



DWELLING PLACES



Annual Report

2022

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Founder's Statement



Dear Friends,

I greet you all in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ and congratulate you all for making it to yet another financial year.

I wish to recognize the commitment of the staff and the Board of Directors of Dwelling Places. It was a very difficult year but one which gave us perspective even if we were facing the end of funding from two major partners.

The folding of these projects alongside the global impact of COVID-19 on supporters saw Dwelling Places experience a 56% staff downsize that heavily impacted our operations.

We also had to review our operations to fit within what we could afford to do, but we were careful to watch how these adjustments affected our beneficiaries. The staff were careful to explain the changes to the beneficiaries, referring some to other social networks if they still needed ongoing support after the end of the funded projects.

It is of great significance to note that our regional office in Napak Karamoja was opened and funded with the support of funds that came from the donors whose

project cycle ended. Although this was the case, these funds had fanned the passion of the Founders towards the plight of child trafficking and the unsafe migration of children from Karamoja to the streets of Kampala. Our presence in the region not only causes a great impact in the reverse of this flow but also educates us about the real needs and opportunities of the beneficiaries in the region. The office is located in Iriiri Sub-county and rented from the Anglican Church of Uganda.

During the year 2022, the Founding Director embarked on what she called the "Reignite Tour" to re-envision supporters, staff and beneficiaries on the calling of Dwelling Places. This project resulted in major changes in the organisation to focus on the beneficiaries that were already in our hands as we prepared for the financial year 2023 and fit within the available resources.

I recognize the impeccable support we received this year from the Government of Uganda, particularly The Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Kampala City Council Authority, Napak District Local Government, Family and Child Protection Unit under Uganda Police, the network of organisations i.e. Children at Risk Action Network (CRANE), Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN), Coalition Against Trafficking In Persons Uganda (CATIPU) for the strong collaboration and partnership which has enabled us to reach more children.

We closed a very uncertain and difficult year on a positive note because we were able to ensure that each of these precious children indeed continued to pursue the fulfilment of their potential and we were able to keep them at home safely and within their communities.

Thank you, everyone, for making this happen.



Rita Nkamba, Founder Dwelling Places.

Chairman's Statement



Dear Shareholder,

I am pleased to present to you The Dwelling Places Report for the financial year ended 31st December 2022.

At the time of my previous writing to you, it was unimaginable that, a year later, we would still be dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in the way we are now. Its impact continues to be felt in all corners of the world. At Dwelling Places, we have observed an increase in the number of children trafficked to urban centers for street begging, child labour and other forms of exploitation. This has created a great need to enhance our prevention strategies as well as to protect the victims through our 4R model.

William Nkemba

Chairman

Management has performed well in meeting the increasing needs of our beneficiaries who suffered more significantly the effects of the pandemic, these included hunger crisis, loss of livelihood at household level, teenage pregnancies during the lockdown, and instabilities in the Karamoja sub-region. These impacted the well-being of children and their families.

Management adapted well in prioritising the safety and well-being of our beneficiaries, and staff. We have continued to respond to the needs of the communities, by providing appropriate support and linkages to existing social networks within the relevant communities.

During the course of the year, we experienced challenges in our projected inflows. This negatively impacted our strategic plan and resulted in suspension of unfunded activities, a reduction in staff numbers and a cut in the remuneration of the retained staff. The objective was for us to keep within the available resources without affecting our quality of service to the beneficiaries.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of our shareholders for your continued support. Special appreciation goes to Terre des Hommes Netherlands, ERIKS Development Partners, Kerk in Actie, Children at Risk Action Network, Dwelling Places UK, Life Change International, Mandela Group of Companies and other partners for your financial support.

I thank you all for your commitment to the vision of Dwelling Places.

Country Director's Statement



As 2022 unfolded, our role as Management was to ensure the essential stewardship of Dwelling Places planned activities, ensuring that the leadership structures and functions of the organisation are performing optimally.

Dwelling Places employs Several significant activities were implemented with adaptations, through our 4R's model (Rescue, Rehabilitate, Reconcile, Reintegrate) as well as education and advocacy.

There has been an overwhelming number of street-connected children on the streets compared to the previous years due to the persistent cattle rustling activities that have been in the Karamoja sub-region and have left many families displaced as they migrated to areas, they feel are safer to stay. Karamoja as a region was also hit by hunger which was due to prolonged harsh weather conditions thus a push for outmigration of children to the streets of Kampala.

Many children from the Karamoja region through our intervention, continue to report that they have been trafficked by people not known to them, though some are relatives who bring them to work as "babysitter"; however, reaching Kampala, they are sent to the streets to beg which is a form of abuse. Following the launch of the Kampala Capital City Child Protection Ordinance 2022, and the rescue by the KCCA enforcement team, we have seen children moving to the suburbs of the city for street begging.

Schools were closed earlier than planned in the third term due to the Ebola pandemic which also led to the increase of children on the streets towards the end of the year. We have further observed that the number of street connected children increases during the school holiday and reduces during the school term which confirms that schools act as a safety net for the children.

This year we noted that there were more none Karamojong boys on the streets than girls while we have more girls from the Karamoja region than boys. This has led to an increase in the number of rescued children thus affecting the target. Dwelling Places, in partnership with Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), Uganda Women's Effort to Save Orphans (UWESO), Uganda Change Agent Association, International Organisation for Cooperation and Development, Koblin Center in Napak under the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development rehabilitated the children. This year, we have been able to offer various services including;

- 668 children (246 boys and 422 girls) were interacted with through the 34 street outreaches conducted in Kampala District in the year 2022. The outreaches involved the mobile school on wheels, a tool we use to attract children to play and learn at the same time.
- 606 children (156 Male & 450 Female) were safeguarded through interception and rescue from the streets of Kampala while others were in transit in the areas of Katakwi, Mbale and Napak districts.
- 448 children (305 girls and 143 boys) received rehabilitation services in our Transitional Rehabilitation Home and in partnership with UWESO in Masulita, Koblin Center in Napak,

Agape World Ministries, Theresa Children's Home, and Hope for Justice. 58 children (13 boys and 45 girls) were referred to other partners for support while 100 girls were reintegrated back with their families immediately.

- 548 children (405 girls and 143 boys) successfully reintegrated with their families.
- 692 children/ youth (322 Male and 370 Female) were supported to access education on our ongoing program in a bid to reduce or prevent child trafficking and out migration especially in the Karamoja region as well as reduce the risk of school dropout.
- 185 youth (13 Male and 172 Female) who were intercepted/ rescued and reintegrated were supported to access education through skilling at Koblin youths' skilling training centre, St. Daniel Comboni Vocational Training Centre, Biira Vocational Training Institute, Buganda Royal University, CCP Mbale Training Institute and Apprenticeship training.
- 38 Child Rights Clubs were engaged in the year 2022, 35 in Napak District and 3 in Kampala District reaching 2,622 children/ youth (1272 boys & 1350 girls). 8 of these were community clubs that targeted out of school children to keep them engaged with prevention messages as well as encourage them to return to school. The children participated in various child-led advocacy activities to create awareness on the effects of child trafficking and sexual exploitation of children in their communities. They were also empowered to report all forms of violence to the local authorities or to use the toll-free number of 116.
- In our prevention strategies, 4 bylaws were developed and launched in Napak District and massive community awareness campaigns were implemented to prevent child trafficking and unsafe migration of children from Napak District.

This success was a result from Dwelling Places Staff with support from our partners, through collaboration with other like-minded civil society organisations, government ministries and local governments especially Kampala Capital City Authority and Napak District local government, we were able to reach more children than planned.

With all these successes, we need to thank God. We are humbly grateful for all the financial support and funding from Terre des Hommes- Netherlands, Global Fund to End Modern Slavery, ERIKS Development Partners, Kerk in Actie Netherlands, CRANE, Haba Na Haba Food Bank, Individual sponsors, Buganda Kingdom and many other individuals who have provided financial support.

David Ben Ochom,
Country Director



Who we are

Dwelling Places (DP) began in 2002 and is a Christian NGO dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of street children, abandoned babies and high-risk slum families in Uganda. DP follows a holistic program to restore and rebuild the children and families in its care. The 'Restore' programme is dedicated to rescuing vulnerable children and rehabilitating them through healthcare, education and reconciliation with their families. The 'Rebuild' programme is dedicated to helping families welcome their children back into the home and enabling alumni to develop and enjoy a sustainable way of life after leaving Dwelling Places.

Dwelling Places, started by Rita and William Nkamba in August 2002, is a fully-fledged Ugandan NGO with a sister charity registered in Glasgow, Scotland, aimed at helping raise awareness and funds for the children and families in Uganda. Since 2002, 1954 children have been reintegrated back into families and overall, 7,000 have received various forms of support in their families, including educational support and provision of basic health care and psycho-social support.

