



LET'S HELP INTERNATIONAL-LHI

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



*“Helping is not that you have enough, but a heart, a strong heart to do what’s right without waiting for a reward from the people.
Mr. Festo Nduwayezu, MAIR”*

Many people around the world have been knocked down by many life challenges including Poverty, Wars, Conflicts, Forced-displacement, Violence etc. and I can see two kinds of people in this world: **The Problem Maker and the Problem Solver.**

Let's Help International-LHI was created in August 2020 to bring solutions to many of these problems, supporting in Education (Formal + Informal), Livelihood, Digital Inclusion and Advocacy as well as to give Hope, Motivation and Inspiration to those mostly in need.

We dedicate all our work to God the Almighty, our incredible team around the world, Donors, Partners, Supporters, Volunteers, leaders etc.

We always wait for everyone to Get Involved so that we make a difference together.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.

2022 was an exceptional year in Uganda as in public and civil workplaces as well. COVID 19, the pandemic that devastated the entire world's economy in a remarkable way had pushed the government to close the all public areas from March 2020. Government and civil offices closed totally or suggested very few staff members to keep the offices. Public gatherings like schools (primary or universities) worship places, cinema halls, markets and malls, and transport agencies, etc. were totally shut living the entire population wondering in agony what might come next. In late December 2021, the Uganda's state leader, His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni decreed that all national economy sectors and public movements were allowed to open and resume their operations full time however following set National COVID 19 SOPs.

“Economic lifelines for the most vulnerable are coming too little and too late — if they come at all. Solidarity is missing in action — just when we need it most ... When people see promises of progress denied by the realities of their harsh daily lives... When they see billionaires joyriding to space while millions go hungry on earth ...The people we serve and represent may lose faith not only in their governments and institutions — but in the values that have animated the work of the United Nations for over 75 years.” **Secretary-General António Guterres.**

Let's Help International –LHI, as a Non profit Organization that envisions tackling poverty and other livelihood related problems through Education, Policy Advocacy and Information Technology received the president's announcement as an opportunity offered to double-play our role in boosting refugees of Kyaka II's livelihoods that had been hit heavily by the pandemic in every way that was possible.

And sure enough LHI succeeded to enroll 44 children in 2 Primary schools in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement and implementation of powerful advocacy of Children's Education and vulnerable families Shelters. For the Digital inclusion, LHI created kyaka2.com and rtsw.live platforms to let vulnerable people around the world benefit from online opportunities as well as ICT Trainings..., all to ensure that refugees and other people in need are able to have their views and wishes genuinely considered when decisions are being made about their lives.



OUR VISION

A World where every person's fundamental needs are catered for so that they are able to craft a successful future for themselves.

HOW WE DO IT

- ❑ Promote, support and finance the educational development of low-income boys and girls in order to eradicate educational gaps in vulnerable communities.
- ❑ Contribute to the training of Youths from vulnerable communities through programs that advance their educational and professional development for the generation of new jobs and their maintenance.
- ❑ Connect the wider populations of refugees and host community with different online opportunities and offer Information Technology trainings.





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



LHI believes that access to quality education is the solely tool to make children from indigent families make decent future different from their family background, and responding to their psychosocial problems is a topic not to leave behind throughout the process.

1 NO POVERTY



Access to Income Generating Opportunities –IGO is one of the most problems refugees face day to day in the settlements. LHI as the non-profit organization that provides diverse humanitarian aids to refugees and other depressed people cares much about their livelihoods by linking thousand refugee youths and women at risk to many VTE opportunities.

2 ZERO HUNGER



Guinea Pigs Farming in Africa –GPFA is an LHI's livelihood project that tackles directly malnutrition cases of malnourished children and lactation (WR-LC) in the Kyaka II Refugee Settlement. Given to their richness in nutrition, guinea pigs have been medically proven to cure cardiovascular diseases and other malnourishment.

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



LHI is highly concerned with the IGAs creation and their fair income delivery in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement. Our different VTE projects target to create more than 5000 jobs and 1000 innovations by 2027 to help refugees and host community population get work that is productive and able to produce reliable income.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Successful mutual collaboration with government, private, and international stakeholders is the reason why Let's Help International has made it this far. We always wish to collaborate and work together with individuals and partners in order to break the cycle of poverty by providing access to education for vulnerable children and Vocational Training Education opportunities to youths.

