



DWELLING PLACES

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Cultural Day at the Transition Rehabilitation Home



Children exhibit scouting skills during their Rehabilitation at Kaazi Camping Site

FOUNDING DIRECTOR



I love the professionalism and I hold with much esteem efforts towards a structured, competent, and excellent Dwelling Places. This appreciation comes especially in line with my replacement of our previous Country Director, Mr. Damon Wamala, whom I temporarily replaced for the most part of 2021. We now have our new Country Director, Mr. David Ben Ochom.

2021, just like 2020, had the unforeseen negative impact of Covid-19 which brought about many uncertainties. These affected us significantly in regards to the consistency of funding. As I held the fort, I felt the significantly big shoes and I battled with the expectations from donors that came with the title of CD!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Faith Chagara, Mrs. Maureen Muwonge and Mrs. Sarah Linda Jawingo for the confidence exhibited while writing proposals to acquire new donors and managing exiting donor expectations. Your significant contributions did not go unnoticed. We are grateful to God that even with the prolonged lockdown and all these uncertainties, while some donors did not renew their contracts and other contracts had ended, some renewed and we also got new funders. I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our children's sponsors and donors, such as Terres Des Hommes Netherlands, who walked this very uncertain road with us to ensure that we minimize the impact of Covid-19 on our direct beneficiaries and on street connected children.

Our donors enabled us to ensure that all our school going children acquired home-school learning with workbooks. Some even had visiting teachers. Our social workers made an effort to devise ways and means to stay in touch with every beneficiary, whether by physical visits or phone calls. We distributed foodstuffs, hygiene packs and masks. We distributed seed capital for family economic empowerment and were available for supporting with any health concerns. This intensive involvement with our beneficiaries significantly reduced the potential impact of Covid-19 on them. By the time the economy was fully reopened, all our children were still able and ready to restart school.

I wish to also mention the relentless commitment of the staff and the Board of Directors of Dwelling Places. We met on several occasions and weathered the storms of meeting our donor requirements amidst the high staff turnover due to the aftermath of the pandemic. This saw the end of some project life cycles and also un-renewed funding due to the worldwide economic recession. Nevertheless, a few other staff left with a wide range of both technical capacity and experience, pursuing further career growth. These have been replaced and we now strategize our attention on staff recruitment, growth and retention to achieve a satisfied

human resource team.

I recognize the impeccable support we received this year from the Government of Uganda, particularly Kampala City Council Authority and all the government authorities. The political leaders from Napak District overwhelmingly attended the high-level meeting where they heard the testimonies of the trafficked children and united to work hard to pass ‘The Prevention of Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children Bill’ that we hope will soon result into the reduction of the exploitation and trafficking of children from Napak. Together with the network of organisations brought together under Children At Risk Action Network (CRANE) and Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN), we were pivotal in cross border rescues and resettlements.

At Dwelling Places, 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 every one for making this happen.

Rita Nkemba, Founder/Acting Country Director



Figure 1: Photo moment after the annual stakeholders meeting



In 2021 the team at Dwelling Places showed tremendous resilience, responsibility, and resolve to support not just one another but the street-connected children for whom our hearts beat after. As the country director, I am incredibly proud of my team. We saw the second wave of total lockdown due to Covid-19, including seasonal political activities of elections countrywide. Amit Ray mentioned, “The world needs huge positive energy to fight against the negative forces. Go to the center of your inner being and generate that positive energy for the welfare of humanity.” At Dwelling Places, the commitment to improve the welfare of the street-connected children, despite the negative forces, was seen through our vision and mission statement. These so-called bleak times are necessary to go through to get to a much, much better place as an organization.

Right from January to December 2021, several significant activities were implemented with adaptations, with a cumulative reach of 603 boys and 619 girls through the 4R's model (rescue, rehabilitate, reconcile, reintegrate) as well as 1,241 Male and 2,188 female caregivers reached through advocacy.

- 186 children were intercepted in the Karamoja region while 609 children (333 male, 276 female) were rescued from the streets in Kampala.
- 127 children were referred to Koblin rehabilitation homes to enhance their quality of life, increase confidence and maximize psychosocial adaptation.

- 205 children and youths received education support in the form of school fees or scholastic materials.
- 2,295 males were reached during community child-centered dialogues with key stakeholders and parents were conducted to enhance male participation in positive parenting sessions and to bridge cultural and attitudinal barriers and perceptions towards child rights in response to Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children.
- 427 children were provided with psychosocial support to promote holistic child and adolescent development, including physical, emotional, and social development support.

This success was a yield from Dwelling Places Staff and support from our partners and the Government of Uganda. We have worked with Napak Local Government and Police on interceptions of children being trafficked and with Kampala City Council Authority on the rescue of children from the streets. At the rehabilitation center in Koblin, we have worked closely with the Ministry of Gender, Labour, and Social Development and other development partners.