Our Mission:

Rescue, Rehabilitate, Reintegrate Educate and Advocate for street-connected children and abandoned babies to enable them to reach their full potential.

Our Vision:

A world where every child has a place to call home and is empowered to reach their full potential within a safe family and community setting.

Operating Structure:

The Dwelling Places operating structure is built around a matrix model of Programs and Services.

A program is a set of activities and procedures that seek to fulfil specific objectives for a clearly defined group of people. The activities and procedures are specific to the program. Examples of Programs would be Restore and Rebuild.

Services are support activities that make Programs more effective. The activities and procedures are general and cut across all the groups of people and programs we work with. Examples of a Service would be Health Care, Education and Administration.

1. Rescue: We conduct a variety of activities to build relationships with street-connected children and rescue the vulnerable ones, (between 3 and 12 years old) for care and protection.

2. Rehabilitation: We offer temporary accommodation, food, catch-up education, medical care, counselling, emotional and spiritual nourishment for the child.

3. Reconciliation: We conduct family tracing and reconciliation to resolve any issues that caused family separation, and ensure that every child is placed in a safe and loving community.

4. Reintegration: Successful reconciliation leads to sustainable resettlement including placement in schools and regular follow-ups.

5. Family Empowerment: We work with the resettled children and their families to ensure sustainability after resettlement by connecting them to existing local social, and economic networks. We also provide income generating activities to the most vulnerable families and children.

6. Education: This is our strategy for sustainable reintegration. Supporting a child to stay in school will keep them off the streets. We provide school fees, scholastic materials, and other basic school requirements.

7. Advocacy and Networking: We are active members of CRANE, UCRNN, CATIP-U. It is through these networks that we advocate for street connected children. Activities done here among others include; Capacity Building, organising media engagements and Public Awareness Campaigns.



DWELLING PLACES' THEORY OF CHANGE

Goal

A society where every child has a chest to rest his head on and a place to call Home

outcomes

- Children & Youths** claim their rights and acquire relevant skills for independence
- Families** are self sustainable and actively protect their children from abuse, exploitation and trafficking
- Government** enacts and enforces laws and policies that protect children from abuse, exploitation and trafficking
- Communities** actively protect children from abuse, exploitation and trafficking through communal protection and parenting
- CSOs** actively advocates for children's rights and protect children from abuse, exploitation and trafficking.
- Private Sector** contributes to the protection of children from abuse, exploitation and trafficking.

Pathways to change

- Children & Youths:**
 - Children and youth understand their rights and act as agents of change on child rights;
 - Children and youth are interested in leaving the streets and going back to school to acquire new knowledge and skills;
 - Children and youth develop academically, professionally and psychologically in an age appropriate way;
 - Children and Youth report cases of abuse and exploitation or risks thereof to responsible adults within the communities
- Families:**
 - Families understand the rights of the children in their care and are responsible for ensuring that these rights are met;
 - Families support children's access to education;
 - Families are willing to be empowered and supported to meet their children's basic needs and rights;
 - Families use empowerment resources as intended.
 - Families report abuse cases or risks thereof to law enforcement agents within the communities
- Government:**
 - Government understands the plight of the street-connected children;
 - Government recognizes the street-connected children as equal citizens, and have a right to access to all available social services;
 - Government enacts and enforces laws that protect all children, especially street-connected children from abuse, exploitation and trafficking;
 - Government, through its judiciary arm, prosecutes perpetrators of child abuse, exploitation and trafficking.
- Communities:**
 - Communities will be actively involved in communal protection and parenting of children
 - Communities enact and enforce laws and policies that protect all children from abuse, exploitation and trafficking;
 - Communities report cases of abuse, exploitation and trafficking, or risks thereof to law enforcement agents (formal or informal systems)
 - Communities are willing to cooperate with Dwelling Places and other relevant CSOs in the protection of children.
- CSOs:**
 - CSOs enact and enforce policies that ensure the children's best interests are met;
 - CSOs hold Government, communities, private sector and other CSOs accountable for the protection of children;
 - CSOs facilitate dialogues on family, community and National levels on child rights and protection;
 - CSOs understand the plight of the street-connected children and actively advocate for children's rights and protection from abuse, exploitation and trafficking.
- Private Sector:**
 - Private sector develops and enforces Human Resource policies that discourage child labor/ exploitation (In line with the UN Global compact);
 - Private sector adopts a code of conduct for their staff with special attention to child abuse, exploitation and trafficking;
 - Private sector are strategic partners, willing to cooperate in the protection of children from abuse, exploitation and trafficking;
 - Private sector understands the plight of the street-connected children and provides equal opportunities for them.

Dwelling Places' Strategies

<p>Rescue To remove/ rescue children from the vulnerable situations of abuse, exploitation and/or trafficking for care and protection. We build relationships with children on the streets, assess their individual specific needs and rescue or offer referral services</p>	<p>Rehabilitation: To provide temporary accommodation, food, catch-up education, medical care, counseling, emotional and spiritual nourishment for the child as a conduit to rebuilding the child spiritually, emotionally & psychologically in preparation for reconciliation & resettlement</p>	<p>Reconciliation: This allows us to resolve whatever issues caused the child to leave home in the first place; reconcile the child with their families, communities and with God. We conduct family tracing, reconciliation and family empowerment.</p>	<p>Resettlement: To place the child in a loving and caring home. We help the child integrate well with his/ her family thereby completely achieving our vision for the child – <i>to have a place to call home</i></p>	<p>Family & community Empowerment: To empower children and families for sustainable resettlement and prevention of out-migration. We work with the resettled children and their families, and children from high-risk communities to prevent migration/ re-migration to the streets</p>	<p>Advocacy: To advocate and uphold the rights of the children. We organize/ partner with other CSOs and Private Sector in organized media and public awareness campaigns against child abuse, exploitation, trafficking and unsafe movement</p>
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Children living on the streets are exploited through child labor, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and trafficking for selfish adult economic gains. They are also exposed to risks of poor health, substance abuse, and early child marriages, among other things .

Rescue



Overview of 2022

Street Outreaches:

668 children (246 boys and 422 girls) were interacted with through the 34 street outreaches conducted in Kampala District in the year 2022. The areas reached included; Kalerwa, Wandegeya, Bwaise, Jinja Road, Buganda Road, Mengo, Namayiba bus park, Katwe, and Kisenyi slums. The outreaches involved the mobile school on wheels, a tool we use to attract children to play and learn at the same time. The multi-disciplinary team including; Teachers, Social Workers, Nurses and the Children's Pastor offered services like individual and group Counselling, Spiritual Nourishment, learning through creative play/educational games were provided using the mobile school, and First Aid



through our mobile clinic. Most of the push factors for the children are dysfunctional families, Child Trafficking and unsafe migration due to peer influence. The team was more intentional in discussing peer pressure with the children during outreaches. It was also noted that there were more boys from the central region than girls on the streets. However, for the children from Karamoja, the girls were on the streets more than boys.



Dwelling Places Launched the Mobile School Project:

In March 2022, Dwelling Places in partnership with Mobile School (www.mobileschool.org) launched the Mobile School project in Uganda to strengthen the street outreach work. This followed a successful exploratory expedition in 2019, Mobile School was eager to start up a new mobile school project with the Dwelling Places in Kampala,

the first one of its kind in Uganda! However, due to the pandemic situation, it was impossible to launch the project as planned in 2020. After the reopening of the schools

and the end of the lockdown in January 2022, both parties decided to launch the mobile school. Having a kind of mobile school has always been a dream of Dwelling Places since its foundation in 2002.

The Mobile School Team of three facilitators; Sander Degeling, Junieth Machado and Fredrick Mbise spent the full week in Uganda training our Street Outreach Team, and other participants from organisations including; Kawempe Youth Development Association, Agape World Ministries and SALVE International under the Children at Risk Action Network

(CRANE). The mobile school has been put to good use as it attracted more children and created opportunities for engagement during the street outreaches.





Rescues:

606 children (156 Male & 450 Female) were safeguarded through interception and rescue from the streets of Kampala while others were in transit in the areas of Katakwi, Mbale and Napak districts. In coordination with the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development (MGLSD), Kampala City Council Authority (KCCA) and other partners, 252 children were rescued off the streets of Kampala by KCCA on 1st August 2022, and transported to Kobulin youth skills training centre – for institutional rehabilitation. A planning meeting was held at the training centre with a number of key stakeholders present such as DCFPU, Probation and Social

Welfare Officer – Napak Iriiri Police Law enforcement officers, Dwelling Places, Corporation and Development partners and community grass-root structure representatives, to develop a plan for successful reconciliation and reintegration of all the children. The multi-sectoral planning approach had a successful 252 children reconciled and safely reintegrated back into their families and communities as mentioned in the above sub-counties. The data above shows evidence that more girls than boys were living on the streets coming from the Karamoja region and being rescued from the streets leaving them the most vulnerable category.



