



Good Neighbors International Uganda
2024 Annual Report

Empowering People, Transforming Communities

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List of Acronyms

GNIUG	– Good Neighbors International Uganda
GN	– Good Neighbors
ECD	– Early Childhood Development
WASH	– Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
GBV	– Gender-Based Violence
CHW	– Community Health Worker
MCH	– Maternal and Child Health
IDP	– Internally Displaced Persons
NFI	– Non-Food Items
SMC	– School Management Committee
PTA	– Parents Teachers Association
SRHR	– Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights
PS	– Primary School
H/C III	– Health Centre III
GA	– Girls’ Ambassadors
BA	– Boys’ Ambassadors
SWTs	– School Welfare Teachers (context inferred)
SMT	– School Management Team
VSLA	– Village Savings and Loan Association
RF	– Revolving Fund
CDP	– Community Development Project
ITC	– International Trade Centre
ToT	– Training of Trainers
UGX	– Ugandan Shilling
KOICA	– Korea International Cooperation Agency
ODA	– Official Development Assistance
ACL	– Annual Child Letter

Message from Country Director



Dear Partners, Supporters, and Community Members

With great pride and a deep sense of responsibility, I present to you the 2024 Annual Report of Good Neighbors International Uganda (GNIUG). This report is not just a collection of statistics and milestones—it reflects the profound transformations taking place in the communities we serve, the resilience of the human spirit, and the power of collaborative action.

In 2024, we continued to expand our reach and impact across the eight districts where we operate, driven by our vision to create a world where people live with dignity, self-reliance, and hope. Through dynamic partnerships with government, civil society, and local stakeholders, we advanced integrated development programs that promote sustainable change and uphold human rights.

Our education initiatives have significantly reduced barriers to learning for thousands of children. Over 7,000 children accessed quality education through our school partnerships, and more than 400 teachers were equipped with modern, child-centred pedagogical tools. The construction of a fully equipped Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre in Obutet Sub-county is a remarkable achievement, providing foundational learning to over 80 children and setting them on a path to lifelong success.

The Sponsorship Program remained a cornerstone of our work, providing consistent support in education, health, protection, and WASH to 7,529 sponsored children. In health, our services reached over 22,000 individuals—delivering maternal and child healthcare, conducting medical check-ups

for children, and improving adolescent sexual and reproductive health through school- and community-based outreach.

Our WASH programs brought dignity and better health to more than 2,300 people through the construction of clean water facilities, hygiene promotion campaigns, and the renovation of sanitation infrastructure in schools and communities. These investments are already reducing disease incidence and improving school attendance, particularly for girls.

We have also deepened our work in child protection and advocacy. In districts like Jinja, where child marriage and school dropout rates remain high, our interventions, such as the establishment of Girl-Friendly Spaces and the empowerment of Child Rights Clubs, are restoring hope and creating safe environments for children and adolescents.

On the frontlines of humanitarian response, particularly in the Kyaka II Refugee Settlement, our team implemented gender-based violence (GBV) prevention programs, constructed community safety infrastructure, and supported refugee women through vocational training and savings groups. These efforts are building pathways to economic independence and social reintegration.

Our commitment to economic empowerment was evident through our support to smallholder farmers and women entrepreneurs. Through the STAR Project and Farmer Field Schools, we introduced agribusiness models that transformed farming from subsistence to enterprise. More than 600 farmers were trained in climate-smart agriculture, post-harvest handling, and financial literacy, while thousands of tree seedlings were distributed to combat climate change and enhance food security.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our donors, government partners, local leaders, and most importantly, the communities we serve. With sincere appreciation.

Sunyoung Shin,
Country Director
Good Neighbors International Uganda



GNIUG Introduces digital technology to promote equity and inclusion in education

About Good Neighbors

Who We Are

Good Neighbors is an international humanitarian and development organization founded in 1991. Good Neighbors works in over 50 countries to make the world a place without hunger and where people live in harmony.

In Uganda GN became operational in 2015. Good Neighbors International Uganda (GNIUG) currently works in the 8 districts but with future expansion plans across the Country with head offices in Kampala Uganda



Our Mission

Good Neighbors exists to make the world a place without hunger where people live together in harmony.

