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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



Dear Friends of Rescue One More,

As we reflect on the achievements of the past year, a deep sense of gratitude fills our hearts. In 2023, our commitment to providing safety, justice, and healing to Ugandan children who've endured sexual violence gained significant strength. We are immensely thankful to God for guiding and protecting our team and enabling us to expand our impact.

Our dedicated team in Uganda faces challenging and traumatic cases every day, yet their resilience is marked by unrelenting joy. We extend our gratitude to them for their tireless efforts in pursuing our vision. We're also extremely thankful for our community of generous friends who have supported Rescue One More through prayer and financial contributions.

Rescue One More's footprint has grown significantly over the last three years and we're increasingly confident we'll see every district covered by a Rescue One More Center in this lifetime.

The past year is a testament to the miracles we've experienced since our inception. In April, we received government approval to open our safehouse in Kampala offering temporary refuge to girls in crisis. The unprecedented speed of approval (within 6 months) was a clear manifestation of God's favor. Currently, the shelter is home to 25 girls who are now safe and finding healing.

In another remarkable development, the High Court of Uganda expedited 3 of the 135 criminal cases on our docket, resulting in convictions. This is significant, given the usual time frame of 4-6 years for cases to be heard in the overloaded Ugandan Courts.

As you read this report, you'll observe a significant increase in all the numbers, reflecting the impact we're making in the lives of the children and communities we serve. We humbly ask for your continued prayers for the healing of all child survivors. While the work may seem overwhelming, there is hope when we focus on rescuing just one more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Lambie', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Scott Lambie  
CEO & Co-founder

## ABOUT RESCUE ONE MORE

In 2011, while living in Kampala, Uganda, Scott and Sarah Lambie encountered Vanessa, an 11-year-old survivor of sexual abuse whose family disowned her for reporting the abuse. The Lambies fostered and eventually adopted Vanessa.

In 2021, Vanessa and her parents **launched Rescue One More** to help other survivors of sexual violence against children (SVAC).

In Uganda, **more than 1 in 3 girls\* and 1 in 6 boys experience SVAC**. Because resources are limited and the stigma surrounding SVAC is great, **survivors are often silenced by their communities** and forced to endure abuse in silence.

Rescue One More is on a mission to change this by providing survivors with **safety, justice, and healing** while also working to end SVAC once and for all.

Using a proven community-driven approach, **Rescue One More brings local child protection leaders together** to offer a coordinated and streamlined response to cases of SVAC, ensure successful investigations, and minimize additional trauma to survivors.

Our approach is implemented through **multidisciplinary teams**, which we refer to as Community Action Teams (or CATs) consisting of local police officers, probation officers (think CPS), social workers, prosecutors, medical and mental health professionals, and leaders of child-focused NGOs.



Through **Rescue One More Centers**, survivors receive safe shelter (if needed), trauma counseling, medical care, case management, mentoring, resettlement services, and more. Non-offending family members receive psychosocial support and legal support as well.

Rescue One More was founded with the belief that **God can turn tragedies into triumphs**.

Through Rescue One More, we've seen God's goodness. We hope you see it too.

*\*Uganda Violence Against Children Survey: Findings from a National Survey, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, August 2018*

## Mission

To bring safety, justice, and healing to child survivors of sexual violence in Uganda.

## Vision

An end to sexual violence against children in Africa.

## Guiding Scripture

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.”