Inclusion:

20 children with disabilities (7 Girls and 13 Boys) were supported to access medical assessment and supplies in partnership with GEM Foundation and Inclusion Support Uganda. 12 children were diagnosed with cerebral palsy, 1 with sickle cells, 5 indicated seizures and 2 with epilepsy. Some of the parents of the children were taking them to the streets to solicit money for medication and feeding. The parents/caregivers were sensitized about the dangers they were exposing the children to on the streets. 12 children were supported with medicine, 4 were supported with standing frames and 4 whose knees were really floppy were supported to get KAFO to hold the leg in one position thus being able to stand in a frame in proper position. Continued follow up was done throughout the year to offer therapy for the children as well as counselling for the parents. The

children's right to health care was fulfilled and their parents were supported with alternative sources of income to support their children.



Rehabilitation:

448 children (305 girls and 143 boys) received rehabilitation services through our Transitional Rehabilitation Home and in partnership with Uganda Women's Effort to Save Orphans (UWESO) rehabilitation Centre-Masulita, Koblin Center in Napak, Agape World Ministries, Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development and Kampala Capital City Authority through referrals. 178 children (133 girls and 45 boys) were supported during rehabilitation at Koblin Center in Napak, 172 children (117 girls and 55 boys) at UWESO Rehabilitation Centre and 98 children (55 Girls and 43 Boys) received rehabilitation services through our Transitional Rehabilitation Home. The number of children reached was higher than planned for the year however, we attribute this great

achievement to collaboration and partnership development.

Although our target for the year was smaller based on available resources, the need on the streets was bigger and we decided to work in partnership with other stakeholders. The budgeted food for 3 months was able to reach more because other partners contributed to the rehabilitation needs especially feeding.

The children benefited from Health Care Services, Catch-up Education, Shelter, Nutrition, Spiritual Nourishment, Life Skills etc. services all geared towards positive behavioural development as well as adaptive and resilient knowledge and skills necessary to safely reintegrate into their families and communities.

Photo: Showing DP Staff engaging children during rehabilitation time at Buloba TRH throughout 2022.



Photo: Teachers engaging children during catch up classes.

Story of Change:

Peace, a 16-year-old Karamojong girl was rescued from the streets of Kampala by KCCA in April 2022 and referred to the Dwelling Places Transitional Rehabilitation Home for care and protection. Peace's parents gave her away to traffickers in exchange for a monthly stipend of UGX20,000. She was exposed to street begging at the age of 5 years. Where she would report at 8am and retire at 9pm daily. With this routine at her age, she would nap on the streets and would constantly be woken up by the older children also begging on the streets. She would collect UGX5000 on average each day. She was attached to one older girl who taught her how to stretch her hand out and beg until she got the money. One meal was provided in the evening when she returned to the slums so she depended on food handouts from sympathetic passersby. "I always felt hungry while on the streets and sometimes it would be so hot, but I was not allowed to move away. And also, when I

saw other children going to school, I wished I could go too" she said.

In the rehabilitation home, Peace received health care services including; deworming and respiratory infection track medications which boost her immune systems. She also benefited from life skills, catch up education, open heart, etiquette, family time, individual & group counselling and spiritual nourishment. When she had just joined the home, peace did not like sharing, and was quick to anger; however, as rehabilitation continued and she received training in anger management and relationship building, there was a great change in her behaviour. During the feedback session, she said "I am happy because I have been able to get new clothes and learn how to bath myself with a lot of water from the borehole' and I am also able to write numbers 1 to 5", "Apupi ayong alakara kede akamina ayong" (I feel happy and loved).



Reintegration:

548 children (405 girls and 143 boys)

were taken through pre-tracing interviews in preparation for family tracing and reconciliation. The sessions helped the Social Workers to clarify information and confirm locations of the children. These also created a platform for children to discuss their concerns and fears and they were reassured that a Social Worker will hold their hand and walk the Journey with them. Out of the 448 families, 430 were successfully traced and found while the homes of 18 children (15 boys and 3 girls) were not found. These were referred to other partners for support. Care plans for the 430

families were developed and they were all successfully reintegrated with their biological families.

692 children received psychosocial support during the quarterly followed up visits. The follow up created an opportunity for children to share feedback and concerns they had at school, home or in the community. Several sessions were held to help the children build resilience and confidence to handle some of the challenges they were facing. Group and individual counselling sessions were also held at school and in the home. 621 regularly attended school while 71 were struggling due to school fees, feeding and medical challenges.



BENJAMIN'S STORY OF FAMILY RECONCILIATION AND BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE.

Benjamin at 12 years, ran away from home due to physical and emotional abuse by his mother. His parents separated and his mother moved to Kalanga in search of greener pasture and left the child with his grandmother. He was loved as a child and he was a good boy. After some time, his mother returned home and started mistreating Benjamin out of frustration and marital trauma which was always under the influence of drugs, Benjamin recalled a day his mother broke the sister's hand in the process of abusing her physically. This made him feel sad and unloved thus joining bad groups in the community who influenced him to start stealing from his family and coerced him to steal his mother's drug too.

The situation compelled Benjamin to leave home for the street. While on the street, he was exposed to excessive use of drugs and in the end became a victim of child exploitation. He started collecting scrap and washing dishes in some restaurants in exchange for food.

Benjamin was rescued off the streets and brought into the Transitional Rehabilitation Home, he was given guidance and counselling, catch-up education, health care, life skills lessons, nutrition support and other basic services (clothes, shoes, bag among others) all geared towards behavioural change. Through psychosocial support, Benjamin was able

to forgive his mother, shared information about his family and sought to be reconciled to his mother.

The first family tracing was conducted in Kibuli which facilitated reconciliation sessions with his mother and they were both willing to stay together again. Benjamin was resettled with his mother however, when the Social Worker followed him up after 3 weeks of placement, he was not happy and through the conversation, the mother shared information about his grandparents. He was withdrawn and a second family tracing was conducted in Rukungiri District where we found his paternal grandparents and his younger sister. They were extremely happy to see him again.

He is currently staying home with his family since resettlement and has a healthy relationship with all family members. He was enrolled into mainstream education in primary four. He says he would love to become a pilot but his current interest is scouting because he wants to be a Rescue Officer in future as well with the aim of bringing other children off the streets. "I feel changed because even if people leave their money or property anywhere, I will not touch it. If I need something, I ask. This makes me feel good because I can be trusted. "My grandparents now know that I have changed.





KEY
 Location of the resettled and supported beneficiaries
 Water bodies

The children were followed across Karamoja subregion in the districts of Napak, Moroto, Nakapiripirit, Amuria, and Kabong while outside Karamoja including; Kampala, Wakiso, Kalangala, Nakaseke, Bombo, Mukono, Busunju, Mpingi, Mbarara, Mbale, Iganga, Katakwi, Nakasongola, Mityana, Luwero, Rukungiri, Namayingo, Arua, Kisoro, Bugiri, Mubende, Masaka, Koboko, Liira, Gulu, Kwania, and Masindi.



Family Empowerment



Family Empowerment

176 that were identified, assessed, and trained. As a thematic in the social theory of change, the training focused mainly on IGA sustainability, employing various business dynamic ideologies like healthy competition, business planning, record keeping and savings. The parents and caregivers were also trained in financial literacy sessions which involved a Target Saving Plan where they were made to understand the power of one step at a time while culminating the vision to reach one's destiny.

143 households of the 176 trained were supported with Income Generating Projects (IGAs). 20% of these were given

group IGAs while 80% could not be grouped because they come from different locations. Each group selected a supervisor who has some experience in the business line. The groups received enterprises including Charcoal business, Silverfish, Second Hand Clothes and resources to make black books. The remaining households received individual enterprises ranging from; charcoal business, animal rearing (piglets or goats) stalls of assorted food/vegetable items, bales of clothes, agriculture (seeds), poultry among others. The caregivers were encouraged to continue saving in order to achieve their set targets for saving. Continuous follow up was made to offer support to the families.



VSLA Meetings

In 2022, 5 out of the 8 Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) Groups were operational and they saved between UGX650,000 to UGX 6,000,000. Four of these are based in Napak District while 1 is based in Kampala. Despite the challenges faced by the VSLA groups, they continued to hold weekly meetings, borrow money to keep their children in school as well as invest in individual businesses and many have been able to pay back their loans. The caregivers in Kampala saved UGX3,668,400 which is a great achievement compared to the previous year where they could not save due to the effects of COVID-19 pandemic. The parents had different goals that motivated them to save in order to achieve their set goal.



Photo: showing parents during the VSLA meeting.



