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2022

ANNUAL REPORT

BUILDING
FUTURES

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RESTORING THE VOICES
OF CHILDREN SILENCED BY WAR.



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**IF IT IS TRUE THAT THE FULL
HUMANITY OF WOMEN IS
NOT OUR CULTURE, THEN
WE CAN AND MUST MAKE IT
OUR CULTURE.**

– Chimamanda Adichie, Nigerian poet

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In 2022, we completed some long-needed building projects that will help strengthen the programs that donors expect us to deliver – and rightly so. Despite a number of challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic (such as skyrocketing inflation), we now have a new administrative building at the Lukome Center in Uganda, and a new Youth Empowerment Center at the Malkohi internally displaced persons camp in Nigeria.

These new structures will serve as centers of healing and safe places in which students can achieve personal renewal and attain the skills they need to build a better future for themselves and their communities. And they will help our students reach across cultural divides and create new social bonds.

And that’s ultimately the point: Creating new social bonds. Building community. Developing future leaders. After all, physical structures rise and fall, but it is the lasting bonds of friendship and common purpose that are the building blocks of community. Our students come from homes and communities that have been broken by violence. ChildVoice’s great task is so much more than helping individual youths recover from trauma and build new and vibrant lives. It’s also to provide them with the spiritual resilience and vital skills they need to help lift

up and strengthen their communities. It’s why the aftercare phase of our programs is so important to ensure long-term success.

And long-term success requires long-term commitment. For our students, the road to recovery is often not smooth, and it is not always easy in the moment to see what blessings the future holds for them. (See Monica’s story on page 7.) Our programs are founded in principles of faith, forgiveness, patience, and love. Aftercare is where we see these principles ultimately bear fruit, because we know the broken child who comes to us is not the resilient adult they will become.

We couldn’t do any of this work without the care and dedication of our donors. Thank you so much for your support in 2022!



Conrad Mandsager
ChildVoice CEO & President



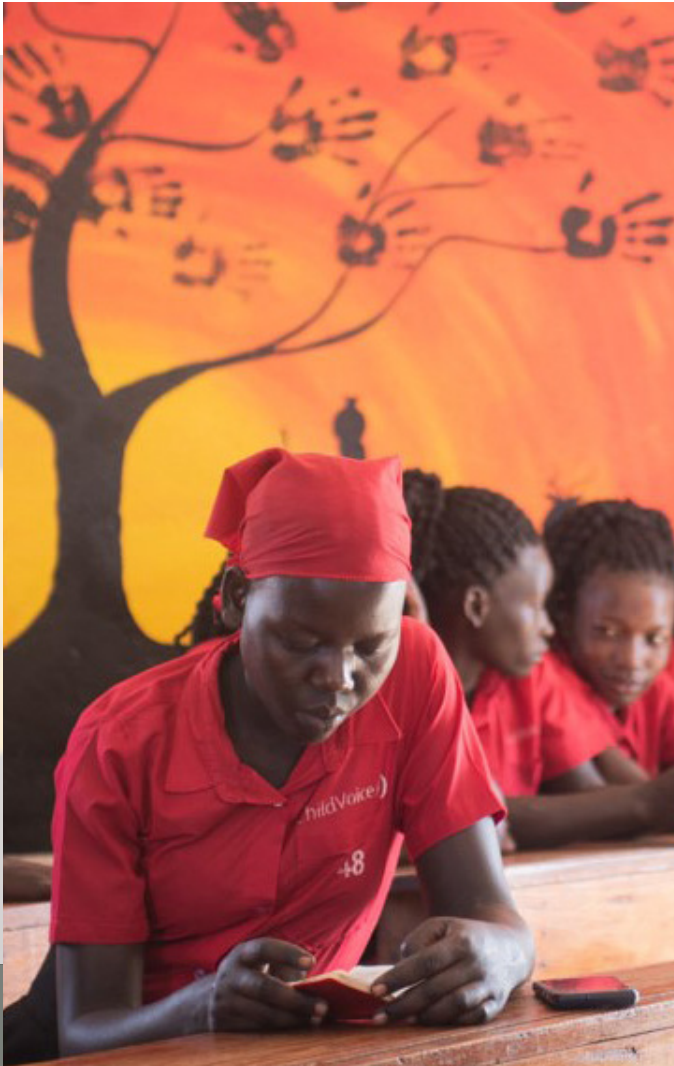
ChildVoice Nigeria Staff

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UGANDA THE LUKOME CENTER

Center-Based Programming



2022 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Among our major accomplishments in 2022 was the completion of the new administrative building on the Lukome Center campus. The structure provides much-needed office space for staff administration of the campus. It also fills a need for an on-site medical clinic for our students and the surrounding community. And it offers students better privacy for individual counseling sessions.