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, Kerk in Actie Netherlands, CRANE, Individual sponsors, Buganda Kingdom and many other individuals who have provided financial support.

Joy Gumz said, “Operations keeps the lights on; strategy provides a light at the end of the tunnel; but project management is the train engine that moves the organization forward.” As we look forward to continuing to serve the street-connected children God has entrusted us, until we see a world where the children reach their full potential and every child has a chest to rest his or her head and a place to call home, we will stand together.

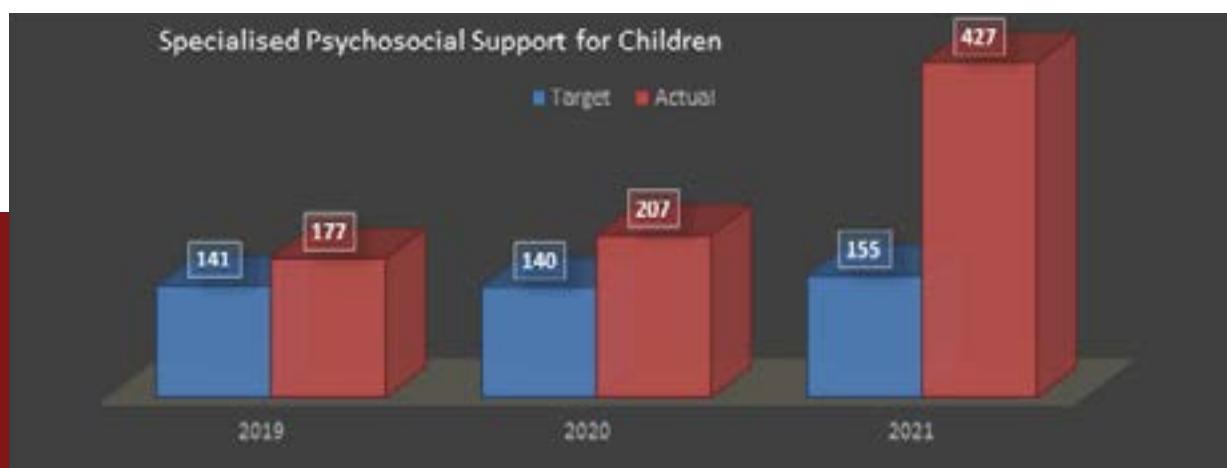
David Ben Ochom,
Country Director, Dwelling Places

KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND SUMMARY

Dwelling Places humanitarian and developmental work targets former street-connected children, high-risk asylum families, and abandoned babies in Uganda. This has been affected by several bottlenecks in the past year, including but not limited to seasonal political activities and the second wave of total lockdown due to Covid-19.

These barriers did not only delay program implementation but also affected routine field activity monitoring and follow-up due to restrictions in accessing targeted community program areas. Nevertheless, with adaptations, several significant activities were implemented with a cumulative reach of 1,241 male and 2,188 female caregivers. 603 boys and 619 girls benefitted from Dwelling Places program implementation. Activities included:

- Interception, rescue and follow up of child migration into a street dwelling; 186 children were intercepted while 609 children (333 boys, 276 girls) were rescued from the streets in Kampala through multi-stakeholder collaborations including the police, child protection personnel, and Kampala City Council Authority through networks and coordination both in Karamoja sub-region and Kampala.
- 127 children were referred to Dwelling Places or its partner Koblin rehabilitation homes to enhance their quality of life, increase confidence and maximize psychosocial adaptation.
- 198 children were successfully reintegrated/reunified with safe families and communities, allowing them to return to a stable and consistent environment with routines they know and understand. Through monitoring and support, parents/guardians/caregivers/foster parents can promote better mental health, lower stress, and support happier lives for children.
- Despite the national lockdown, 205 children and youth received educational support in the form of school fees or scholastic materials. In addition, psychosocial support was provided during routine monitoring sessions. Before the second lockdown (May-June 2021), there was a qualitative increase in numeracy and literacy levels and attendance in school prior to the second lock down.
- Routine Community child-centered dialogues with key stakeholders and parents were conducted to enhance male participation in positive parenting sessions and to bridge cultural and attitudinal barriers and perceptions toward child rights in response to Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children. Over 2,295 males and female community members were engaged.
- 427 children were provided with psychosocial support to promote holistic child and adolescent development, including physical, emotional, and social development support. Children were linked with partners to strengthen their resilience and ability to cope with difficult situations through the provision of psychological, apprenticeship, and vocational skills.