Education

692 children/ youth (322 Male and 370 Female) were supported to access education in a bid to reduce or prevent child trafficking and out migration especially in the Karamoja region as well as reduce the risk of school dropout. The Team worked with caregivers and local government leaders to conduct back to school campaigns at community level to encourage parents/ caregivers to send their children back to school especially in Napak District following the prolonged school closure as a result of effects of COVID-19. Education being a fundamental

right for children in Uganda, children had to be enrolled back into school. Children were supported with school fees and scholastic materials such as basic classroom or learner's materials, pens book; school fees and personal effects such as mattresses, beddings, soap, toilet paper and many more, thus fulfilling a fundamental right to Education for children in Uganda. We appreciate our partners; Terre des Hommes Netherlands, Global Fund to End Modern Slavery, ERIKS Development Partners, Dwelling Places UK, Life Change International, the individual sponsors who supported us financially to ensure children get access to education.



Skilling and Training:

185 youth (13 Male and 172 Female) were supported to access education through skilling at Koblin youths' skilling training centre, St. Daniel Comboni Vocational Training Centre, Biira Vocational Training Institute, Buganda Royal University, CCP Mbale Training Institute and Apprenticeship training. Given the unique characteristics and potential of young people, it's possible to bring about economic transformation in their homes and communities by preparing and tooling them by providing various opportunities for them. The youth were supported to attain skills in courses including; bakery, cookery, tailoring, hairdressing, mechanical instruction, animal rearing and building and construction. 165 youth completed their Department of Industrial Training (DIT) assessment and graduated in the course of the year while 20 will be graduating in quarter 1 2023.



On graduation day, participants that included; caregivers/parents and other stakeholders were sensitized on Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (CT & SEC). Youth graduates were encouraged to be advocates against CT & SEC, provide peer-to-peer psychological support and mentorships to other youths in their attained skills. All the 165-youth received start up kits to go and establish self-sustaining enterprises during this reporting period.

The unmet unemployment demand especially among the youth in the country is due to limited employment opportunities in the country, the aforementioned 165 youths will be able not only to attain qualification in the market relevant skills but also compete for/with the market demands through creating self-centred apprenticeship and entrepreneurship opportunities and contributes to efforts to reduce youth unemployment problems as

well as attain sustainable economic empowerment.



Martha's Story of change

Martha and her siblings stayed with their father in a semi-permanent rented room. The father was working as a Security Guard at Child of Hope Primary School. With his monthly salary he would buy the basic home essentials and pay house rent. Martha dropped out of school in S.3 due to fees challenges since her father's income was not sufficient to meet all the family needs thus forcing her into child labour in Mbale market. She later got pregnant at 16 years but the father of the baby was unknown.

Her friend encouraged her to go to Kenya for better job opportunities and send money home so that her baby can have a better life. Martha left her 6 months baby with her younger siblings and left for Kenya in April 2020 without informing anyone. Upon arrival in Kenya, she was surprised to see that the good jobs were not available and life was harder than home. She stayed on the streets and slept under the parked trailers/tracks for 4 months. It was hard to get food, find petty jobs and most of the girls were engaged in sexual activities to earn a living. Although they slept in groups, sometimes the track drivers abused them.

She later got employed at a Somali home and agreed to be paid UGX100,000 per month but was not paid for two months and was mistreated thus forcing Martha to run back to the streets and later into a slum to spend the nights. This is where a street worker reached out to the Karamojong girls who wanted to return back to Uganda. She was rescued and taken to HAART-Kenya where they stayed for 6 months prior to their travelling to Uganda.

On 5th August 2021, Martha and 34 other girls were repatriated back to Uganda. Dwelling Places worked with other partners to rehabilitate, reconcile and resettle the girls back with their families. Martha and the girls received orientation, screening and psychosocial support where she opened up and shared her story and

expressed the desire of attaining a skill in hairdressing so that she can work and support her baby upon resettlement. This enabled us to develop a detailed care plan with her and she joined vocation training at Christian Childcare Program (CCP) Vocational Training Institute where she excelled highly and graduated with a certificate in hairdressing in November 2022.

During the school breaks she was attached to a local saloon for apprenticeship training which improved her skill and she was able to earn some money from the tips given by customers. She has not yet gotten a permanent saloon to work from but she does mobile saloon where she finds customers in their homes. Martha is happy because she was the first one in her family to graduate with a skill and to wear the graduation gown. She has inspired her youngest sister Esther to go back to school. Martha and her father are able to pay school fees for her siblings. She says "I learnt a hairdressing skill which will help me to improve my livelihood by getting money to help my family members. My sister does not have to go through what I went through." Martha dreams of starting a big classic modern saloon which will offer services to customers and create job opportunities for teenage mothers who dropped out of school".



A success story of Rita and her tailoring group

In 2017, Rita left her parents' home in search of a better life in Nairobi. She grew up with her mother and father and her 6 siblings, however, her father died when they were still young and the memories of her father are somewhat vague. With her mother as the sole provider, her studies ended at primary level just like many Karamojong girls, as Secondary level proved unaffordable for many of the parents and consequently the girls dropped out of school. Once Rita and her siblings dropped out of school, her sisters started leaving home to other areas like Teso and Kumi to do odd jobs in people's gardens to make ends meet. However, her older sister fell very ill, she was rushed to Matany hospital where she later died at the age of 16 years. Her demise was as a result of severe malaria. At the age of 15 years, Rita was sent by her mother to go and fend for the family; because of hunger and lack of basic needs at home.

Karamoja is one of the poorest regions in Uganda with a poverty rate of 66% – more than three times the national poverty rate. Over half of the population goes without any meal for an entire day and night for at least three days a month. Young children and pregnant and breastfeeding women are among the most vulnerable.

“In Nairobi, I was sexually abused by one of the boys in the home I was working in” ~Rita

In the region, it is also believed that the girls support their mothers to fend for the families. In 2017, she started going to Teso and towards the end of that year, she left for Nairobi. Rita, like many of her peers, fled their homes to busy cities like Mbale, Busia and Kampala, while others continued to neighbouring countries in search of a better life for them and their loved ones. In Nairobi, Rita got a family to work for, where



she was earning 2000 Kshs an equivalent of UGX 51,000 and she worked in that family for 3 years. According to Rita, life in Nairobi was very hard, she was overworked, and also sexually abused by one of the boys in the home where she was working, that is how she conceived her son. She never reported the case to any police station because she felt lucky to have found a place to work and reporting the case would mean kissing the opportunity goodbye. Once the young man learnt of the pregnancy, he ran away from home. She was allowed to stay until the delivery of her baby. She lacked support for the baby and could hardly manage the workload with her newborn so she decided to return home- Karamoja.

Dwelling Places in partnership with Kenya based partners rescued Rita from Nairobi, took her through the rehabilitation process and later enrolled her for a skilling course at Koblin where she graduated with a certificate in Tailoring. Upon graduating, Rita was supported with start-up-capital of a tailoring machine and materials like cloth, needles, and scissors to start her tailoring business in Matany town. In 2022, Rita settled and operated her tailoring business and a shop for basics in the same space. She was able to buy more material and sold clothes costing UGX 120,000U. In addition, she also mended torn clothes at a lower rate of between UGX 500- 5000 depending on the degree of the tear.

During our Follow-up Visit, Rita informed the visiting team that herself and other

members with whom they had graduated with at Koblin, have formed up a tailoring group that has scooped a sewing contract with Kapuat Primary school to tailor children's uniforms for the entire school. The group of four hopes to be contracted by other schools to widen their customer base.

Dwelling Places continues to be committed to serving thousands of vulnerable street connected children who are at risk of abuse and exploitation through our 4R model; rescue, rehabilitation, reconciliation, sustainable reintegration and education until every child has a chest to rest their heads on and is empowered to reach their full potential within a safe family and community setting.

Child Rights Club:

38 Child Rights Clubs were engaged in the year 2022, 35 in Napak District and 3 in Kampala District. 8 of these were community clubs that targeted out of school children to keep them engaged with prevention messages as well as encourage them to return to school. return to school at the beginning of the year. 215 club leaders (113 boys and 102 girls) were trained in the operation of the club including management, membership, club functions and roles of the club. They were also equipped with information on Children's Rights, Responsibilities, Categories of Rights, Violation of Rights, Child Protection and ways they can package different messages for the different target communities.

850 club members (380 boys and 470 girls) were engaged as well as 76 club patrons (45 Males & 31 Females) that include teachers, Local Council leaders and Child Protection Champions. During the

engagements, participants were re-oriented on child rights and responsibilities as well as child trafficking and sexual exploitation prevention. The participants were advised to continuously promote education because school is the best place for protecting the children from CT&SEC. They were encouraged to continue with awareness raising sessions among their peers and communities, emphasising the return and retention of children in school.



Follow-up visits were conducted quarterly to check on the progress of planned club activities and support the club leaders with any complex cases recorded during the period. The children portrayed the knowledge they had acquired to clearly show their understanding and perception of the content through drama, skits, poems and quiz presentations. The messages portrayed rights and rights violation at home and at school by both parents and teachers respectively in; mistreatment, segregation among children, neglect, child labour, denial of basic needs, corporal punishment etc. as being some of the push factors of children to the streets.