Of special note: In April of 2022, a team of visiting doctors from the U.S. used the new administrative building as an area clinic. They worked with our staff to provide medical care to 991 members of the local community who would otherwise not have been able to get treatment.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we were fortunate that the Ugandan government allowed the Lukome Center to remain open while most other schools were shut down. But as the pandemic-related lockdowns and travel restrictions in Uganda began to ease in 2022, the unintended consequences of these actions started to become apparent, including a “shadow pandemic” of teen pregnancy, with some 90,000 girls becoming pregnant during the lockdowns, according to Nelson Ayo, Uganda’s Education Officer. ChildVoice faced a surge in applications for the Lukome Center.

CLASS 15 STUDENTS

24 ADOLESCENT GIRLS, WITH 26 CHILDREN ENROLLED

77

GRADUATES CURRENTLY IN POST-RESIDENTIAL AFTERCARE

YEAR-ROUND SESSIONS

INCLUDED INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING, AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS SKILLS, FINANCIAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY, VOCATIONAL (HAIR DRESSING, BAKERY AND CATERING, SWEATER KNITTING, TAILORING), PARENTING SKILLS, SPORTS, AND MUSIC.

275

AVERAGE HEALTH CENTER VISITS PER QUARTER

UGANDA

IMVEPI REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

Community-Based Programming

In Imvepi Refugee Settlement, the increased rate of teen pregnancy was not the only “shadow pandemic” that arose amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Climate shocks, ongoing regional violence, and the pandemic all contributed to increasing, widespread hunger. As the World Food Programme was forced to cut back food relief in Imvepi, refugees from South Sudan and other East African locations were left to subsist on as little as one half of one meal a day per person. Rates of suicide attempts and ideation of suicide began surging as a result.

We responded first by making an emergency appeal to donors to help us provide food relief to our beneficiaries. It quickly became clear that this would not be enough, so at the end of the fiscal year we began formulating a hybrid approach that provided both supplemental relief and increased agricultural training.

Despite challenges many students had in attending sessions due to self-relocation throughout the settlement, activities at Girl Empowerment Centers continued through 2022. Training sessions included agriculture; business training; financial literacy; vocational skills; devotions; Getting Ahead/life skills; group counseling; health education; THRIVE menstrual pad making; health & sanitation; and sports. As in previous years, the vast majority of active beneficiaries in Imvepi (83 percent) are South Sudanese refugees.



2500 TOTAL NUMBER OF GIRLS REGISTERED

829 TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITY SESSIONS

ACTIVITY SESSIONS INCLUDED

AT GIRL EMPOWERMENT CENTERS: AGRICULTURE, VOCATIONAL TRAINING (HAIR DRESSING, TAILORING, BAKERY, CATERING), FINANCIAL LITERACY, BUSINESS TRAINING, SPORTS, GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING, GROUP AWARENESS, HEALTH AND HYGIENE EDUCATION.

195 TOTAL NUMBER OF THRIVE KITS DISTRIBUTED

2022 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

NIGERIA MALKOHI AND MUBI

Community-Based Programming



One of our long-standing goals in Nigeria had been to build a Youth Empowerment Center (YEC) within the Malkohi internally displaced persons (IDP) camp. We finally accomplished this in 2022. The official opening at the end of March 2022 was marked by a number of celebratory activities, including traditional song and dance by both girls and boys. Along with allowing us to enhance and expand program offerings and activities, the YEC also provides a communal gathering place where students from vastly different backgrounds can learn to reach across cultural divides that have pitted Fulani nomadic herders against Christian agricultural communities in ongoing violent clashes.

Early in the fiscal year, the Nigeria team acquired a small plot of farmland to establish an agriculture training program for adolescent boys living in the Malkohi IDP camp. Students planted and harvested corn and rice. We later worked to obtain more land to provide agriculture training to adolescent girls as well. Income-generating activities such as soap making continued throughout the year.

Meanwhile, following a successful THRIVE pilot program in Mubi, Adamawa State, we began laying the groundwork to establish an ongoing presence through a partnership with Nuru International. Ongoing operations are slated to begin in 2023.

2022 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

21

REGISTERED BOYS

383

BOYS' TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITY SESSIONS

BOYS' ACTIVITY SESSIONS

INCLUDED COUNSELING, BASIC LITERACY/NUMERACY, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, HEALTH AND HYGIENE, SPORTS, MUSIC, AGRICULTURE, AND ELECTRICAL SKILLS.