2022 is the year that made LHI a truly community engaged organization. Through our Advocacy project that was implemented the very year, 23 households who were in great need of shelters got affordable houses. Some of them were built by partners and others built by community members being sensitized, supported, and guided by LHI staffs and their respective leaders. From February to March 2022, LHI Community Extension team made numerous site visits in Itambabiniga zone to find households that were in greater need of shelters.



As LHI is not the shelter provider by its own, the outcome from the site visits were shared in terms of referrals to UNHCR that later commanded verification by MFT/CBP partner members to confirm vulnerability of PSNs identified. Then UNHCR would also verify the outcome on her protection tool that supports individual case management -v4. This protocol is important because as for refugees' inter-settlements movement; some would have been resettled, passive or died. After the cases have been thoroughly verified active, then the assistance was allocated accordingly.



OUR PROGRESS

23

**Shelters built for
Persons of Concern**

3

**Years of
Existence**

44

**Children supported to
proceed with their studies**

856

**People trained in LHI's
Vocational Skills Workshops**

550

**Malnourished
children fed**

2022 OUTCOMES

FORMAL EDUCATION

Project Name: Special Education for Most Vulnerable Refugee Children (SEMVRC)		
Children that completed Pre-school programme: 398 Boys: 219 Girls 182		
Children that successfully completed P1	26	SNE Children: 3
Children that successfully completed P2	13	SNE Children: 4
Children that successfully completed P3	5	SNE Children: 0
Total number of children under the project: 442		

INFORMAL EDUCATION

Project Name: Menstrual Management and Hygiene Workshops &VTE		
People trained in Sanitary pads workshops	Female: 405	Male: 14
People trained in liquid soap and Vaseline workshops	Female: 300	Male: 70
Youth empowered with computer basic skills literacy	Female: 10	Male: 7
People trained in Tailoring	Female: 50	Male: Nought
Total number of participants under the project: 856		

POLICY ADVOCACY

Project Name: Shelter Advocacy for Vulnerable HHs in Itambabiniga Zone			
Cases compiled:	55	Started: February	Ended: March
Shelters constructed:	23	Started: Late July	
Activity Name: Sponsor a Child			
Cases compiled: 889	Children sponsored: 442		
<p>Let's Help International-LHI is still the active sponsor of 442 children despite the agency's vigorous efforts to engage in different government bodies, International Non-profit Organizations –INGOs & local partners having Child Protection, Education , and Human Rights in their mandate of operation. The most part of this sponsorship is spent in activities that promote educational development of low-income boys and girls in order to mitigate and eradicate educational gaps in vulnerable communities.</p>			

FIGHTING MALNUTRITION

Project Name: Feeding for Children with malnutrition problems in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement.			
Children fed in Easter festival	250	Female: 120	Boys:130
Children during Christmas festival	300	Female: 205	Boys: 95
Total number of children fed	550	Female: 325	Male: 225

ACHIEVEMENT

Since 2020 when Let's Help International –LHI officially opened her office in Kyaka II refugee settlement –Uganda , has touched the lives of 3,362 direct beneficiaries, from whom 70.97% are women. Over 2007 households, and 6000 individuals benefited indirectly. 300+ business created and many others employed by relevant companies as a results of either skills learnt from numerous LHI's Vocational Training workshops or services gained from our community engagement activities.

Our service focused on Shelter –related support, Economic Growth & Development (Women Socio-Economic Empowerment), Education & Capacity enhancement, Youth programs and social cohesion, Gender Equality & Social Inclusion, PSN friendly facilities and services, and scholarship for children with specific education needs ...

This LHI works directly towards Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #4, ensuring that boys and girls have access to education, while creating long term knock on effects in other SDG goals through improved educational outcomes including: decent work and economic growth, reduced inequality, and no poverty (United Nations, 2015). Furthermore, it actively works towards achieving Uganda's Education Goal of increasing equitable access to and completion rates of primary education, ensuring for gender equity (Uganda Ministry of Education and Sports, 2017), as well as working towards achieving the Incheon Declaration and the Education 2030 Framework for Action, which stresses the social responsibility countries have to educate refugee children (UNESCO, 2016).

We are committed to achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #5 sensitising for gender equality and empowerment of women and girls. We support the **National Employment Policy** for Uganda of increasing decent employment opportunities and labour productivity for socio-economic transformation, and work hand in hand with the **Uganda Vision 2040** of gender equality and women's empowerment for socio-economic transformation. Additionally, we abide by the Paris Declaration (2021) that emphasises the urgency to tackle the educational crisis and inequalities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which are threatening the hard-gained progress toward the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and pushing marginalised and vulnerable groups and learners further behind, especially those living in poverty, in remote and rural areas, women and girls, those impacted by crises and conflicts, and persons with disabilities.