The participants raised issues curtailing their awareness creation efforts as the insecurity in the communities; the tight schedule for



learners and teachers in schools and the negative attitudes in some of the communities towards the drives against CT&SEC which they see as sources of livelihoods. However, they were advised not to lose morale and to continue whenever they get time and pass on the messages so that they can complement other activities by the project like community dialogues; radio talk shows as well as other efforts by other duty bearers.



Music Dance and Drama School Competitions

Dwelling Places in partnership with Napak District local government organised the District Inter-schools Music, Dance and Drama (MDD) competition, where 25 schools were engaged in awareness creation on the Schools Not Streets campaign. Of these 17 Child Rights Clubs were supported to participate and actively engage Local Leaders, Teaching and non-teaching staff, parents and caregivers, and their fellow children, on the importance of Education. Following the prolonged school closure due to COVID-19, many children hadn't returned to school. The massive event was



organised, with guidance from the Ministry of Education and Sports, under the theme, **“Go to School, Stay in School and Complete School”**.

Participants were empowered with information, skills and the confidence to become Agents of Change in the prevention of Child Trafficking and unsafe Migration in Napak District and to encourage fellow children to go back to school, stay in school and complete school. 1,273 children (649 boys & 624 girls) and 283 adults (Males 113 & 170 Females) including; Teachers, parents, adjudicators, District Officials (District Education Officer & 2 District Inspector of Schools), Sub-County Chiefs, Town Clerks, Community Development Officers, Local Council (LC)1's and LC3's attended the event. Western choral singing, sight singing, poetry, drama, instrumental composition, original composition African style, Uganda traditional folk song, creative dance, storytelling and African Traditional Dance were some of the modes of delivery of information and knowledge on advocacy against all forms of social norms that make girls and boys vulnerable to exploitative labor, domestic servitude, child trafficking, child marriage, street begging, forced school dropout, drug and substance abuse, and sexual abuse during these MDD competitions. Notably - according to the arrangements by the Ministry of Education, the Music, Dance and Drama competitions target Primary Schools - hence, all schools that participated here were Primary schools.

Prior to the MDD competition 34 teachers from 17 primary schools including; Kapuat P/S, Pilas P/S, Lomaratoit P/S, Cholichol P/S, Lorengecora P/S, Nakicheleet P/S, Lokopo P/S, Longalom P/S, Lopeei P/S, Loparipar P/S, Matany P/S, Loodoi P/S, Lokupoi P/S, Lotome Girls P/S, Lotome Boys P/S, Kalokengel P/S and Lomuno P/S were taken through a two days Trainers of Training

to equip them with the relevant information on the theme, items that will be presented as well as the linkage between causes of school dropout and retention of children in schools.

Inter-school Club Debates

140 children/youth (57 Girls, 83 Boys) including our DP supported beneficiaries participated in the inter-school debate

communities on prevention, response, reporting and follow up of CT and CSEC cases. In attendance were officials from the district education department who



competition held between St Andrew Secondary School and ST Daniel Secondary School under the motion: "School dropout is as, result of irresponsible parents". The debate, apart from sensitising others about the issues causing child drop out, was aimed at enhancing children/youth's public speaking capacity, confidence, analysis, articulation of issues affecting them, and ability to create awareness within the schools and

were the adjudicators as well as other leaders like local council chairpersons, community development officers and parish chiefs. The officials encouraged children to avoid bad peer influence which leads to dropping out of school but also the courage to use the different feedback mechanisms to voice out their concerns, and dissatisfaction and report cases not only CT&SEC but general violence against children.

Private Sector Training

80 private sector actors (57 Male, 23 Female) including; bar owners, bus and taxi conductors and operators, lodges owners, and boda-boda operators from the four sub-counties of Matany, Lopeei, Lorengecora and Lokopo were engaged in a follow up meeting this year. The

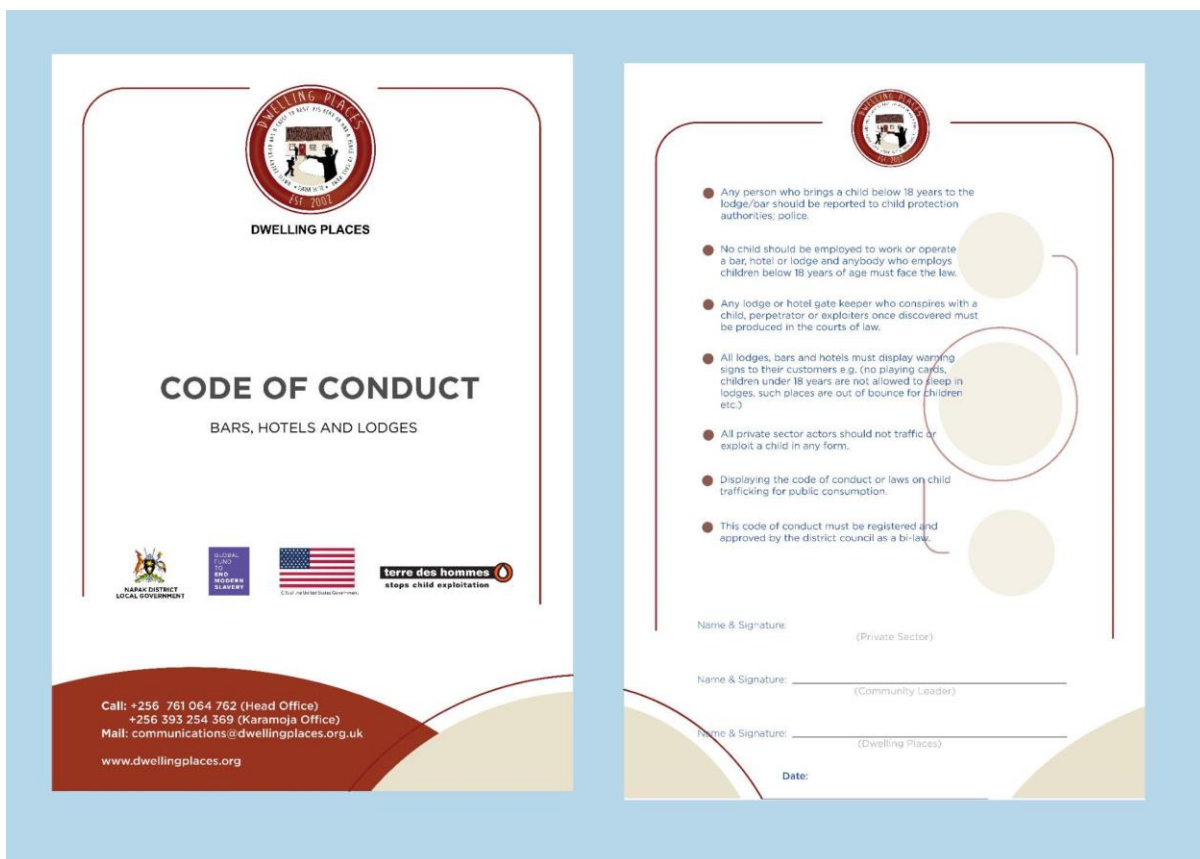
meeting was aimed at following up on the commitments made by the private sector members during last year's training. It was also an opportunity for the actors to refresh themselves on the code of conduct and recommit to abide by the clauses therein.

The private sector actors mentioned that they were continuing with their sensitization efforts on Child Trafficking (CT) and Sexual Exploitation of Children (SEC) but have had challenges like being threatened by CT&SEC perpetrators and perpetrators conniving with local authorities are freed without any punishment.

However, as a result of the private sector engagements, they mentioned that there's significant improvement in coordination and enforcement of actions agreed on by stakeholders such as non-employment of

underaged children and children cross border transportation without the company of caregivers. This is gradually reducing the risk of CT and of exposure to potential exploitation of children.

They agreed to continuously coordinate with the local authorities, like LC1s, sub-county leadership and district when dealing with CT & CSEC cases and support in enforcement of the newly established CT&SEC by-laws through providing timely and relevant information to Law Enforcement Officers.



Religious and cultural leaders Meeting:

54 (40 Male, 14 Female) Cultural and Religious leaders who were previously identified, trained and are working with the community to address the cases of child trafficking were engaged. These meetings aimed to follow up on the commitments made by these duty bearers as well as track the progress of their efforts to combat CT&SEC and discuss the transition of the project activities.

The leaders committed to continuous community sensitisation and education of both children and caregivers on anti-child trafficking and ending any/ all forms of violence against children, but also on continuous reporting and follow-up of cases in coordination with relevant authorities to curb CT&SEC. They noted that they will continue to collaborate with other stakeholders in the efforts to increase the

number of and strengthen monitoring of rehabilitation centres other than using

police stations yet they are physiologically not safe custody for the children.

