

INVESTORS REPORT



A Note from Julie:

With all of the pressing needs in the world, **thank you** for entrusting HEED with your charitable giving in 2022. It was a year of progress solidifying our programs, staff, and processes. We completed year two of our 5-year strategic plan by hitting nearly all of our targets for progress in our five pathways: education, water & sanitation, health, income generation, and spiritual growth. I share highlights below. Read along and rejoice at the impact we are making together!

~ Julie Secrist, Founder & Executive Director

2023 Highlights

- ◆ Schools finally reopened in January 2022 after nearly two years of closures for COVID. The staff had a big task to help students readjust and try to catch up from missed learning.
- ◆ With nearly two years of school closures, sadly 55% of high students didn't return. We pivoted, opening a vocational school. Over half of the dropouts enrolled.
- ◆ Our vocational school was officially licensed to teach hairdressing, agriculture, welding, motorcycle & vehicle mechanics, tailoring, and catering. 85 vocational students learned employable skills this year, and all high school students choose a skill to learn as well.
- ◆ 106 students who would have been out of school were helped to attend school through our Scholarship Program. Scholarships were provided for primary, high school, vocational, and even for two students to go to university.
- ◆ Your faithful giving provided employment for 77 teachers, support staff, and management.
- ◆ 3,174 patients received care at our clinic including 787 people who were treated for malaria. 41 babies were fully immunized against childhood disease, and 45 patients had an ultrasound with our new scan machine-only the 2nd available in the district.
- ◆ A seven-mile trench was dug to connect our water tanks to the National Water Supply ensuring *the first-ever* secure water supply for the schools. Ten local families were also able to connect to the supply line. A community tank is in the works.
- ◆ In 2021, a donor reached out to us offering to help build our high school dormitories so we could enroll more students. This turned into a master plan with a huge \$1.6 million price tag. Miraculously, 99% of those funds have been raised or pledged and construction is halfway completed!
- ◆ A partnership with The Scripture Union for discipleship at the schools has provided resources and is bearing fruit. Our student-led high school Scripture Union Club meets daily at lunch time and almost half of the kids participate.
- ◆ Two saving circles where people save and borrow to start small businesses have successfully formed. Three staff people became certified business trainers and will begin training the circles and high school students in 2023.

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16



Progress: Our first high school dorm makes space for more students



Game Changer: Electricity comes to Kyakitanga!



Practical needs: Reusable menstrual kits help girls stay in school all month long



A First: The first baby was delivered at our community clinic this fall



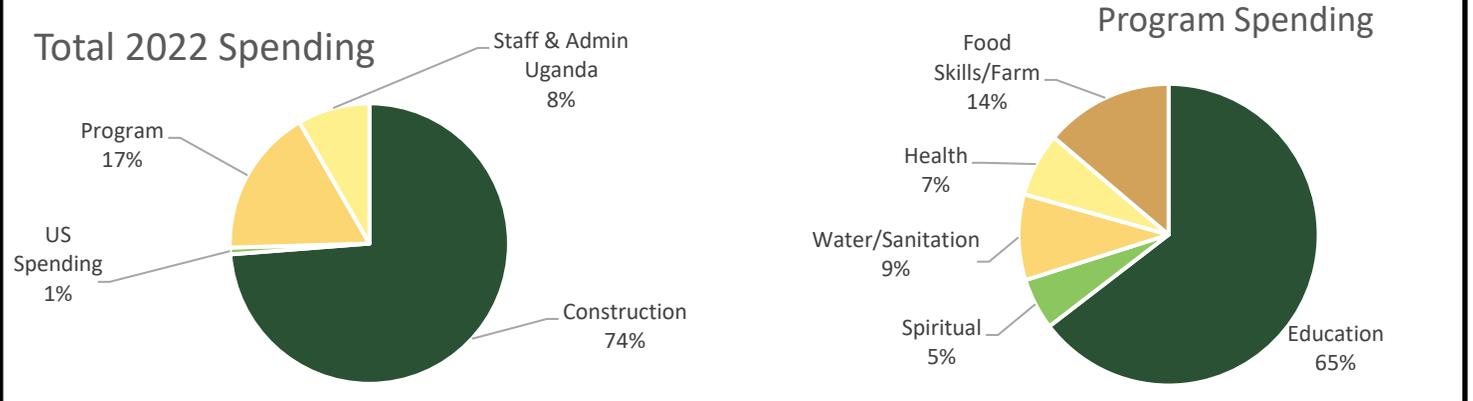
So many lives touched: Over 700 students between the 3 schools



A Word About Finances

You are part of a small, but generous, group of 139 donors and two granting organizations who equipped us to do so much in 2022. **Thank you!**

We strive to make every dollar given count, and still keep our total US spending to less than 2% of funds raised with our volunteer staff of professionals who give their time and talent to HEED. The charts below show how your giving was utilized to impact lives in 2022. We are accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, and our books are independently audited in Uganda annually.



Coming in 2023

- ◆ Construction of Phase 3 & 4 of our master plan creating a completed high school campus and an inviting, new teacher housing village.
- ◆ Soccer and net ball teams will be competing in the national schools' competitions, and we will host area sports galas on our spacious campuses.
- ◆ Business, savings, and entrepreneurship training will be provided for all high school students, with each class taking ownership of a different product.
- ◆ Adult literacy classes will start in March providing opportunity for 60 community members to acquire reading and math skills. 45% of the adult women in the community are currently illiterate.
- ◆ Construction of energy saving stoves will be taught to 200 families to reduce lung damage from breathing smoke and deforestation from firewood collection.
- ◆ Income generating projects introduced at the schools: bee keeping to make honey & shoe polish, yogurt making, Vaseline making, and juice making. Each high school class will adopt a project.
- ◆ All students graduating from our high school will also earn a vocational certificate in at least one marketable skill.
- ◆ A partner ministry, The Gospel Blaze, will host a lively, action-packed 3-day youth outreach at our campus to inspire the youth in their faith.
- ◆ Marrieds, women, youth and pastors' conferences are planned to build the spiritual foundation of the community.

From Executive Director Julius



I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been at our right hand in 2022. My biggest praise for the year is for everyone who participated in the construction fundraising. We celebrate the new dormitories and teacher houses that have been built and more buildings are coming in 2023. We also celebrate that our schools now have a secure water supply with the new connection to the national water supply.

2023 is year that God has given us to increase our school enrollment to fill the new buildings, and we believe this year our schools will be crossing to the level of self-sustainability. Our team does empower the children in our hands holistically through education with skills training and Christian discipleship. We have also started onto paving the primary school with pavers made by vocational students. We can't wait to see it done!

I do pray for protection and favor upon you and your families because you have truly blessed us as a ministry. We stand because God has caused you to stand with us.

Yours ,

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Executive Director HEED Children

Korodina's Story



Meet Korodina Muhawenimana, one of our scholarship students. She is 17 years old, just finished 7th grade, and lives with her 82-year-old grandmother.

Their traditionally-built mud house washed away in a rainstorm, so they are currently staying in a structure made from tarps.

The scholarship funds her tuition, and Korodina works in neighbors' gardens to raise funds to buy school supplies. Without the support of HEED, Korodina says there would be no hope of getting an education. Though life is hard, education gives her hope for a better future.

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With all of the pressing needs in the world, thank you for entrusting HEED with your giving in 2021. As the pandemic drug on, among our many concerns was how we would continue to support our staff, how the children would face during school closures, and how we could pivot to provide relevant ministry within the limitations. Because of faithful support, we did more than survive 2021. We thrived. Together we impacted lives!



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