From the graph above, Dwelling Places continues to progress in the quantitative achievements as seen from the sampled previous years from 125.5% (2019), 147.9% (2020) to 275.9% (2021) in regard to provision of either individual or group specialized Psychosocial support for children thus widening total reach for children connected to or at risk of exposure to street conditions.

The raise in the quantitative achievement is attributed to the emergency of the Covid-19 in 2020 and its subsequent effects by the time of the total lifting of the series of nation-wide lockdown which saw more of community engagements rather than the schools ones. Similarly, without traffic on the roads during the lockdown, management of child migration was much better than in the aftermath of the lockdown and release of fleet/vehicles/ traffic.



Figure 2: 161 Street Connected Boys rescued at Nakivubo blue Primary School

PROGRAM CONTEXT

1 ► Significant changes and challenges in the country during the reporting period and their effect on the program

The second wave of Covid-19 triggered a total lockdown. Phased lifting during both the 1st and 2nd waves also affected us. With child and adolescent safety considered a priority, restrictions on education/learning institutions were lifted last. This period came alongside total restriction to movements and accessibility to both the humanitarian and host communities countrywide, affecting schedules for activity implementation and engagement with direct and indirect project beneficiaries. However, the project team adopted several mechanisms including but not limited to e-reporting, phone call follow-up, and empowerment of community-based structures to support routine monitoring and basic supervision of activities.

Updates or changes related to policy, curriculum, budget, planning, and collaboration during the reporting period

Dwelling Places received a grant from the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery. Reporting mechanisms are effectively operating, providing a protective shield and reducing vulnerability for 2,000 children at risk in Napak District in Karamoja for 21 months. 69 youth were enrolled for skills training at Koblin rehabilitation and skills training center in this period. These have so far been equipped with market-relevant skills in catering and cookery, hairdressing, and tailoring skills for sustainability and to prevent re-trafficking and involvement in Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children.

There has been policy progress toward developing the Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children by-laws in four sub-counties in the Napak district that is to say Lorengecora, Matany, Lokopo, and Lopeei. The by-laws will act as guidelines for acceptance of both constitutional and traditional changes to embrace Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children and general cultural and attitudinal barriers to children's welfare and social development. The by-laws will provide mutual instruction to bridge conflict between social groups and institutions thus allowing guided adaption and enforcement mechanisms to end Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children and related violence against children in four sub-counties in Napak.

2 ► Progress During the Annual Reporting Period

Response to holistic care services to street-connected children through our 4Rs model, interceptions, increased collaborations with key stakeholders and community structures, creative street outreach approaches, community rehabilitation, and digital learning.

Strategic Objective 1:

Provide psychosocial support and holistic care services to 840 (new to DP) (140 per year) street-connected children (3-14 years) from Kampala and districts along the Kampala - Napak route through the 4Rs model - (rescue, rehabilitate, reconcile, reintegrate); collaboration with key stakeholders and community structures; creative street outreach approaches; community rehabilitation; digital learning and connections; equip children with relevant skills for sustainability and resilience by 2025.

22 street outreaches were conducted in different parts of Kampala to identify reasons why children moved to the streets, and to assess children eligible for rescue as well as establish

rappor with the children on the streets through the provision of first aid, consultations, and psychosocial support. As a result, 609 children (333 boys, 276 girls) were intercepted (in Karamoja), rescued directly, or through a network of Street connected children which included the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Kampala City Council Authority and the Buganda Kingdom.

186 children were intercepted through multi-stakeholder collaborations through networks and coordination in the Karamoja sub-region and within Kampala. These children were reunified with their families and are being monitored.

Specific Objective 1.2: Provide holistic rehabilitation services to 840 (new to DP) (140 per year) rescued children who are victims of trafficking and unsafe migration.

We worked with KCCA and the Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development (MoGLSD) to rescue and rehabilitate 161 street connected boys during the national lockdown alone. KCCA and MoGLSD have also been very instrumental in supporting us to process travel permits to facilitate the repatriation of 62 Karamojong children who had been resident at the TRH to Napak for reintegration.

Further still, at the community level, we have worked very closely with the office of the Napak District Probation and Social Welfare Officer (DPSWO), the Napak district Education Officer and the Napak district Child and Family Protection Unit (DCFPU) officer of Police to conduct a number of activities in Napak including trainings, community dialogues, and interceptions, among others.



Figure 3: The Acting Country Director of Dwelling Places conducting a Debrief with KCCA Enforcement Team

Specific Objective 1.3: Provide psychosocial support to 840 (new to DP) (140 per year) rescued children undergoing rehabilitation to equip them with resilience and better coping mechanisms.