Napak District Child Protection By-laws:

Following the approval of the Four sub county bylaws on prevention of CT&SEC by the district in June 2022, these were translated into local language, printed and launched on 21/07/2022, the day of the closing ceremony of the Journey of Hope, held at Napak District Headquarters. Copies of the bylaws for each of the sub counties were received by the Sub County Chief, the sub county chairperson and witnessed by the Chief Administrative Officer as well as other officials present on the day. The sub county leaders of Matany, Lokopo, Lopeei and Lorengecora were

given a go-ahead to disseminate/ popularize the bylaws and also ensure that they are implemented in their respective sub counties.

267 pre-recorded messages were aired on Ateker, Akica and UBC radios in Karamoja region to popularize the bylaws and create awareness on CT & SEC. 51 television messages were aired on NBS television.

14 radio talk shows were held, focusing on addressing negative socio-cultural norms that promote C&SEC. The talk shows featured different stakeholders including the District Child and Family Protection Unit (DCFPU) officer in charge for Napak; the Chairperson of Napak Religious Leaders Forum (NARLEF); the Senior Probation and Social Welfare Officer; the District Education Officer; the Speaker of Napak District Council, Private sector actor; Cultural leader, Child Protection Champions, LC3 chair persons and Staff of Dwelling places.



The talk shows were aimed at creating awareness to the general public on Child Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of children, addressing the negative cultural practices that perpetuate violence against children which was in line with the theme for the Day of the African Child - “Eliminating Harmful

Practices affecting Children.” By-laws to the sub-counties where they were developed as well as the role of all stakeholders (Parents/ Religious leaders/ Sub-County leaders/ Child Protection Champions and Children) in the fight against CT&CSEC and implementation of these bylaws.



Community Dialogues

1730 (709 Male & 1021 Female)

caregivers participated in the community dialogues which were conducted in Matany, Lopeei, Lokopo and Lorengecora subcounties in the course of the year. The engagements were aimed at creating awareness on Child Trafficking, Sexual exploitation of children, the child protection by-laws and responsibilities of different actors as well as bridging gaps of stigmatisation and discrimination of CT&SEC survivors.

Community leaders (Local councillors), Parents, kraal leaders, youth, and community actors including; Village Health Teams, Community Mobilizers, Child Protection Champions, Child and Family Protection Officers, Parish Chiefs,



Community Development Officers, Participants were engaged in an in-depth discussion on attitudinal barriers toward child-safe education (including enrolment and retention in school), inclusion, child trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation of children, preventive measures against stigmatisation and discrimination tendencies among survivors and the child protection bylaws.

Through the dialogues, participants noted the steady response of children returning to school for formal education. They said that in schools like Longalom, Loruget, Loparpar and Matany Primary schools, attendance had critically reduced due to the negative effects of both CT and COVID-19 especially during the two years of national lockdown. However, with continuous dialogues and other community engagements, pupils have not



only steadily returned to school but also demonstrate good ambition to remain in school as well as the commitment to cascade information against CT, SEC and violence against children through various accountability platforms to relevant authorities.

Emergency and toll-free contacts were shared with the community member that is Toll-free numbers 116 and 999.



Case Conferencing:

The majority of community members in Uganda conceal child rights violations and resort to amicable resolution of such cases between the parties involved, not always with a child-centered protection approach in mind. This practice contributes to normalise and perpetuate cases of child trafficking and sexual exploitation of children specifically in the Karamojong community. With this in mind, government officials, like-minded child protection organisations, community members and survivors were brought together for a case conference to discuss Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation (CT & SEC) cases that happen within the community.

Culturally, the Karamojong people have been silent about cases of abuse, especially sexual abuse in the community. According to their culture, a girl who has been defiled is supposed to get married to the perpetrator leading to early child marriage. As a result of this, many cases of

child abuse go unreported because parents still fear to report and would rather resolve them with the perpetrators. From knowledge gathered from community dialogues, it was noted that some caregivers are contributing greatly to Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation (CT & SEC) and actually might be heavily benefiting from it.

In the year 2022, 21 case conference meetings were held in Matany, Lokopo, Lopeei and Lorengecora Sub Counties in Napak District. The goal of the case conference meetings was to develop a community-concerted strategy with all stakeholders who provide a protective shield for the survivors aimed at responding to cases that have been hidden or ended prematurely without hearing or follow up in order to offer appropriate support to survivors of Child Trafficking & Sexual Exploitation of Children.

57 (32 child trafficking, 2 early marriage & forced marriage, 12 child neglect, 5 sexual abuse of children and 6 orphan hood) cases were registered, discussed and followed up by the duty bearers. 1061 adults (466 men, 595 women) participated in the 21 conference meetings. Other



notable stakeholders who had a role to play in the discussions included the District Probation and Social welfare officer, the District Child and Family Protection Unit, Community Development Officers, Local Council 1, Parish Chiefs, Sub County Child and Family Units, teachers and community members including caregivers, survivors and persons with disabilities.



Positive Parenting Trainings:

1220 parents/ caregivers (482 Male & 738 Female) were trained in positive parenting with focus on the parent's role in parenting. The trainings were also attended by Cultural Leaders, Religious Leaders, Child Protection Champions, Parish Chiefs, Community Development Officers, parents of trafficked children and survivors of child trafficking, youth, bar owners, and the local authorities (LC1s) and other Civil Society Organisations. We targeted communities where the highest numbers of children on the streets/ intercepted came from including Lokopo, Lopeei, Lorengecora, Matany and Apeitolim Sub – Counties. The training aimed at positive behavioural change, respect of child's rights and the Value of Education.

The participants were taken through the training and the topics covered were; who is a parent? Roles and responsibilities of stake holders in the parenting process, definition of a child, Child rights, Child protection, form of Child abuse, negative impact of alcoholism on children. Parents pointed out alcoholism, men/ husbands leaving the parenting role to women, they are passive, Peer influence, poverty, segregation amongst children, domestic violence and insecurity as the major factors of Child Trafficking and unsafe migration in Karamoja region. The participatory sessions created a platform for caregivers to discuss the challenges faced and recommended ways these can be addressed. We noted increase in reporting cases of trafficking and child abuse by parents and community members as a result of these trainings.



Dwelling Places in partnership with Terre des Hommes Netherlands, Global Fund to End Modern Slavery, Haba Na Haba Food Bank, Pastor Jonathan Kamyuka and other partners distributed Food Relief packages to 570 families in the year 2022. 95% of these were from Napak District in Karamoja subregion which was hit by hunger between July to September 2022. The food packages were distributed to families on the DP support program and the elderly

who were greatly affected by hunger. Haba Na Haba donated 300 food boxes and duvets which were handed over to Napak District Local Government during the Journey of Hope final day at the District to be benefited by 300 families in the hunger stricken region in order to cushion families from the dire famine that makes families vulnerable and hence send children to the streets.



Stakeholders' Feedback & Reflection Meeting in Napak

Dwelling Places conducted an Annual District Stakeholders' Feedback & Reflection meeting on the 28th of September 2022, to assess the outcomes of the Community Action Project. The meeting also discussed the way forward as the project comes to an end. In delivering his opening remarks, the Country Director of Dwelling Places, David Ben Ochom stated that the intention of the project was to have a sustainable approach to ending child trafficking. The CAO thanked the Country Director of Dwelling Places and the team for coming up with strong implementation schemes to end child trafficking and sexual exploitation of children. In attendance were Children, Caregivers, Police, and Probation Officer, Community Development Officers, Child Protection Champions, Religious, and Cultural Leaders, among others.

On 28th September 2022, a district stakeholders' feedback meeting was held in Moroto to discuss with the stakeholders the project achievements during the 2 years of implementation and also discuss



ways of transitioning activities during the remaining 1 month before close-out. Several stakeholders participated in this one-day meeting including community level child protection champions; child rights club representatives and their patrons; teachers and school administrators; local government officials at sub-county - the community development officers and sub-county chiefs and council speakers as well as district level representatives from the education department; probation and social welfare office and the child and family protection unit of the police.

National Dialogue on Child Trafficking in Uganda

Dwelling Places and Terre des Hommes Netherlands in collaboration with the Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN) and the Coalition Against Trafficking in Persons -Uganda (CATIPU) organised a national dialogue on trafficking in persons.

The focus of the dialogue was on awareness creation of child trafficking with a specific interest in discussing the different actions taken at the local/district and national levels. There were also discussions about the existing gaps and how all duty

bearers can collaborate to jointly address the problem both at the source (Napak District/ Karamoja Region) and the destination (Major towns/ cities like Kampala).

This event was held at Kampala Serena Hotel on the 22nd of September 2022. Hon. Norbert Mao, the Ugandan Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs who was the Guest of Honor at the event stressed the urgency for child trafficking to end and pledged to support the efforts to address the issue through his current office.