*Genesis 50: 20-21*



# PROGRAMATIC PILLARS



**Safety:** Safe housing and resettlement services for children in dangerous home environments



**Justice:** Legal support for survivors and non-offending family members

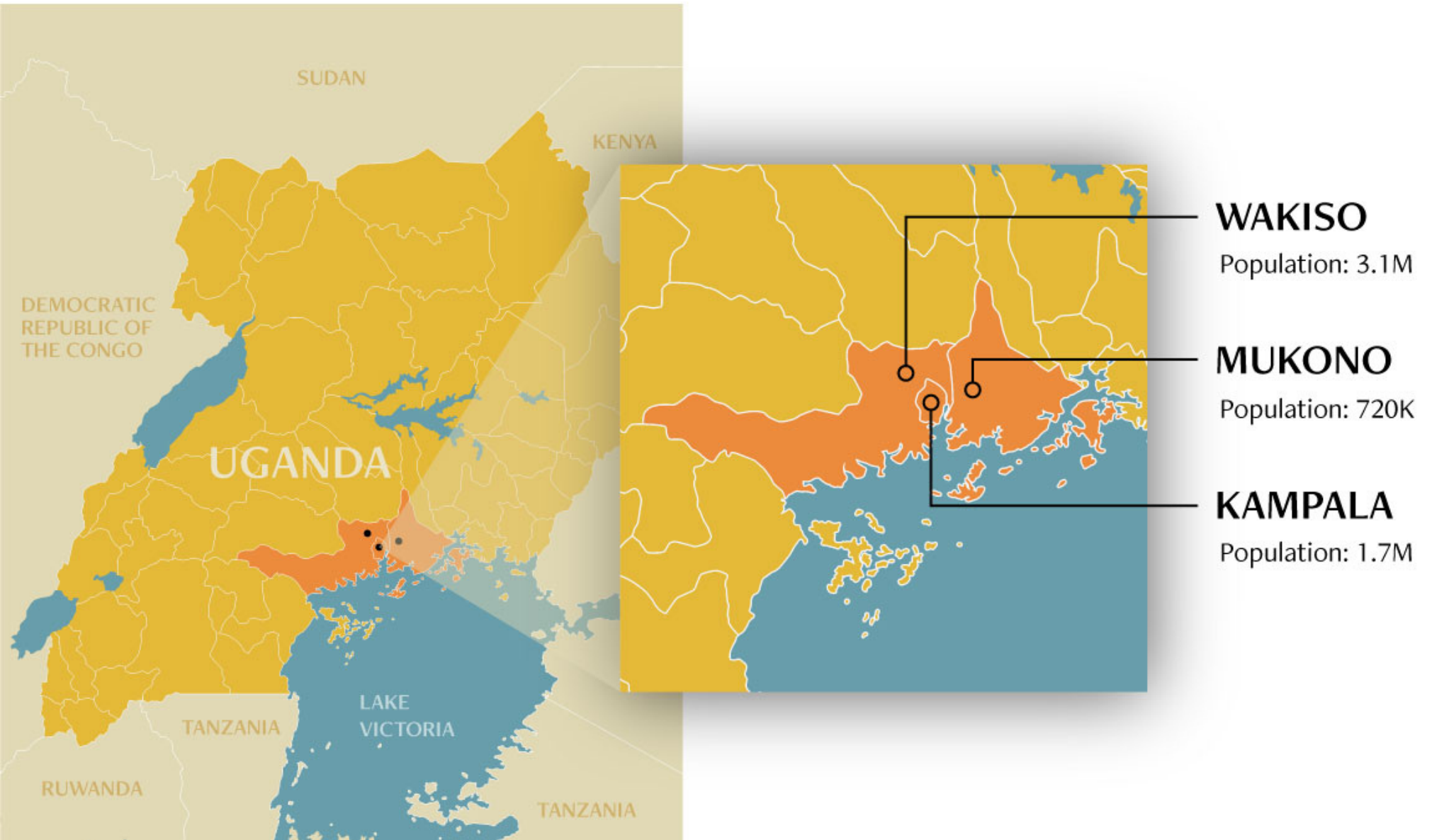


**Healing:** Emotional, physical, & spiritual support for survivors & non-offending family members



**Prevention:** Educating children, parents, teachers, leaders, and communities

# WHERE WE WORK





# 2023 GOALS

1



Facilitate safety, justice, and/or healing for 75 children by:

- Conducting 50 community outreaches
- Establishing 4 new Community Action Teams (CATs):
  - Makindye Division (within Kampala District)
  - Central Kampala Division (within Kampala District)
  - Jinja District
  - National CAT comprised of state-level government leaders

2



Build the capacities of our staff, partners, and Community Action Teams [CAT] with:

- Forensic interview training
- Trainings on child-friendly approaches for police, police surgeons, social workers, lawyers, judges, probation and social welfare officers, etc.

3



Enhance our transparency and credibility in Uganda by:

- Obtaining International NGO status
- Gaining the recognition and support of the State House in Uganda