427 children were provided with psychosocial support to promote holistic child and adolescent development, including physical, emotional, and social development support, and linked to partners to strengthen their resilience and ability to cope with difficult situations through the provision of life skills, psychological support, apprenticeship, and vocational skills. In the short term, there is descriptive visual evidence of improved confidence, social and communication skills, and confidence in expression among the children.

Specific Objective 1.4: Provide standardized, specialized, and general healthcare services to 840 (new to DP) (140 per year) children in the Transitional Rehabilitation Homes.

Provide psychosocial support. Before the implementation of the activity, behavioral, sexual, and physical abuse challenges were identified among the children supported by Dwelling Places. 10 (6 female, 4 male) beneficiaries were identified and reported with routine episodes of psychosocial needs ranging from post-physical and emotional violence exposure, risk reduction, and medication adherence. Routine psychosocial support and monitoring was provided.

Utilization of health, nutrition, protection, and early-learning essential services to address the unique needs of including those with Special needs or disabilities.

Dwelling Places in partnership with Inclusion Support Uganda provided specialized care services to 201 vulnerable children with Special Needs or Disabilities (125 boys, 76 girls) to reduce risk of exploitation in street begging. 184 children were supported through rehabilitation and therapy while 17 received or accessed quality medication. These children had 15 different disabilities and special needs concerns including cerebral palsy, learning disabilities, microcephalus, deafness, physical disabilities, autism, blindness, stroke, Down syndrome, epilepsy, spinal cord injury, and hemiplegia.



Strategic Objective 2:

Strengthen the sustainability and social support systems and structures at beneficiary and organizational levels to be able to provide greater access to basic child protection rights services for minimum donor dependency by the year 2025.

576 children (342 girls, 234 boys) received different educational support services. This contributes to the fourth Sustainable Development Goal, to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all children Dwelling Places supports through the provision of scholastic materials, tuition, upkeep, or foster care, and rent. The children have been linked to skills training for Youth in response to Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Children, thus providing a protective shield for children and reducing their vulnerability.

Home visits of beneficiaries were conducted in routine monitoring of 50 beneficiaries (35 female, 15 male) in 20 districts. 90% of these children were not engaged in learning since schools were closed, so home-based tutoring/mentorship and learning were initiated thus enabling them to maintain a sense of learning and development through play. All the 50 children under the home learning strategy were monitored by a community-based team of social workers to elevate their opportunities to learn through sports, play, and drama.



Figure 3: Social Worker checking on progress of the children's home learning during follow up visit

Specific Objective 2.2: Provide income-generating activities to families of resettled children based on assessed needs to boost their economic potential and enable them to sustainably provide for their children to reduce their vulnerability to coming back to the streets.

28 Positive parenting sessions were conducted in Karamoja and Kampala. These training aimed to mitigate the increase of street-connected children through domestic and gender-based violence and reported physical and sexual exploitation and abuse of children in the targeted project location. Despite the complex in short term measurement of improving behavioral and attitude change, 10 randomly sampled household heads acknowledged the knowledge and practice gaps and recommended more cascading of the training to other locations beyond the project area of coverage but also engage in refresher training in the

same area. 37 caregivers (21 females, 16 male) who comprise of Child Protection Champions, religious leaders, Child Protection Committee members, Local councilors, and district officials were identified and trained on positive parenting forms, child protection, and the effects of early forced marriages and harsh nurturing skills, positive parenting, child protection, and safeguarding. By so doing, the same training was cascaded to 1,134 parents/caregivers (392 male, 742 female).

Economic empowerment, livelihood, Income Generating Activities Assessment, and Implementation. Household and individual assessments were conducted using the Ministry of Gender, Labour, and Social Development Household Vulnerability Assessment Tool. 71 individual caregivers under the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery and 10 families went through a five-day IGA training in record keeping and general business planning. Cereals (cassava flour, maize, and sorghum), retail shop items like soap sugar cooking, silverfish, and fresh products

Specific Objective 2.3: Strengthen community systems to prevent out-migration Community dialogues with key community stakeholders

43 community dialogues were conducted in Kampala and Karamoja communities.

Over 2,295 community members engaged. Dwelling Places recognizes that children should never be involved in any forms of child labor, such as slavery, forced labor, or child trafficking. Girls and boys are exposed to sexual abuse and exploitation in their home, school, workplace, or community. Therefore, community child-centered dialogues are a tool for social transformation and allow a level of advocacy against physical, sexual, emotional exploitation and abuse. Cultural norms against girl child enrolment and retention in school for formal education, gender discrimination and communal traditional attitude towards education and livelihood support for children were discussed.