583

REGISTERED GIRLS

343

GIRLS' TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITY SESSIONS

GIRLS' ACTIVITY SESSIONS

INCLUDED COUNSELING; BASIC LITERACY/NUMERACY; VOCATIONAL TRAINING; HEALTH AND HYGIENE; SPORTS, MUSIC; AGRICULTURE; THRIVE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PAD MAKING; AND LIFE SKILLS.

494

TOTAL NUMBER OF THRIVE KITS DISTRIBUTED

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

MONICA:

Walking a Thorny Path Toward a Fruitful Future

The path to recovery from trauma rooted in war and conflict is not always clear. It can be strewn with thorny barriers fed by wounds both physical and psychological. Faith and patience are vital ingredients in our students' healing process. Sometimes, the journey can take years to bear fruit.

Monica came to the Lukome Center as a child mother in 2011 when she was 17 years old. One of seven children, she had been raised by her Ugandan mother single-handedly. Poverty was an impassable barrier for the family. With no money for an education, Monica and her siblings grew up illiterate.

When she was just 9 years old, Monica was abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). She spent 7 years in captivity – first being groomed by one of Joseph Kony's wives to become a wife, and then being "assigned" as a bride to a much older man who infected her with HIV. Her daughter, Blessing, was born HIV-positive as a result.

She finally escaped during a firefight between LRA insurgents and Congolese soldiers that left her wounded in her torso, hand, and leg. During her time at the Lukome Center, ChildVoice assisted her in getting the surgery necessary to restore function in her hand.

At the Lukome Center, Monica proved to be a difficult and sometimes rebellious student. After graduation, she was offered a job working on the center's farm, but was let go under less-than-ideal circumstances. Yet today, Monica's transformation seems nothing short of miraculous. She is an elected representative for disabled people in her local town council of Atiak, speaking for the needs of people with disabilities in five surrounding parishes. She serves as treasurer for her local savings and loan group. And she and her husband—also a former LRA abductee—run a small farm that boasts numerous cows, goats, and chickens.

Monica credits ChildVoice with giving her the loving guidance, education, and mentorship she needed to rebuild her life. And more importantly, she is grateful that ChildVoice helped to ensure that her HIV-positive daughter would have a brighter future as well.

"I look at ChildVoice as being [my] parents," Monica said. "I would like for ChildVoice to keep following me in my journey through life."

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STORIES FROM THE FIELD

JAMILA:

From Displaced Child Mother To Valued Community Leader

Our Nigeria programs are just four years old, yet some of our students are already achieving some remarkable accomplishments. Jamila is one example of a student who has demonstrated both the strong leadership qualities and committed community involvement we are working to foster and develop.

Jamila was just 13 years old when she was married to her first husband in Gwoza, Nigeria. She was pregnant with her fourth son when her husband was tragically killed while they attempted to escape a Boko Haram attack on her village of Pulka.

After Jamila arrived in the Malkohi IDP camp, she met and married her second husband, also an IDP, and soon gave birth to her fifth child, Fatima (now 5 years old). But sadly, her new husband became violent and abusive, and he refused to take any responsibility for her four older children, Madu, Dabo, Aisha, and Abubakar. Ultimately, his ongoing abuse and negligence left her no choice but to leave and dissolve the marriage. It was at this low point in her life that ChildVoice first arrived in the Malkohi camp in 2018.

ChildVoice staff members recognized Jamila's leadership potential early on. Through our Getting Ahead curriculum Jamila grew in confidence, quickly demonstrating an ability for public speaking. She soon became a community mobilizer for ChildVoice, helping to generate interest whenever ChildVoice staff came to the camp to lead Income-Generating Activity (IGA) sessions – a role that demonstrated how she commanded the respect of her fellow students.

Today, Jamila works with the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Women Affairs. She holds a leadership role in the Malkohi camp community as secretary of the camp committee. She also runs a small grocery shop in Malkohi – a vital service for many of the displaced residents living in the camp. She's happily remarried, and has even adopted a sixth child, Ahmadu – a 13-year-old orphan who lost his parents, both of whom were killed by Boko Haram insurgents.

"Jamila's growth is a story that really encourages me," said ChildVoice Nigeria Co-Director Rebecca Malgwi. "Because when we first came to the Malkohi camp, Jamila was broken and going through her second divorce at a very young age."



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GLOBAL REFUGEE AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS STATISTICS

When a community is shattered by war and conflict, much more is lost than lives and homes. The fabric of the community—the many relationships among its people, its businesses, its leadership—is torn asunder. While structures can be rebuilt, the social infrastructure is in equal need of reconstruction. One of our most important goals is to prepare our students to fill the voids left by violence and destruction – to become agents of change and renewal amid the aftermath of war.