PROGRAMME UPDATES

EDUCATION PROGRAM

A. FORMAL EDUCATION

2022 left LHI owning a two rooms-school built in partnership with Playmatters Uganda. The school currently offers pre-school programs to 398 children that study into two shifts per-day. Efforts are being made to see how there can be established more class-rooms in the place due to the high rate of demand concerning out-of-school children in the communities.



In order to add more value to formal-education out-comes, and due to the remitted seats available in our school; LHI also enrolls children in different schools within and around Kyaka II refugee settlement. This program not only ensures that the children are able to enrol in school, but also provides them with the support necessary to stay in school, with the aim of having all participants completing Primary level education. To increase the level of gender equality in education, over half of the selected participants are female.



PROGRAMME UPDATES

Working with a variety of partners, our programmes promote women's ability to secure decent jobs, accumulate assets, and influence institutions and public policies determining growth and development. One critical area of focus involves advocacy to measure women's unpaid care work, and to take actions so women and men can more readily combine it with paid employment.

B. INFORMAL EDUCATION



**Let's Help International –LHI,
South Africa team conducting
vocation training sessions that
enable women to learn
entrepreneurial skills from which
they create their own initiatives
and generate more supplemental
income for their families.**



PROGRAMME UPDATES

II. DIGITAL INCLUSION



In order to tackle the lack of internet related opportunities for refugees of Kyaka II refugee settlement and host communities, Let's Help International –LHI innovated an online platform entitled kyaka2.com where different online opportunities are published regularly so that the inhabitants of Kyaka and hosts find genuine information on time and without spending travel fees for them. Also in order to relish wide dissemination in such technical era, there have been created a community WhatsApp group whereby articles published on the web are tagged to help more participants get notified about current trends. A part from informing the refugees and their hosts inside and out of Kyaka II, this platform also teaches youth, out-of-school women, as well as any other person wishes to acquire computer related skills.

One of the major challenges faced by displaced people include unemployment and lack of adequate opportunities to help them endure hardships into displaced areas.

It is impossible for all the people to get hired, but at least people can create their own businesses motivated by the success stories of the people who experienced same challenges.

In order to help refugees around the whole world learn from one another, and find entrepreneurial inspiration, motivation, and hope, Let's Help International established Refugees' TV and Stories Word Wide –RTSW.



PROGRAMME UPDATES

III. ADVOCACY



In order to obtain reliable data on PSN, an interactive assessment exercise of PSNs through house-to-house visits is generally conducted by multi-partner/multi-functional teams in the settlement with a view to verify and update the situation of Persons of Concerns –PSNs. Enumerators engaged in the data collection process receive training on the identification of specific needs, including training from health partners on the classification of health conditions as chronic illnesses or critical medical conditions.

The team also while undertaking the households visits, they confirm and/or update specific needs of already identified PSN, identify any new PSN in the households visited, gather additional data related to vulnerability, and assess any needs for support/protection interventions/ referrals to relevant service providers.

STAFF EMPOWERMENT



PARAMOUNT REGIONAL FUNCTIONS



Let's Help International –LHI is a well recognized non-profit organization that actively collaborate with partners in different aspects of works around Kyaka II Refugee Settlement. In 2022 we participated in functions like World Food Day, International Day of the African Child, 16 Days of Activism, and International Women's Day to mention just a few.



VOLUNTEER BOX

We are always looking to expand our volunteer base! All applications from a range of professional skills and all countries are dearly welcome. This includes but not limited to Communications, Program/Project, and Fundraising Officers. Also general expressions of interest according to individuals are appreciated.

We cherish every person involved in Let's Help International –LHI and respect each individual's respective values regardless of self beliefs, ethnicity, race, religion, political views or sexual orientation as far as they don't obscure or harm in any ways the LHI's Code of Conduct – whether volunteers, Local/ International partners, or community members.

We actively listen and learn from those around us and value each contribution and effort initiated to steering the LHI's wider team towards the Vision and Mission of Let's Help International.

Team members are empowered through divers training sessions by senior members and encouraged to show off their potentials while they attend to different organizational duties.



VISION

A world where every person's fundamental needs are catered for, so that they are able to craft a successful future for themselves.