Strategic Objective 3

To improve learning and policy change for street connected children (3-14) in Uganda through positive advocacy and child rights engagements with policy makers and duty bearers by 2025

A number of activities have been conducted within this reporting period in both Kampala and Napak in which 39 Government officials were engaged in prevention of child trafficking and street related exploitation of children including the following:

- **Arrests and prosecutions:** through coordination, cases of child trafficking cases, physical, psychological and sexual exploitation and harassment. Through the course of the year, 14 cases of defilement, 10 cases of kidnap, and 162 cases of rigorous physical assault and abuse were reported and followed up by the police within this reporting period with support from MGLSD through the office of the probation and welfare, Community Development officers and Para-state organizations. The cases were discovered during or through follow-up visit done at home, CSO referrals and community based formal and informal platforms such as case conferences, community Barazaa and dialogues. 63 case investigations were opened, perpetrators prosecuted through courts of law.
- **Supporting the Napak district Leadership to follow up** on the Child protection and Anti-trafficking ordinance at the Solicitor General's Office: Two district officials including the LC5 and the CAO of Napak were supported

within this reporting period to conduct a follow up meeting with the Solicitor General to follow up on the status of the child protection and anti-trafficking ordinance that had been submitted there for final review and approval.

- National Dialogue on ending child trafficking in Uganda: 03(three) national dialogue were conducted in which Dwelling Places supported in mobilizing and ensuring the participation of key actors from Napak district including the children and the district leadership, who attended all the meetings / engagements online. We also organized 32 talk shows on NBS TV and Radio One FM and other media houses in Karamoja and Kampal; conducted mass awareness on social media in preparation for the event; worked tirelessly to ensure that appropriate IEC materials were availed; as well as collected children’s opinions through voice recordings that were supposed to be aired during the dialogue.
 - Dialogue with the Napak district leadership on monitoring of school attendance to minimize child trafficking risks: Dwelling Places conducted a dialogue on 9th September at Napak District farmers’ hall with Napak Local government and its leaders on regular monitoring of school attendance records in order to establish which children were not in school and why, so as to immediately respond to any suspected cases of child trafficking and sexual exploitation of children (CT&SEC) and intercept children before exploitation happens. The major objective of the dialogues was to give an opportunity to the leadership of Napak district to understand and appreciate the dynamics of school attendance and how it contributes to prevention of CT&SEC in the district to;
 - Give an opportunity for the leaders of Napak district to come up with robust remedies aimed at increasing school attendance for both teachers and students
 - give the leadership of Napak district an opportunity to commit to supporting Head Teachers and School administrators to implement their attendance improvement plans from an informed perspective

Provide skills training for 160 CSEC survivors to equip them with skills for sustainability and prevent re-trafficking & involvement in CSEC:

the 69 (04 Male 65 Female) CT&SEC youth survivors that had been undergoing training/skilling from the end of October 2021, in baking and cookery, hairdressing, and tailoring but also financial literacy lessons, Village savings and loans associations methodology (VSLA) were registered and assessed by the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT) for certification. These were carefully taken through sessions of business planning, documentation and financial literacy, basic business management competences and customer care so as to match the competitive market. These survivors of Sexual Exploitation are carefully supported with routine mental health and psychosocial counselling in either or both individual and group counselling sessions.



Strengthen the institutional and organizational capacity of Dwelling Places to successfully engage partners, secure projects, identify and manage diversified funding, and effectively and efficiently manage and implement existing projects by the end of the year 2025.

Strengthen the capacity of staff and volunteers to deliver quality program deliverables and services.

Dwelling Places had 33 full-time staff, 14 support staff, and 1 volunteer. These were recruited in line with the organization's Human Resource policy, that they meet the minimum standard and experience required to deliver specialized or tailored program deliverables in multiple thematic areas, including child protection, nutrition and health, communication and advocacy, Human Resources, Finance, administration, MEAL and Community and social development. Routine orientation, reorientation, and specialized trainings have been conducted to enhance staff technical capacity to align with global and national deliverables.



3 ► Program Beneficiaries

*Figure 2:
some of the
Program
beneficiaries
at the Dwelling
Places'
Transition
Rehabilitation
Home in Buloba
after a cultural
gala*



Direct beneficiaries

- Street connected children (3-14 years of age) (Targeted 155, reached 427)
- Abandoned babies/infants and High-risk slum children (3-14 years of age)

Indirect beneficiaries

- Parents/ guardians/ caregivers/ foster parents
- Law enforcement officers and agents
- District officials (administrative and management), Para-state organizations and Civil Society Organizations

4

Program Management and Partnership Structure

Staffing issues or staffing changes related to the program during this reporting period changes in program management



Above: Dwelling Places Senior Leadership Team and staff in a meeting with the CAO and DIS of Napak DLG during mentorship and support supervision

Dwelling Places maintained its structure at leadership and management levels. The administrative wing is instituted by a fully functional board of governors constituted and chaired by a member of the founding directors. They are tasked with organizational budget approvals and fundraising. The Technical wing is headed by the country director who chairs the Senior Leadership Team and oversees the day-to-day operations of the organization.