The need is growing. In fact, with each passing year, it becomes greater. We can and must do more. We are so grateful for the support we have received from our donors over the years. Growth in ongoing donor support will become even more critical if we are to continue succeeding in our mission well into the future.

BY THE END OF 2021:

89.3 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE WERE FORCIBLY DISPLACED

– an increase of 6.9 million over the prior year. Primary causes of displacement included persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations, and events seriously disturbing public order. ¹



OF THE ABOVE, 27.1 MILLION WERE REFUGEES, AROUND HALF OF WHOM ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18, AND 52 MILLION WERE INTERNALLY DISPLACED. ¹



41% OF ALL FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE WERE CHILDREN. ¹

UGANDA HOSTED 1.5 MILLION REFUGEES WITHIN ITS BORDERS

– the third largest refugee population in the world. ¹

SOUTH SUDAN CONTRIBUTED 2.4 MILLION REFUGEES

– once again the fourth highest number of refugees globally. ¹

OVER 3.1 MILLION NIGERIANS WERE INTERNALLY DISPLACED. ²



86% OF DISPLACED PEOPLE GLOBALLY

– were hosted in developing countries in 2021. ¹

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2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR REPORT

2019-2020

REVENUE \$1,114,848

EXPENSES \$1,181,701

2020-2021

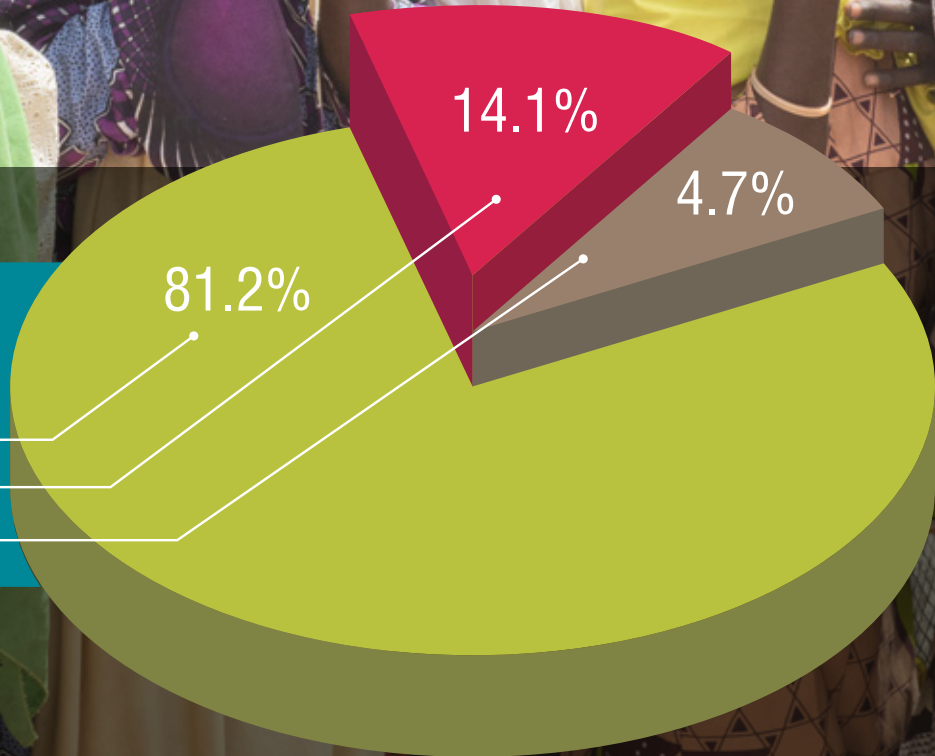
REVENUE \$ 851,583

EXPENSES \$ 952,730

2021 - 2022

TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,369,331
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,091,445

Program Expenses: \$ 886,364
Management & General: \$ 153,981
Fundraising: \$ 51,100



ChildVoice's historical IRS Form 990 filings can be obtained at childvoice.org/financials.

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THANK YOU.

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Shining a light on the long-term success of so many of our students reminds all of us in the ChildVoice family of how vital it is to stay the course. It is only through the enduring love and generous support of our donors that we have been able to continue providing a high level of critical services that war-affected children and adolescents need.

With your help, Monica is now a community leader advocating for the needs of the disabled.

With your help, Jamila runs a successful business and provides a good home for her adopted son. Their stories are just a small part of a much bigger picture of donor-driven success.

For all the support we have received in 2022, thank you so much!



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