Good Neighbors respects the human rights of our Neighbors suffering from poverty, disasters, and oppression and helps them to achieve self-reliance and enable them to rebuild hope.

Global Development Principles

1



We support our suffering neighbors.

2



We raise awareness of human rights and the role of duty bearers.

3



We empower people.

4



We promote cooperation and solidarity.

1. We serve people in need beyond ethnicity, religion, belief, and nationality.

2. We organize local volunteers to contribute in developing their own communities.

3. We promote self-reliance in sustainable development for individuals, families, and communities.

4. We cooperate with all people who understand our mission and program.

5. We implement the rights of the child as top priority.

6. We work with professionalism, and pursue financial and operational transparency.

7. We prosper global citizenship in mutual respect.

8. We strive to induce more people to join our work as Good Neighbors members



Where we work

Field Offices.

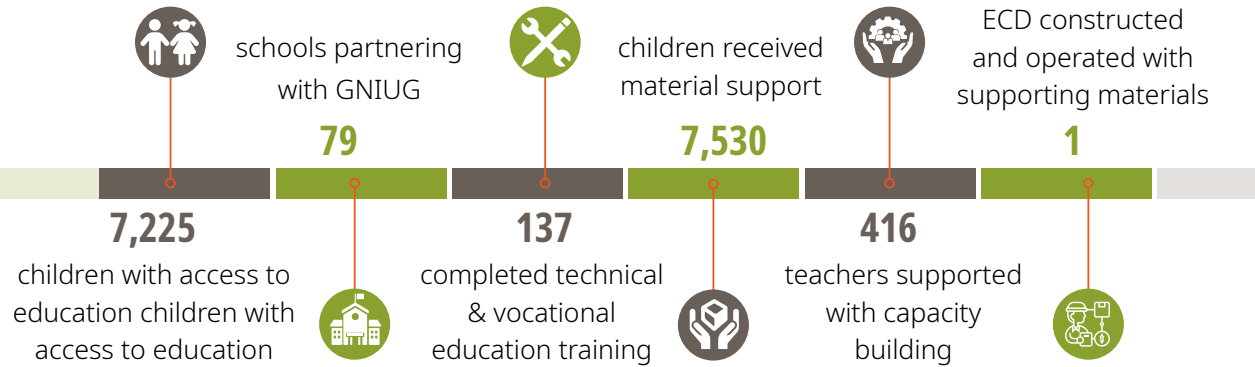


- Kampala Head Office
- Pallisa Community Development Project
- Jinja Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights Project
- Luwero, Mukono Vege Seeds Project
- STAR Project (Lira and Oyam)
- Mityana / Mpigi Establishment of Sustainable Model Villages Project (ESMV II Project)
- Mpigi National Farmers Leadership Centre (NFLC II Project)
- Kyaka II Refugee Project

2024 at Glance



EDUCATION & PROTECTION



SPONSORSHIP



HEALTH



ENVIRONMENT

159 people who participated in climate change responses

1 Global Youth Network Program



WASH



2,362 people with clean and sufficient water & sanitation



1 newly water supply facility constructed



6 WASH Committees



100 toilets renovated



Humanitarian ASSISTANCE



360 people participants in natural disaster response programs



384 people participated in refugees or internally displaced persons (IDP) support programs



342 people received non-food item (NFI) kits



42 refugees and host community people who participated in livelihood programs



ADVOCACY

7,506 people participated in any GNIUG advocacy activity

7 child rights clubs supported with 322 members

7,191 children protected from violence, discrimination & other threats

Social Economy / Income Generation



PALLISA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Education and Protection

Uganda has achieved great development in the Education sector. However, the school dropout rate is remaining high and it's a big challenge in Ugandan education. Parents understand that education is major, but they have on of finances challenges them to send their children to school for better education. The lack of classroom blocks is a problem for overcrowding of children in classes and failure to provide meals at school is also another cause of school dropout. The lack of school ECD infrastructures remains a problem in government primary schools in both rural and urban areas.