Despite the staff turnover, the organization maintained a stable, functional, experienced, and effective team of 48 full-time staff and volunteers.

Updates to the partnership structure

Dwelling Places received a Global Fund to End Modern Slavery through Terre Des Hommes. The project focuses on reporting mechanisms operating effectively, providing a protective shield, and reducing vulnerability for 2,000 children at risk in Napak district in Karamoja over 21 months. 69 youths will be enrolled for skills training in this period to equip them with skills for sustainability and prevent re-trafficking or involvement in Sexual Exploitation.

Terre Des Hommes through the Head Office fund and the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery, KERK IN ACTIE, and CRANE network remain the main funding partners for activities both in Kampala and Karamoja.

5 ► Monitoring, Evaluation Accountability, and Learning

Dwelling Places did not undertake any quantitative and qualitative survey in the reporting timeframe. However, significance has been documented through several MEAL events and activities such as learning events, outcome mapping, and harvesting, Routine Data Quality Audits/assessments, routine field-based monitoring, mentorships and support supervision as well as feedback meetings with beneficiaries and stakeholders for program accountability.

Role of Monitoring of program implementation in identifying learning opportunities within the context of the intervention.

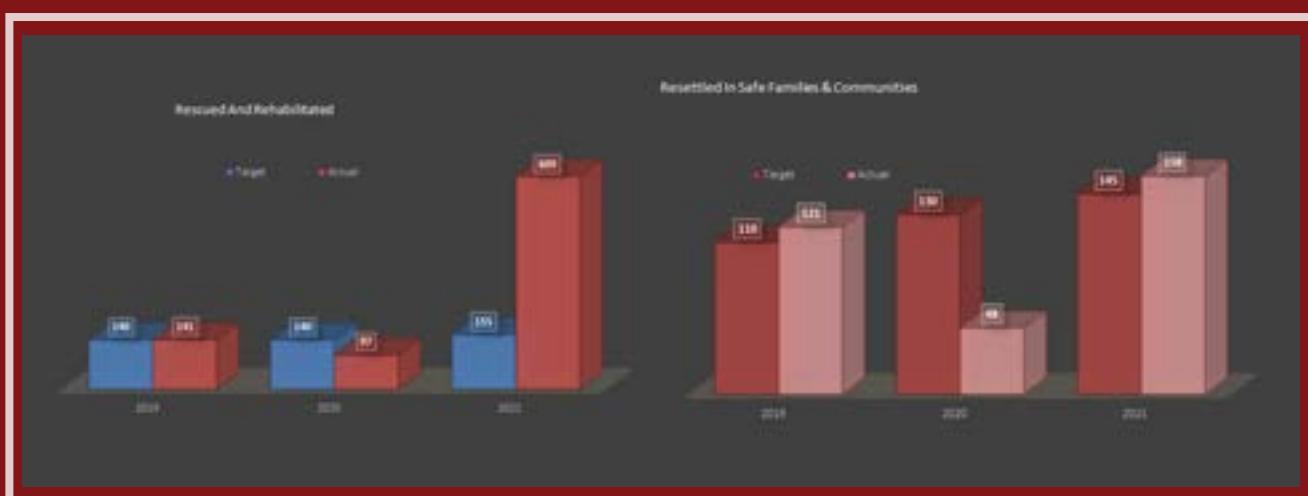
In this reporting period the team conducted a number of MEAL activities which were planned to ensure there is quality assurance such as Project Monitoring Visit, Routine Data Quality Audit, Reflection Meeting and Learning agenda Assessment. Brief summary of these activities are provided below.