While giving his speech, The Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister, Norbert Mao said "It is high time all stakeholders joined forces to ensure an end to human trafficking in Uganda." He also stated that; "I thank you for moving from being merely concerned and becoming involved. The world is not changed by concerned people but by involved people. This dialogue is a step forward. Instead of cursing the darkness, you are lighting candles. It involves people who make a difference; NGOs alone will not solve the problem. We need to be able to coordinate."

According to the minister, children need to enjoy their rights by being free from trafficking.

"We need to name the companies involved in trafficking. We must be very tough on trafficking in children. We need to send a clear message that we are tough on human trafficking. Our country should start

being respected. Other countries might be rich and have their oil but these are our children and we must put our feet down on trafficking," Mao said.

"Trafficking a Ugandan child is a serious crime and you will regret it and we shall start blocking the companies involved in trafficking. We have got to draw lines when it comes to child trafficking in Uganda."

According to data from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Uganda, 717 cases of child trafficking were registered between January 2020 and June 2022.

During the Dialogue, The spokesperson of the office of the DPP, Jacqueline Okui noted that they have made some progress in getting convictions for human traffickers.

"In the last year we managed to get over 30 convictions in trafficking in persons cases, 1600 victims were identified and 2000 suspects identified," Okui said.



Celebrating World Day Against Trafficking in Persons in Uganda:

This year's World Day Against Trafficking in Persons took place on 30th July 2022 at the Entebbe Airport in Uganda under the theme "Harnessing Tech to Prevent & #ENDTRAFFICKINGINPERSONS Starts with Me"

The event was flagged off at the Mayor's Garden in Entebbe from where participants marched to Kitoro Entebbe.

Speaking on the theme, Agnes Igoye, the Deputy Coordinator for the Office for the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons (TIP) stressed the connection between trafficking and exploitation. The chief guest, Hon. Musa Ecweru, Minister of State for Works added, "Trafficking is not only happening with children; adults too are being trafficked out of the country and something has to be done about it."



Journey of Hope - A Success Story of Hope

In July this year, Dwelling Places organised its fourth JOURNEY OF HOPE mass awareness campaign on Child Trafficking and the Unsafe Migration of Karamojong children who are being mercilessly exploited and subjected to street begging, sexual exploitation, and other hazardous forms of labour.



The Campaign involved an 18-day walk from Kampala to Napak District (Karamoja) from the 4th to the 21st of July 2022. It ran under the theme: "Reversing the flow of child trafficking and unsafe migration" and trended on social media with #SchoolsNotStreets.

The guest of Honor H.E Dr. Karin Boven the Dutch Ambassador in her speech said "May each step of the JOH be a proclamation that these children deserve better." The final day celebrations took place on 21st July 2022 at the District headquarters in Napak. In attendance were Napak District leaders (LC 5, Napak, The Resident District Commissioner (RDC), The Senior Probation officer, and KCCA – representatives.

The Country Director of Dwelling Places – David Ben Ochom made a passionate appeal, stating, **“We want to call upon all leaders of communities to work together with us to see that this plight comes to an end.”** The RDC of Napak District in his address to the communities also said **“We are used to walking after cows in Napak, but now is the time to walk after lost souls”.**

Through this Campaign, Dwelling Places successfully engaged with 1027 people (510 Male and 517 Female) in the different districts that were traversed. This included schools, transport operators, village leaders and other community members who were then admonished to be vigilant of child traffickers who ply their communities. Participants in the walk were led by Country Director David Ben Ochom throughout the 18-day journey.

PARTICIPANTS BY AGE AND GENDER												
0-3 Years		4-12 years		13-18 years		19-24 Years		24+ Years		Total Male	Total Female	Overall Total
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
		12	38	214	322	98	61	141	96	510	517	1027

JOURNEY OF HOPE started in 2015 to spread the message of HOPE to the Karamojong people and to document and celebrate every step achieved in the JOURNEY towards attaining the future hoped for. The last three Journey of Hope Campaigns have successfully kept at least 358 survivors in school, some of whom have even progressed to secondary education.



The **#SchoolsNotStreets** campaign hashtag followed evidence confirmed from our understanding that education was the best strategy for ensuring sustainable reintegration and prevention of re-trafficking of children. **“Journey of Hope,”** involved schools (students) and the school administrators during speaking engagements and emphasised the need for children to stay in school. The campaign highlights the benefits of children staying and thriving in families and communities rather than on the streets, where they are exposed to trafficking, sexual exploitation, and other hazardous forms of labour, sicknesses and many other vices. The campaign targeted High, and Primary Schools.

Name of School	Female	Males
Union School	56	56
Highlight SS	43	98
Rhema Secondary School	139	104
Highway SDA Namanyoyi	52	16
Wera Seed School	120	33
Total Reached	410	307



Photo: Dwelling Places Staff engaging with students to stay in school and avoid the streets during the Journey of Hope walk.

Annual General Meeting

In compliance with our corporate statutory requirements, Dwelling Places organised its Annual General Meeting (AGM) to give accountability for the financial year 2021 to our stakeholders and the general public. This was vital for our stakeholders to clearly understand the great work, support and contribution they have made towards the achievement of Dwelling Places' objectives and mission. The Board of Directors, Auditors, CSO partners, donors, sponsors, friends, and well-wishers were in attendance. This year's AGM was held at the Head office located in Mutundwe, Kampala.

The Board of Dwelling Places UK also held its Board Meeting on Tuesday 14th of June 2022 and we are immensely grateful to God and to all of our wonderful sponsors and donors for all that we have achieved so far in the year.



Girls' Dormitory

Dwelling Places embarked on the construction of the girls' dormitory in Buloba which is meant to facilitate the rehabilitation of girls rescued from the street. Dwelling Places would like to appreciate its partners who have wholeheartedly donated towards this cause. See images below:



Images of the girl's dormitory before completion



Advanced progress of the girl's dormitory

Success Stories

Meet Amarach! - (Not real name)



Amarach Now

A 20-year-old who was among the children of Dwelling Places rescued from the tough street life in Kampala in 2006.

Amarach (Not her true name)

was then taken through our standard program of rehabilitation up to when she was successfully reintegrated back into mainstream education to pursue her dream. "I am grateful that I was once a street connected child years back that was rescued from the streets of Katwe by Dwelling Places and I am very happy that I got a chance to go to school from Primary one (1) up to now" Amarach stated. Karamoja is one of the most vulnerable sub-regions for child trafficking and unsafe migration. Most Karamojongs are forced to migrate to Kampala due to insecurity and harsh climatic conditions that have caused drought, poverty, and food insecurity in the region.

The harsh conditions in the region have forced several vulnerable children into street begging in major cities in Uganda. By the time of Amarach's rescue, she was found with her two other siblings with whom they had been trafficked into street begging. "I have 4 siblings plus me – we are five. Three of us are sponsored by Dwelling Places together with my step sister making a total of four being sponsored by Dwelling Places," She said.

Amarach's parents are farmers though due to the harsh climate in the region, they

hardly harvest much to support the family. "Since both of them are not educated, and you know very well that Karamoja is a desert my parents just wait for a season then they also plant some things

(agriculture) but in most cases during my holidays I

used to sort ground nuts and beans in Owino and I make sure that I send them food since they have become old," Amarach said.

With the continued support, Amarach completed her Advanced Level (Senior 6) exams last year and is hoping to continue with her education up to the University. Amarach wishes to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

A Message to her sponsors: **"I am more than happy because I have completed Advanced Level. All this was through your support. Thank you so much for paying my fees. I will be very grateful to join the University this year if at all you continue supporting me. I send my greetings to your family members. Tell them that I love you all"**



Amarach at the time of rescue

From the streets to working at one of Uganda's biggest hotels



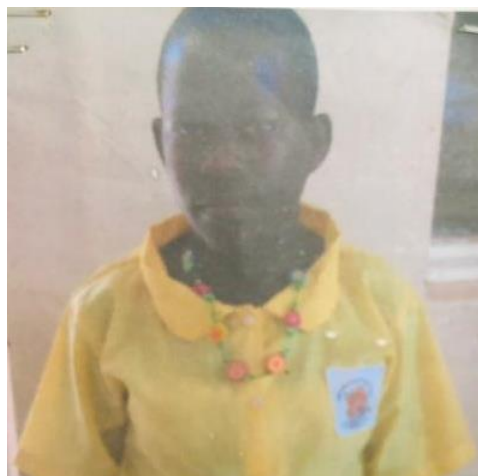
Anita at Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort

In April 2013 while conducting our routine outreaches in Katwe – a city suburb that harbours street connected children, we found an abandoned 10-year-old girl child at Nsambya Victory Christian Centre whom we rescued. We then reached out to the police to clear her up for enrolment into our Rehabilitation home.

Just like all children we rescue from the streets, we conducted family tracing for Anita and unfortunately after several trials, advertising in the Newspapers and with the help of the police, we still could not find Anita's biological parents.