ECD Construction at Obutet Primary School

GNIUG constructed an ECD for children aged 4-8 years to get access to education. To bring an equitable and excellent education system to Uganda's government schools, Good Neighbors International Uganda (GNIUG) worked together with ministry of education, Obutet CDP community and teachers to establish a comfortable Early Childhood Development (ECD) learning center for the young children in the community.

The ECD classroom was fully equipped with play materials, tables, chairs, and books. This ECD is benefiting 80 school children.



“Hello, My name is Amelia, and I am 5 years old. 1 year ago, I started my education at Obutet ECD in Pallisa, where Good Neighbors International Uganda built a school that gave me access to a classroom that I needed. Because of that support, I am excelling in my studies and dreaming of becoming a doctor. I want to help people in my community stay healthy and receive proper medical care.”

Bringing Early Childhood Education to Obutet: Teacher Waala Lydia 's Perspective

“Young children in Obutet had no access to an Early Childhood Development (ECD) center though there was a primary school level, making the transition to primary school difficult. As an ECD teacher, I saw

firsthand how this gap affected children's learning and development. Many started primary school without basic foundational skills, making it harder for them to succeed.”

That reality changed when Good Neighbors International Uganda (GNIUG), in collaboration with the community, established the first government-

supported ECD center at Obutet Primary School, on land generously donated by the Church of Uganda.

Now, 80 children aged 3 to 6 have access to quality early learning opportunities in a nurturing

environment that supports their holistic development. With this ECD center, children are gaining the essential skills and confidence they need to transition smoothly into primary education.

“This ECD center has given our children a strong foundation for learning, ensuring they are better prepared for the future.” — Tr. Waala Lydia



We support children with scholastic materials to stay in schools

GNIUG has supported 7,865+ children with scholastic materials to remain in school. Both sponsored and non sponsored received materials such as clothes, shoes, school bags and stationery

Capacity building of teachers

GNIUG in partnership with District education office supported with Training and building

the capacity of 416 teachers to impart learning using child-friendly and interactive teaching-learning methods and also training on effective implementation of the new curriculum.



2024 Results

7,225	79	137	416	7,530	1
children with access to education	schools partnering with GNIUG	completed technical & vocational education training	teachers supported with capacity building	children received material support	ECD constructed and operated with supporting materials

Capacity building of School Management Committee (SMC's) in Government schools

Good Neighbors International Uganda(GNIUG) in partnership with Education Department built capacities of 165 School managements committee members in the Government and private schools to plan and implement whole school improvement plans, encompassing aspects of school administration, financial planning, teacher deployment and community involvement in schools. School management committees & Parents teacher's Associations (SMC & PTA) were trained in regards to their roles in schools.

Sponsorship

Good Neighbors International Uganda(GNIUG) aims to see children access education through community and government partnerships. To achieve it, the GNIUG's Sponsorship Program has a vital role to support children access school through working closely with government schools and institutions. This program gives sponsored children annual services in Education, Health, WASH, and protection. Pallisa is the current target community and is supported with infrastructural services such as Health centers, school buildings, and water facilities as well as strengthening the capacity of community groups, for instance, community committees and GN clubs.



2024 Major Results			
7,529,	1,536	6,659	15
sponsored	Gift Delivery		
children			
7,226	Health	3	child visits
Annual	Checkups		
Progress			
letters			
7,502			
Annual			
Child			
Letters			



WASH

Improving community sensitization and awareness to support WASH facilities is started by understanding the needs of community people. Good Neighbors International Uganda (GNIUG) worked together with local communities to promote sanitation and Hygiene and supported what each community needed. More than 2,362 people participate in our WASH programs and the result have access with clean and sufficient water & sanitation.

Community mobilized for household toilet renovation

Good Neighbors International Uganda(GNIUG) trained community members on proper latrine construction and use. 100 constructed latrines were renovated with washing facilities to help facilitate

good hygiene and sanitation in the communities. This helped to reduce diarrhea diseases and UTIs in these communities.

GNIUG conducted community outreach on good Hygiene and Sanitation practices with 896 community members participating.



Construction of water supply facility in Obutet CDP

More than 1000 children use the water facility to drink clean water and enjoy good sanitation every day



Better School WASH Practices in Kasodo CDP

GNIUG sensitized pupils and teachers in 4 government schools on the best Hygiene and Sanitation practices. 1200 participated and in result this improved and promoted better hygiene & sanitation practices among pupils in school.