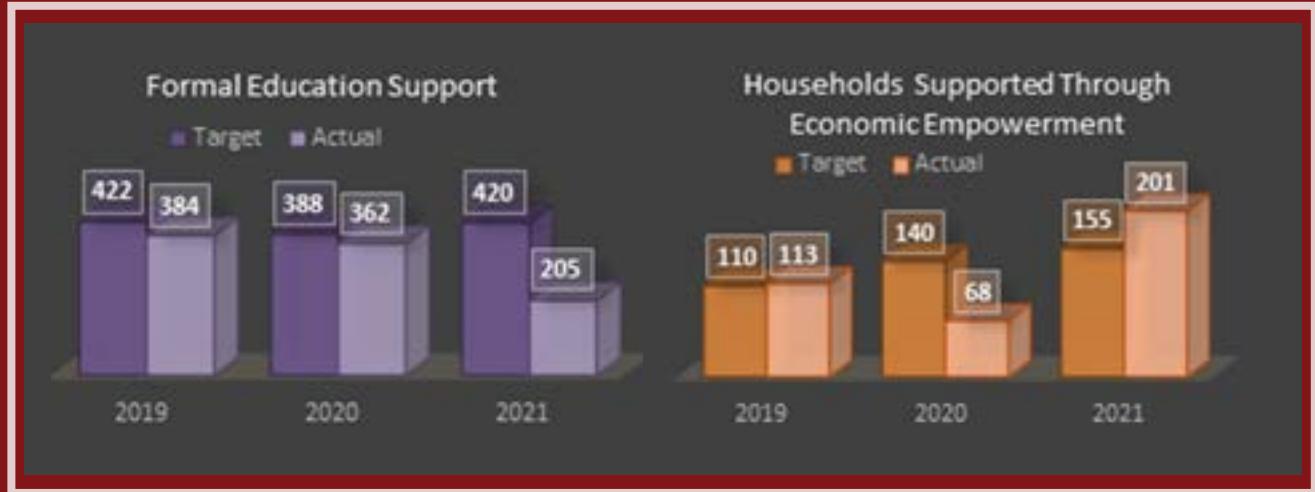
Monitoring Visit - As part of quality assurance and support to the project implementation team conducted a field monitoring visit to the project sites of Napak district, this visit targeted communities supported with IGAs, VSLA groups formed and children enrolled for the vocational studies at Koblin and Nakichelet Primary School. This visit was so useful in ascertaining the continuity of the project results, and during this visit the following were obtained.

Through routine monitoring and intervention tracking, feedback has been consistently gathered through various platforms and analysed to influence the quality of programming. Such monitoring interventions have identified and addressed capacity gaps among support staff, volunteers, and stakeholders and managed through both human resources and the respective program activity implementers, thus aiding mentorship.

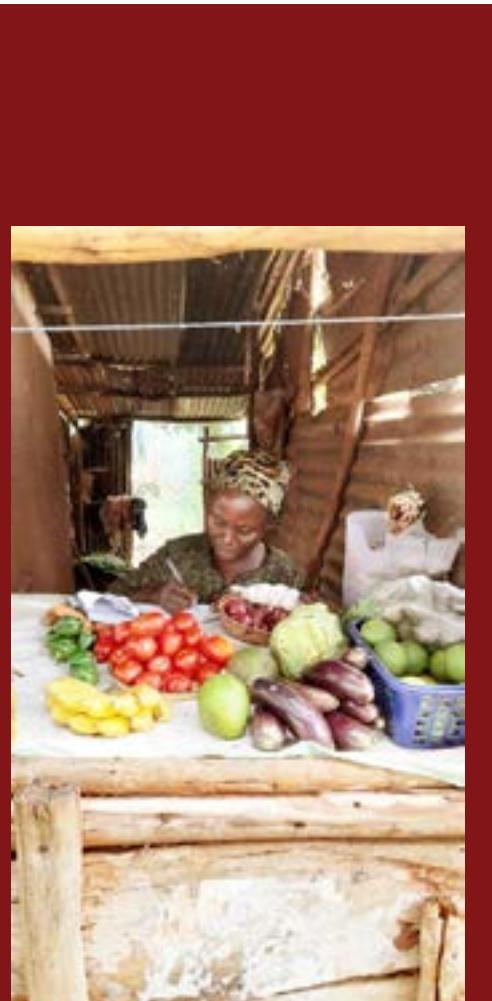
Promising practices were identified and are being documented for sharing. These include policy formation and review that have led to the formation of four by-laws in Napak district, aiming at breaking cultural and attitudinal barriers to Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children, as well as community-based action to prevent and manage violence against children in Napak.

Similarly, effective and relevant data collection tools have been created and cascaded to support evidence-based monthly and quarterly reporting, providing grounds to identify and document learning opportunities.





IGA Support ▼



6 ► Program Communication

Key program communication efforts



Figure 3: Multi stakeholder engagement during the Annual stakeholders meeting Through participatory and child-centred community-based intervention

Through participatory and child-centred community-based intervention, communities have been made aware of the program objectives from the start of implementation. These are aligned to the national and global emergency and developmental agenda which for the last two years has focused on health, particularly Covid-19 prevention and medication, home-based learning, mitigation of all forms of violence against children, and child rights such as child trafficking, exploitation, and abuse. These have facilitated the development and cascading of IEC materials, contextualized and translated radio messages, Television broadcasts, and use of community platforms such as balazas (informal public meetings) and conference meetings.

Social media platforms were and are still being used to publicly share collected information on prevention programs and outcomes in Karamoja and Uganda and to share advocacy messaging. These have reached over 200,000 direct and indirect beneficiaries in Karamoja and Kampala.