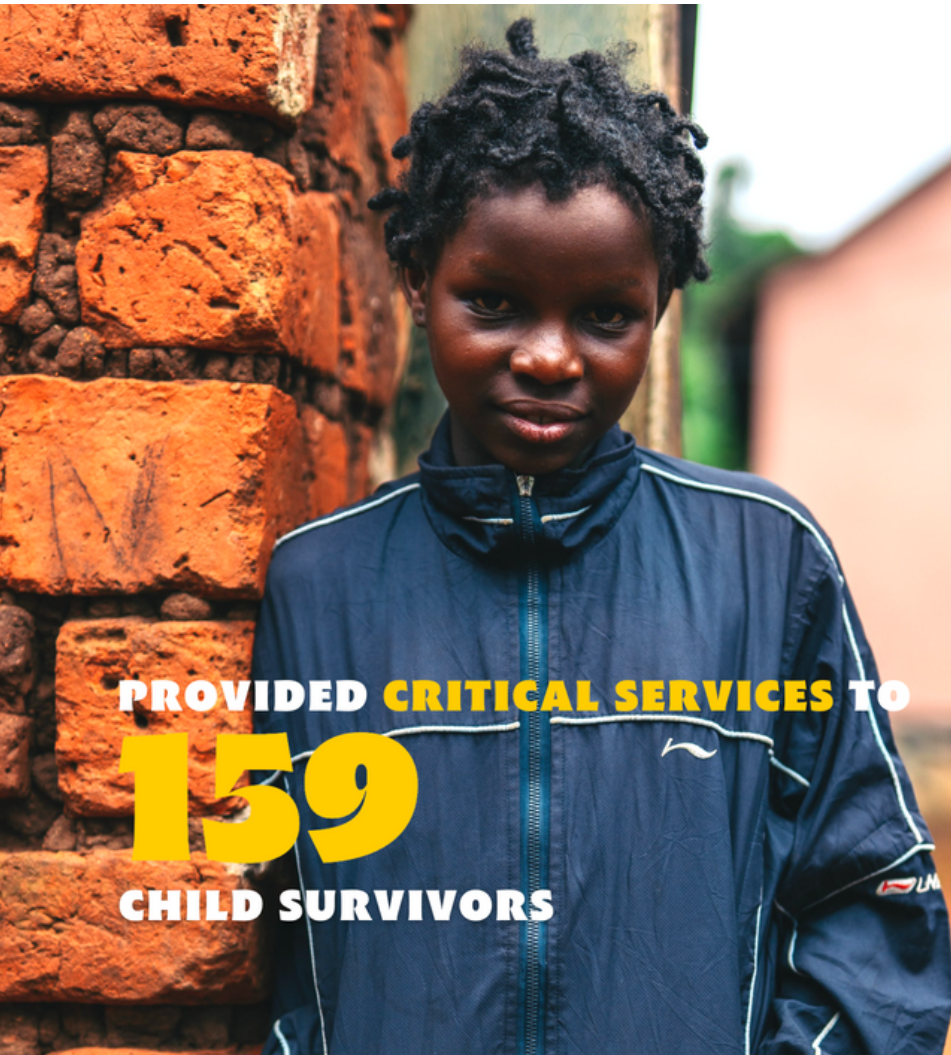
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Increase our credibility, awareness, and donor base in the U.S. by:

- Increasing our donor base to 300 individuals, 50 recurring donors, and 10 church partners
- Launching a new website
- Earning a Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid

# 2023 BY THE NUMBERS



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# 2023 OUTCOMES, UGANDA

- Provided 159 children with critical services, including access to safety, justice, and/or healing
- Officially opened safehouse in Kampala, Uganda
- Established 4th Community Action Team (CAT) in Makindye Division, Kampala
- Began establishing a 5th CAT (in Central Division, Kampala)
- Completed and submitted NGO registration documentation
- Secured coverage in multiple national media outlets, including newspapers, television, radio, and online platforms
- Facilitated training and licensing of all psychologists and counselors in experiential (play) therapy
- Strengthened capacities of Rubaga CAT members with training on building successful court cases
- Hosted a three-day retreat for 14 team members at a resort in Jinja, Uganda



*Jinja retreat for UG staff members*



*Official launch of Kampala safehouse*

# 2023 OUTCOMES, U.S.

- Exceeded fundraising goals
- Awarded Platinum Transparency Seal from Candid (formerly GuideStar)
- Launched new website
- Continued growing social media following
- Secured coverage in multiple media outlets including print, podcasts, and radio



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# FROM THE FIELD

We are deeply grateful for our dedicated team in Uganda. Their unwavering commitment has made a significant impact on the lives of child survivors. Through their tireless efforts, 159 children received access to safety, justice, and healing in 2023. We pray God will continue to sustain them and give rest to their souls. (Matthew 11:28–30.) Taken directly from field reports, here is a sampling of the situations they deal with daily.



Esther Muhoza,  
Kampala CAT Administrator



Cathy Nganda,  
Mukono CAT Administrator



Stella Nabukwasi,  
Wakiso Counselor

## Oct. 2023 Update on Court Cases:

All ongoing court cases are proceeding well, apart from ██████████ case, where the magistrate has been comprised. With the help of the Rubaga CAT, measures were put in place to handle this issue. The probation officer is writing an impact assessment report on ██████████ and her mother and the police surgeon will testify to prove she is under 14 years of age to ensure the perpetrator is not released on bail.