Breaking the cycle of Poverty By:

- ❑ **Providing Access to Quality Education for children from low-income families.**
- ❑ **Increase access to decent employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for Youths, out-of-school women, Single mothers, and Elderly through programs that promote educational and professional development.**
- ❑ **Promote refugee made products & link home-grown innovative producers to global customers by selling their products on-line.**



HOW IT WORKS

We Operate with what is raised from public support, contributions, social events, grants & donations, volunteering activities, and other LHI income-generating activities.

\$90

per year can
educate a child

\$100

per year can
Offer a youth or Out-of-school
Woman a decent entrepreneurial skill.

Despite growing evidence of the positive outcomes of young women's economic empowerment, young women continue to experience unequal access to education and skills development and face barriers to securing decent employment and opportunities to thrive as entrepreneurs.

Chance MUNYERENKANA is a volunteer at Let's Help International –LHI providing support in helping women increase their bargaining power, confidence, and give them choices to act on their own, and their families' behalf with respect to safety. She has relevant experience in empowering women through skills and workforce development. She holds Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy with focus in Food Science.

OUR SOLUTION

To increase access to decent employment and entrepreneurial opportunities, LHI has provided vocational training to young, out-of-school women, single mothers and elderly women including practical skills which are ready to sell on market instantly from the time when they are acquired.

We also provided training in computer skills, and tailoring to youth, (girls and boys) and young women both in Kyaka II refugee Settlement –Uganda, and South Africa.

Chelsey Knott



Grant Writer/Trainer

Chelsey joined Let's Help International –LHI in early 2021. She helps by leading training sessions for new or existing volunteers and devising skill development programs targeted at filling organizational needs.

She's a Masters of Science –MSc graduate from Global Health. Before joining LHI, Chelsey worked for numerous International Organizations holding senior positions like Programme Coordinator at companies including London International Development Centre –LIDC and ZUMO Lab GmbH, to mention just a few.

She is a highly adaptable, passionate and hard working lady with passion for health, nutrition, Grant Writing and sustainable development.

Chelsey also holds Bachelor's Degree in Health Science with focus in Nutrition which she got from Queensland University of Technology –QUT.



OUR TEAM



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WE DO NOT WORK ALONE



GET INVOLVED

We strongly believe in the power of EDUCATION. More than ever,
“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the World.”

Nelson Mandela

It will take committed fraternity of all governments’ leaders, civil bodies and non-profit organizations working directly with communities to ensure that not a single child is deprived from the right to access Quality Education.



PRAY FOR US!

Let’s Help International –LHI believes in the power that manifests from shrewdly consecrated prayer.

Pray blessings from God Almighty for every heart that wishes to support our projects financially soon or later, and godly insights and understanding for the board-members.



**BECOME
A VOLUNTEER
TODAY!**

Volunteering with Let’s Help International –LHI will offer you direct connection to the communities of unreached humans in places where we work, and make it for you to interact with a wide range of global change makers willing to leave the world a better place. Even helping with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, and organizational development.



PARTNER WITH US

LHI has always honoured partnerships and collaborations with local and International partners that demonstrate active efforts towards sustainable development goals. Our goal in partnership as it may be the case for many other non-profit agencies is to meet the immediate needs of crisis-affected people especially refugees in a timely, relevant, efficient, coherent and sustainable way. The charity interventions which are mostly needed in most places where we work include education, shelter-related support, humanitarian aids, and numerous livelihood programs objecting to empower underprivileged with Income generating opportunities. We'll be glad to hear that you need to work with us towards a mutual goal of development.



SPONSOR A CHILD

An other way in which you can work with us is having a child to support from our list. Many children in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement are orphans of one or both parents and many households are child-headed with others living in low-income homes. Children with such status need tremendous support to promote their mental health and psychosocial wellbeing. Though our current support into this program is directed to educating children, LHI offers many other humanitarian aids to children.

DONATE TO SUPPORT OUR WORK

We guarantee a professional service that ensures the best value for your investment towards shelter –related support, access to PSN friendly facilities and services, psychosocial support, material assistance, Education, and scholarship for children with specific education needs.

You will be providing direct and verifiable aid to those who need it most. We document all our projects and community services to our social media channels after they've been approved by internal auditors and M&E Officers who work as team to ensure credible retrieval of receipts of work accomplished.

**ALL
DONATIONS**

**OF ANY
AMOUNT**

**ARE
ALWAYS**

Donate



**VERY
WELCOME.**

CONTACT US TO GET INVOLVED NOW!

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