We then opted to find Anita a foster family in September 2013 where she spent most of her holidays from school. She was fostered by a 70-year-old good-hearted woman whose identity we chose to keep anonymous. Anita is a much-disciplined young girl who easily bonded with her foster family. Dwelling Places supported Anita through her foster parents by providing upkeep, school fees and school requirements until she completed her Primary Leaving Exams (PLE) at Kitabi

Primary School. Anita later joined Vocational Studies at Bbira Vocational Training Institute where she pursued a Certificate in Catering and Hotel Management. "My greatest strength is in the love for cooking and giving hospitality" Anita Said. Due to her good discipline, Anita's tutor recommended her for Internship at Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort where she was taken up and will be practising her profession for four (4) months. We would like to thank the **Management of Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort** in particular **Dr. Sudhir Ruparelia** and **Rajiv Ruparelia** for giving such opportunities to these vulnerable children.



Anita at our Rehabilitation home.

A Message to her sponsors: "I cannot thank the donors enough for the support they have given me to this point in my life." Anita said.

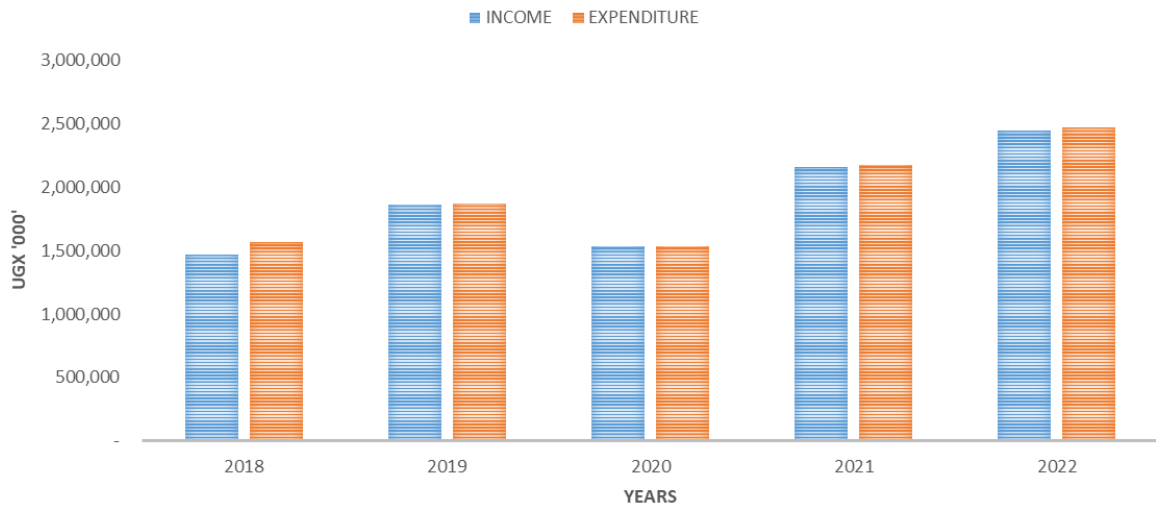
We are committed to bringing back the thousands of vulnerable Karamojong children who have been trafficked or who have migrated to Kampala by reaching out to them and ensuring their safe repatriation back home and facilitating sustainable reintegration. We continue to support them through our donors until every child can reach their full potential.

Financials

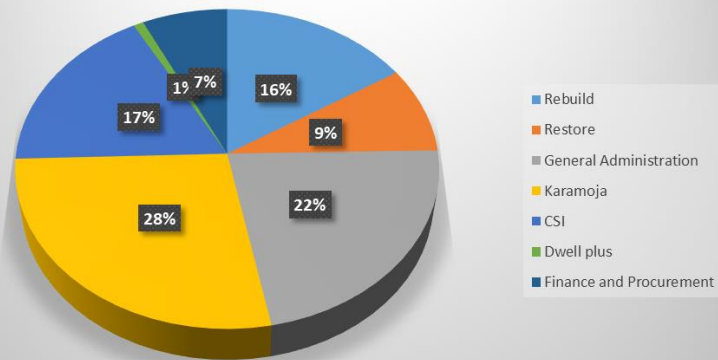
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

		For the year ended 31 December	
		2022	2021
	Notes	UShs '000'	UShs '000'
INCOME			
Donations	2.3	426,013	517,242
Grant	2.2	1,605,112	1,473,541
Child sponsorship	2.1	366,820	135,467
Other income	3	<u>43,562</u>	<u>30,696</u>
Total Income		<u>2,441,507</u>	<u>2,156,946</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Rescue		(12,552)	(10,050)
	(iii)		
Restore	(vi)	(202,157)	(248,874)
Resettlement	(v)	(109,389)	(72,331)
Family empowerment	(x)	(285,154)	(252,582)
Rebuild - karamoja	(iv)	(680,987)	(567,995)
Monitoring & evaluation	(ix)	(90,091)	(104,881)
Public relations	(vii)	(39,922)	(5,642)
Fundraising	(xii)	(80,522)	(1,637)
Child sponsorship	(viii)	(6,002)	(19,756)
Advocacy	(xiii)	(216,845)	(189,202)
Finance & sustainability	(xi)	(176,083)	(144,235)
Dwell Plus expenses	(ii)	(20,873)	(27,651)
General administration	(i)	<u>(550,977)</u>	<u>(533,190)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(2,471,554)</u>	<u>(2,178,026)</u>
Total Deficit for the year		<u>(30,047)</u>	<u>(21,080)</u>

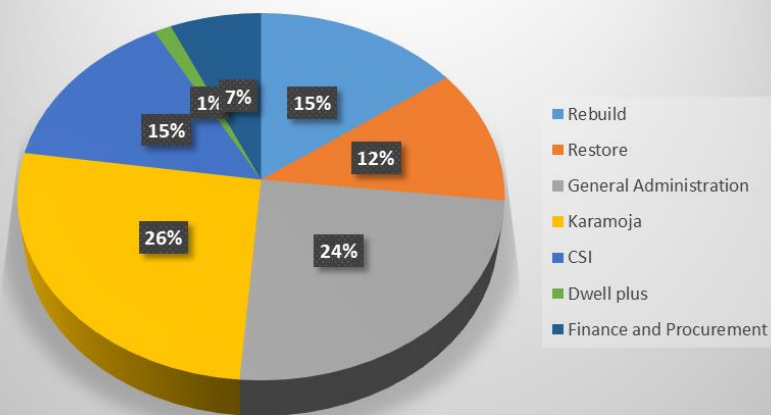
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS



EXPENSES PER PROGRAM FOR 2022



EXPENSES PER PROGRAM FOR 2021



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December

	Notes	2022 UShs '000'	2021 UShs '000'
CAPITAL EMPLOYED			
Accumulated funds		693,672	723,719
Capital grant		44,745	44,745
Capital reserves		1,294,983	1,294,983
		<u>2,033,400</u>	<u>2,063,447</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Long term loan	4	<u>60,352</u>	<u>60,352</u>
		<u>2,093,752</u>	<u>2,123,799</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	2,418,935	2,431,825
Biological assets	6	4,400	2,850
		<u>2,423,335</u>	<u>2,434,675</u>
Current assets			
Inventories	8	23,083	19,295
Accounts receivables	9	8,207	17,041
Cash and cash equivalents	10	63,992	131,202
Short-term investments	7	-	8,979
		<u>95,282</u>	<u>176,517</u>
Current liabilities			
Accounts payables & accruals	11	381,572	194,303
Deferred income	12	<u>43,293</u>	<u>293,090</u>
		<u>424,865</u>	<u>487,393</u>
Net current liabilities		(329,583)	(310,876)
		<u>2,093,752</u>	<u>2,123,799</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 18 were approved for issue by the Board on 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

DIRECTOR

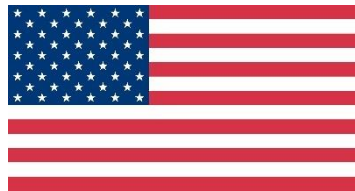
DIRECTOR

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

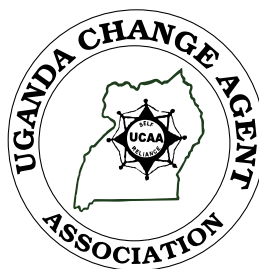
		2022	2021
	Notes	UShs '000'	UShs '000'
Operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	13	(30,419)	316,740
Net cash generated from operating activities		(30,421)	316,740
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	5	-	(331,000)
Work in progress	5	(45,769)	-
Short - term - investment		8,979	465
Proceeds from disposal of biological assets		-	3,505
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(36,790)	(327,030)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(67,211)	(10,290)
Movement in cash and cash equivalents			
At start of year	10	131,202	141,492
Decrease		(67,211)	(10,290)
At end of year		63,991	131,202

Our Partners

Dwelling Places are fortunate enough to have partners who support us throughout the year, through fundraising, managing child sponsorship, general donations, prayer, sending volunteers or other means.



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