## New Cases, Feb. 2023:

██████████, 11 years old, was abused by her employer where she was working as a maid and earning 15,000 shillings (\$5.50) per month. He was arrested and soon his case will be presented before the court.

Update on perpetrators, court cases, and children's well-being:

[REDACTED] - We had a hearing with the survivor on the 24th. Bail for the perpetrator was revoked by the magistrate. This was due to the failure of the perpetrator to provide the sample necessary to carry out DNA testing. We were ordered to support the investigating officer (IO) in ensuring the DNA test is conducted. The IO is currently obtaining the necessary signatures to transport the perpetrator from prison to the clinic for testing.

[REDACTED], 13-years-old, was defiled by a 40-year-old man. The abuse is believed to be on-going. It was reported after the perpetrator was found with the girl in a locked room. The matter was reported to Mpata Local Council (MP) and the perpetrator was arrested. He was taken to Mpata police and later transferred to Mukono.

[REDACTED] was going to the well when she was intercepted by a drug abuser named Jowasi. He fought to pin her down and she fought back while screaming. She managed to attract the attention of community members who intercepted the perpetrator and had him arrested.

July 2023 Update:

We held a sensitization at [REDACTED] Secondary School and [REDACTED] Primary School in Mukono. The probation officer did an excellent job sensitizing the children on reporting and preventing sexual violence. After the event, many children came forward claiming to have faced sexual violence. Most did not know who to trust and feared rejection by their families. Counselors stayed late to provide emotional support to several of the children who came forward. Complaints of sexual exploitation by a teacher in the school were raised by several students.

Feb. 2023 Case Update:

54-year-old retired soldier, [REDACTED], who was on the run after abusing 5 young girls earlier this year, has been arrested. We engaged our contacts with the army and police to help track him down. They used phone coordinates and GPS to track his location. He was arrested deep in a village in Nakaseke District. He is currently at the Wakiso Police Station waiting to be taken to court.





## Samuel's Choice

Meet Samuel. He lives with his wife and their 8-year-old daughter, Maggie, in rural Wakiso, Uganda. Their home is humble, but their hearts are big. Samuel and his wife run a school they built themselves for the children in their village.

Samuel remembers the day his daughter was attacked.

"I was at church teaching Sunday school when neighbors came and told me what happened. **Maggie was outside playing when a neighbor's field hand attacked her.** Her friend ran to tell his parents. Neighbors came to Maggie's rescue and managed to catch the man," he said. "By the time I arrived, **a crowd had formed and was ready to lynch the man.** But I said, 'Stop! You can't do this. I'm a Christian man. We will take him to the police.'"

Samuel took his daughter to the police station. His neighbors followed with the perpetrator in tow. Upon arriving, the police informed **the Wakiso Community Action Team (W-CAT)** which quickly mobilized to organize a crime scene investigation and a medical exam for Maggie. **The perpetrator was charged and put behind bars,** a W-CAT social worker provided the family with psychosocial support while the team's counselor began meeting regularly with both Maggie and her parents.

Thanks to Samuel's decision, **mob justice was avoided.** His family continues to receive psychosocial and legal support.

"We are very grateful for the support we've received and **we feel confident that justice will be realized,**" he said.

# A Reason to Smile

For the longest time, Rosette couldn't understand why her 13-year-old daughter, Priscilla, was so angry.

"She was upset and mad at everyone at home, but she wouldn't tell me why," Rosette said.

Finally, Priscilla told her mother that **a family member had been abusing her**, but she was too afraid to tell her mother who.

**"I didn't know how to handle her. I felt so useless,"** Rosette said. "When [the Rubaga Community Action Team (R-CAT)] took over the case, they did counseling and found out who the suspect was. **The police took the suspect to jail. The team took Priscilla to do a medical checkup. They even took her to the [safe house]** because other family members were so angry with her it wasn't safe for her to stay at home."

**"I'm most grateful for the counseling sessions,** not only for my child but for me as well," she said. **"I felt better because I finally had someone to talk to** about it since I couldn't talk to my neighbors or friends."

**"I've seen a big change in my daughter too.** She's no longer angry all the time," Rosette said. **"What makes me smile the most is how she reads her Bible and gives me Bible verses to read too.**

Priscilla was resettled with her mother in November 2023. Our counselors and members of the R-CAT continue to visit them to provide psychosocial support and ensure the family's safety.



