



Annual Report 2021

Message from the founders

The COVID-19 Pandemic was detrimental to Set Her Free's operation in the year 2021. Nevertheless, Set Her Free was thriving through the crisis conquering the challenges of closed public institutions, such as schools and daycare facilities.

Set Her Free remained a reliable partner cooperating closely with its donors and leaving the doors open for our beneficiaries. Reacting to the increase in vulnerability of adolescent girls and young women, the continuation of operation was our highest priority.

We have focused on innovative and evidence based programming, system building, network building, and expanding the social enterprise department of the organisation. It was another year of success and performance for Set Her Free.

We would like to thank our partners and sponsors for their commitment and support and applaud the Set Her Free Team for its efforts.

Sincerely,

Robinah Sarah Muganzi and Robin Nestler



About Set Her Free



Kampala, Uganda

- Based in one of Kampala's Slum areas, Kawempe, Set Her Free operates accommodation and learning facilities for adolescent girls (aged 10-14) and young women (aged 15-25)
- Several projects are currently implemented:
 - Sponsorships for formal education:
 - Primary Level
 - Secondary Level
 - Tertiary Level
 - Six-month vocational education and training programme
 - Fashion & Design
 - Hair Dressing & Cosmetology
 - Health and rehabilitative services
 - Child protection
 - Psychosocial support

Why We Do What We Do

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Vision

All adolescent girls and young women in the urban poor slums of Uganda freed from all forms of exploitation to achieve their life and development goals.

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Values

Love, Hope, Dignity,
Spirituality, Non-judgemental



Mission

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To empower marginalized adolescent girls and young women with knowledge and skills to break the cycle of poverty and build their resilience to make informed life and sexual reproductive health choices.

Sponsorship and Formal Education



A total of **32** girls benefitted from this sponsorship program which provides marginalized girls from the urban areas of central Uganda to access education. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all schools in Uganda were closed for the majority of 2021.

Vocational Skilling and Training



A total of **30** students have benefitted from the vocational training in various skills. Besides skilling in Hairdressing & Cosmetology and Fashion & Design, the skills include the making of liquid soap, sanitary pads, candles, shoes, and flower vases. The students also learned how to weave baskets.

The Voluntary Savings and Loaning Association (VLSA)

VLSA has been an instrumental arm of sustainability in the year 2021. Up to 30% interest was accrued from the total savings capital of the Savings and Loaning Association. The current class consists of very vulnerable girls with limited income for savings. The majority of the savings have been contributed from the girls in the internship program.



Safe Space Programme

This year, we have been able to reach out to 82 girls in two safe spaces. The girls meet on a weekly basis. Through our programs, over 1000 girls have indirectly benefitted. In these spaces the girls access empowering information, participate in social skills training, access medical services, and engage in recreational activities.



Health and Rehabilitative Support



- It is true that everyone has struggled with the fallout of the global pandemic, but it has had very serious effects on girls in Uganda. Due to the fallout of COVID-19, many girls in Uganda have faced unwanted pregnancies, early marriages, gender-based violence, and high rates of school dropout.
- Set Her Free has realized the need for increased engagement with adolescent girls in their communities. We are making it a priority to reach out to even more girls during this time. Any teenage pregnancy cases that Set Her Free receives, are referred to our networking organization that provides care to pregnant girls.
- Farming is a large component of the Set Her Free's health programming. With support from Angel House International, we are continuing to grow more food in order to give our beneficiaries a well-balanced diet. We are continuing to grow more vegetables, cereals, and fruits. We are also continuing to sustain our organization with the food that we grow at the Bombo Farm.

Child Protection and Psychosocial Services

One of the projects that we are currently implementing is the Adolescent Girl Power Project (AGPP), which is funded by the Child Rights Violence Prevention (CRVPF). This project will include formal education, vocational skills training, social enterprise, and livelihood support to vulnerable families.



I am keeping
children safe...



...what about
you?

Social Enterprise and Economic Empowerment

Throughout the year, there has been significant economic fallout from the COVID-19 lockdown. The fallout has happened at both the national and individual level. Business have been forced to close. For the most vulnerable families in the slum communities of Kampala, COVID-19 has caused devastating effects.

In this situation, Set Her Free was engaged in providing livelihood support. These interventions were made possible through the financial support of Share Trust through the Urban Local Coalition Accelerator (ULCA).

Set Her Free hired a consultant from Makerere University who has completed mapping and profiling of 1,500 of the most vulnerable households affected by COVID-19 in Kawempe Division. The profiling and mapping included urban refugees, people living with disabilities, young mothers, and children headed households. The mapping and profiling exercise identified disparities on the need for food relief, and sanitation interventions. Of the 1500 households identified, 3% were urban refugees, 17% were people living with disabilities, and the rest were low-income earners.

Overall, 83% of households did not have a hand washing facility and 82% did not have soap at a hand washing facility. Only 54% of households had face masks. 74% of households confirmed to have lost their source of income due to COVID-19. 49% of households were currently experiencing food insecurity 1-3 times per month and 36% of households reported experiencing food insecurity 5 times per month.

There was an urgent need to provide emergency food relief and cash transfers to 1,350 of the most vulnerable households in the Kawempe Division of Kampala. To support these vulnerable households, we reached out to 900 households with cash transfers and 450 households with food relief.



Partners 2021 and Financial Summary

Thank you for your continued trust and support to **Set Her Free:**

- Segal Family Foundation
- Child Rights Violence Prevention (CRVPP)
- Urban Local Urban Accelerator (ULCA)
- Friends of Girls
- Obulamu Ministries
- Angel House International
- Social Ambassador's Program
- Globe Med and George Washington University
- Absa Bank
- Blissful Ladies

Item	Amount UGX	Amount USD
Donation Income	348,102,008	96,695.28
Fundrasing	1,080,000	300.00
Sponsorships	181,792,800	50,498.00
Total	530,979,408.00	147,494.28

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