Planned program communication activities for the next reporting period are anticipated to further develop the communication department through recruitment of a communication technical person and to focus on the entire development strategy.

7 ► Advocacy

Key advocacy efforts conducted

Despite the absence of budgetary allocation planned directly for advocacy, 29 Government officials were engaged in Kampala and Napak, to support our interventions tailored towards enhancing rescues, rehabilitation, and reintegration. They also popularized community dialogues to boost the prevention of child trafficking and sexual exploitation of children and to share the voices of survivors. By so doing, para-state organizations, NGO networks, and individual HRDs including, District Local Government officials, law enforcement officials, Kampala City Council Authority, the Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development, CRANE, and Terre Des Hommes were engaged in physical and virtual coordination and planning meetings on Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children.



Figure 3: Multi stakeholder engagement during the Annual stakeholders meeting Through participatory and child-centred community-based intervention

Commemoration of international days, particularly the Day of the African Child also surfaced as another advocacy platform. This was under the theme “30 years after the adoption of the charter accelerate implementation of Agenda 2040 for an Africa fit for children”. The main objective of the agenda is to restore the dignity of the African child by assessing the achievements and challenges faced towards the effective implementation of the African Children’s Charter. Over 2,000 people attended, mainly in virtual meetings and also on radio and physically. The platform was used to create life-lasting messages, lessons, and information to end Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children as well as all forms of violence against children.

Financial Summary

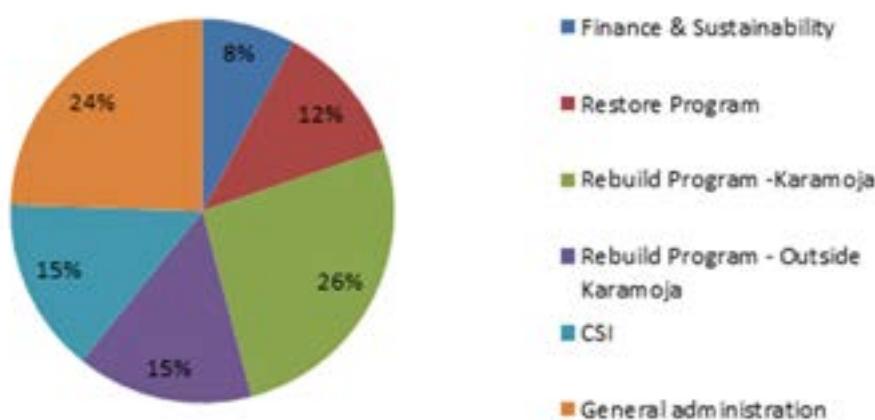
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the year ended 31 December

	Notes	2021 UShs '000'	2020 UShs '000'
INCOME			
Donations	1.1	517,242	345,674
Grant	1.2	1,473,541	809,067
Child sponsorship	1.3	135,467	342,407
Other income	2	30,696	35,830
Total Income		2,156,946	1,532,987
EXPENDITURE			
Rescue		(10,050)	(10,225)
Restore		(248,874)	(260,015)
Resettlement		(72,331)	(48,435)
Family empowerment		(252,582)	(206,187)
Rebuild - karamoja		(567,995)	(264,393)
Monitoring & evaluation		(104,881)	(62,396)
Public relations		(5,642)	(6,212)
Fundraising		(1,637)	(850)
Child sponsorship		(19,756)	(24,339)
Advocacy		(189,202)	(105,040)
Finance & sustainability		(144,235)	(92,731)
Dwellplus expenses		(27,651)	(37,783)
General administration		(533,190)	(415,087)
Total expenditure		(2,178,026)	(1,533,696)
Total Deficit for the year		(21,080)	(709)

Expenditure by Program Area



2021 PARTNERS:

Dwelling Places has been blessed to have partners who supported us throughout the year in creating a society where *every child has a place to call home and is empowered to achieve their full potential within a safe family and community setting*, through fundraising, grants, donations, sending volunteers or other means. We are grateful for the support we continue to receive.

Thank you for choosing to partner with us.



Dwelling Places also received non-cash donations from a large number of friends and organizations / Companies within 2021:

- Kenjoy Supermarket
- Haba Na Haba Food Bank
- Fields of Dreams Uganda
- Compassion International
- Dwell Plus

- Cooperation & Development (C&D)
- Anonymous friends who contributed to the construction of the Girl's Dormitory
- And all our individual supporters all over the world

This period has been characterized by successful project implementation as well as consensus building with government bodies at the national and district levels through the activities undertaken. This is an encouraging foundation on which to build for the next program period and to aid maximize traceable impact to ensure that every child has a shoulder to lean on as well as a place to call home and are empowered to reach their full potential within a safe family and in a safe environment.



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