# YEAR-OVER-YEAR REVENUE COMPARISON

In 2023, we raised \$512,080. Our commitment to fiscal accountability, upholding rigorous standards to steward funds responsibly, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our programs is unwavering. This dedication ensures that child survivors, non-offending family members, and communities will continue to be served for years to come.

Total Raised in 2023  
**\$512,080.40**

Total Raised in 2022  
**\$357,854.70**

Total Raised in 2021\*  
**\$160,916.38**

Net Assets  
**\$157,204.22**

Net Assets  
**\$108,297.32**

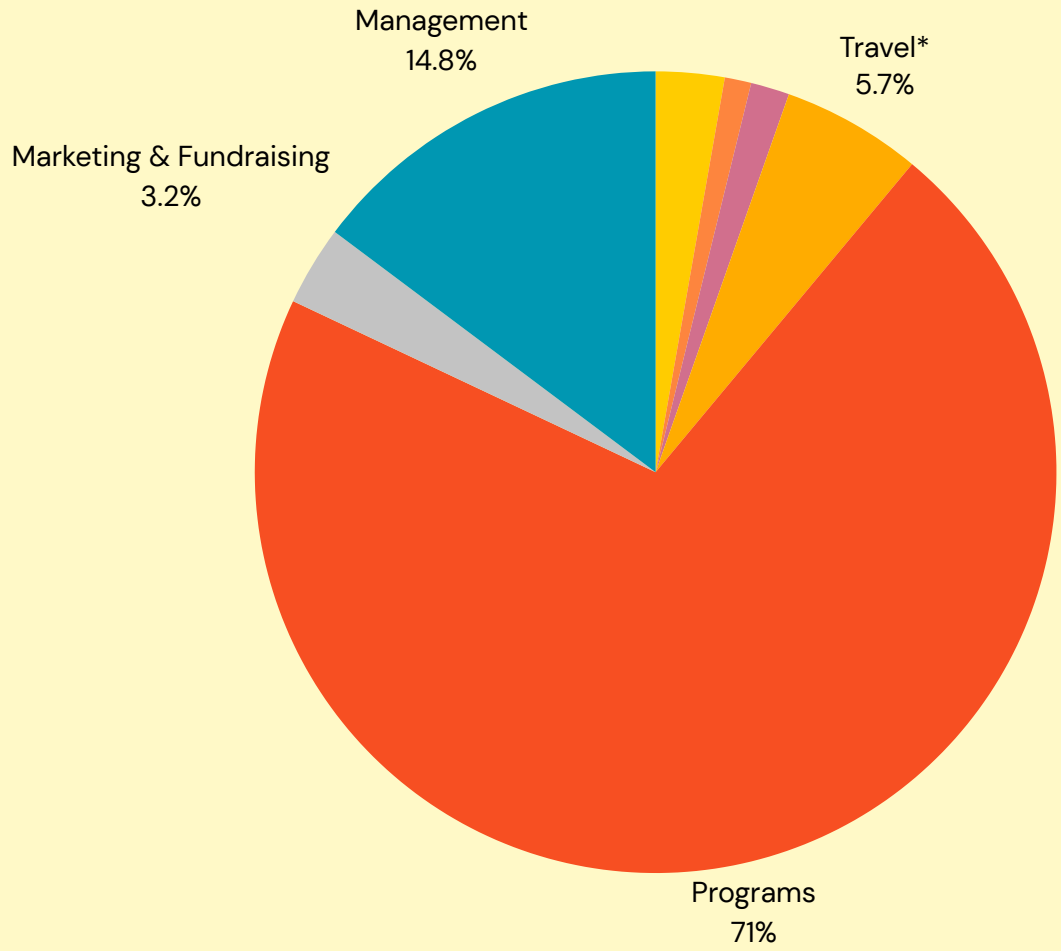
Net Assets  
**\$30,419.65**

*\*Launched March 2021*



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# 2023 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

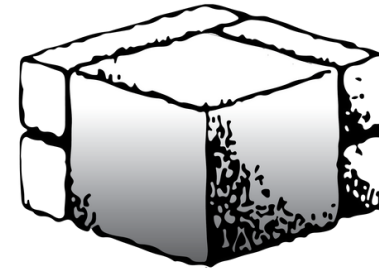


- Systems & Subscriptions: \$12,830 or 2.8%
- Accounting & Legal: \$4,964 or 1.1%
- Insurance: \$7,245 or 1.6%
- Travel: \$26,232 or 5.65% \*
- Programs: \$329,234 or 71%
- Marketing & Fundraising: \$14,916 or 3.2%
- Management: \$68,516 or 14.8%
- Total: \$463,937**



\*Includes self-funded mission team

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