business skills to parents and young people to help them generate income for their families. Our Skilling Programme has two main focuses: our Tailoring and Knitting courses, and the Carpentry project.

Rodney's* story



"My name is Rodney and I joined the Carpentry project in November last year. I didn't know anything about furniture-making before joining the project but for the 5 months I have been training, I am proud that I can make different products like stools, chairs, bookshelves, T.V. stands and others.

I am extremely proud that I have even started making some money out of the skill

when a friend of mine asked me to make a mini wardrobe for his daughter. This was my best experience because I put in all the required effort to produce something good and fortunately he liked it more than I even thought he would like it. I am super proud of being part of the project."

Impact in 2023

160
Women

enrolled on our Tailoring and Knitting courses

4
Families

provided with Income Generating Activities

20
Carpentry
DIT graduates

64
Tailoring and Knitting
DIT graduates

Fundraising spotlight

Thank you so much to everyone who generously fundraised for us throughout 2023. We have lots of exciting plans for 2024 and we would love for you to be on that journey with us. Whether it's donating, volunteering, or any other kind of contribution, we can't wait to work together.

We simply couldn't continue to run our programmes without support from our community. From bake sales to sports challenges, and amazing staff fundraising, there were so many brilliant and creative events which have taken place over the last year.

Four Oaks Baptist Church



“As a group we got really excited about the prospect of getting involved with Kids Club Kampala and so arranged a meeting with Olivia to talk it through when we got home. As a church we then voted to partner with them. We run a coffee shop 5 days per week and have had a table full of the beautiful handmade merchandise for

sale, made by the women in Uganda. We have had representatives from the charity come and speak to us on multiple occasions and it is amazing to hear of all the charity has been able to do in Uganda. We especially love that Kids Club Kampala invests so much time in individuals, wanting them to develop skills that will eventually enable them to run a business and make a living for themselves.”

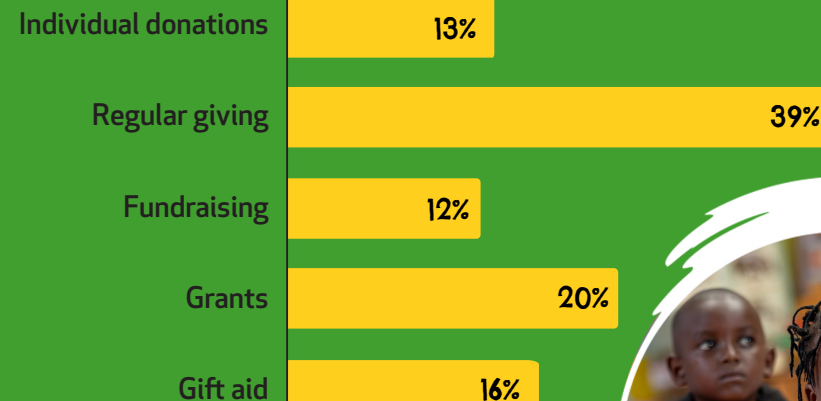


Esther Peacock

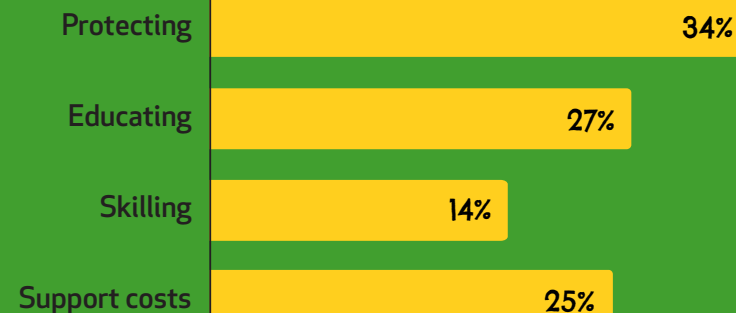
“I volunteered with KCK as an intern and I also fundraised for them in different ways such as manning stalls at in-person events and participating in challenges. The work the charity does is incredible and absolutely life-changing for the communities in Kampala. I feel blessed to have been a part of these projects and thoroughly enjoyed my time as a volunteer, especially because of the positive impact stories of the lives changed that I read. The staff team at KCK are so friendly too and made my experience a warm and enjoyable one!”

2023 Financial review

Total income 2023:
£666,046



Total expenditure 2023:
£722,437



Our plans for the future

From working with our communities over the past 14 years, we have been able to build a unique, holistic model of support which protects the most vulnerable children living in Kampala's slums, and unlocks their potential.

Our Independent Evaluation showcased that there has been significant improvements to children's lives through our work, matched with an ever-increasing need in our communities. The most evident result of our Independent Evaluation is that we need to increase our income significantly in order to scale up our work and enable more children to survive and thrive.

Alongside our team in Uganda, we have co-created a bold strategy, Vision 30, which will set the direction of Kids Club Kampala and the work we do with our communities for the next 15 years. We will be investing to scale up our programmes in existing communities, partnering with organisations to increase our impact and to lead positive change that champions children and advocates for effective solutions in disadvantaged communities.



Getting involved

We are making plans to build upon our impact and set our direction to reach millions more children over the coming 15 years, but we cannot achieve this alone.

We need donors and partners to invest with us to help the team in Uganda reach the most vulnerable, and scale up our impact with new education and skilling centres. Together, we can create a world where all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Big dreams start with a small commitment to change, and anything you can do to help us reach more children will make a big difference. Whether that's making

a regular donation, introducing us to your company, or inviting us to attend an event to talk about our work is a huge step forward for us.

Will you be part of our journey in unlocking childrens' potential for generations to come?

Find out more



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