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“Through the WASH project at Opeta Primary School, we now have clean water and proper sanitation, making it easier for us to stay healthy, attend school, and focus on our education.” Sharuwa 13yrs



2024 Major Achievements

2,362

people with clean and sufficient water & sanitation

6

WASH Committees

100

toilets renovated

1

newly water supply facility constructed

Health

GNIUG conducted health checkups and treatment of children to protect on and prevent sicknesses to promote healthy lifestyles. GNIUG further conducted Sensitization campaign of Sexual Reproductive Health Rights of adolescent girls and boys. Introduction of life skills for teenage girls and boys in Olok CDP.

Health Checkups

GNIUG conducted health checkups to identify diseases affecting children and provided treatment to 6,659 children. GNIUG further health educated them on how to prevent disease occurrences. This was done in all the 4 CDPS



Introduction of life skills for teenage girls and boys in Olok CDP

250 children improved children's discipline, and empowered them with knowledge on self awareness, interpersonal skills, thinking skills and problem solving skills



Sensitization campaign of Sexual Reproductive Health Rights of adolescent girls and boys

GNIUG conducted the sensitization campaign on Sexual Reproductive Health Rights of adolescent girls and boys in Kasodo CDP. 1,952 pupils attended the sensitization on SRHR



School feeding program for children in partnership schools

School meals are essential to ensuring children have enough to eat, the majority of government primary schools in Uganda find it difficult to provide children with nutritious lunches due to their inadequate funding. GNIUG provided food to the partnership schools in Pallisa and as 7,868 children in primary school were served with nutritious food through school feeding programme.



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“When our school started offering food at lunch time, we decided to be coming to school everyday and we are staying in school because of this meal” Children at Opeta P/S



2024 Major Results

10,696

people with improved access to health services

1

community health committee with **8** members

22,290

people received maternal and childhood health (MCH) services and basic reproductive education

3

health facilities in the girl's friendly spaces constructed

107

Community Health Workers (CHW)

7,868

supported with food/school feeding programme

Advocacy

Children are the future of Uganda. Good Neighbors International Uganda(GNIUG) has been working hard to protect the children from violence, abuse, harm, or neglect even though many children are exposing physical and mental health issues because the demand is huge here. Good Neighbors International Uganda(GNIUG) has begun making a development plan and supporting youth club activities to provide youth with a healthy body and strong mind to fight social distraction and harm. GNIUG cooperates with the local principals, schools, parents, and related partners to organize activities

Conduct a sensitization campaign on the Rights of children and women

GNIUG conducted sensitization campaign on the Rights of children and women and in result 7,506 to create awareness and reduce violence against children and women



2024 Major Achievements

7,506

No. people participated in any GNIUG advocacy activity

7

No. GNIUG child rights clubs

322

No. Child rights clubs members

7,191

No. children protected from violence, discrimination & other threats

Empowering Young Mothers Through Skills

Baluka Doreen, a 21-year-old from Nakabale Village in Kasodo Sub County, has faced life's challenges with courage and determination. Doreen got unplanned pregnancy and had to drop out of school. With her dreams of education seemingly shattered, she struggled to raise her child alone, feeling hopeless about her future.

Everything changed when Good Neighbors International Uganda (GNIUG) brought a skilling program to her community. Doreen applied and was selected to join Kasodo Technical Institute (KTI) for a four-month course in Fashion and Design.

During her time at KTI, Doreen attended all the training, mastering skills in Fashion and Design. Beyond the technical skills, she was equipped with knowledge in business selection, planning, and management, as well as life skills that transformed her outlook on life.

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“This program gave me more than just technical skills it gave me a new mindset and renewed hope,” Doreen shares.

Her hard work and determination paid off, and she was awarded a certificate in Fashion and Design. The program also provided Doreen with a starter kit, enabling her to start her own business and support her child. Doreen is looking ahead and determined to pursue a diploma in Fashion and Design to further her skills and expand her opportunities to be a trainer in vocational institutes.

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“This starter kit means everything to me; it is the foundation of my journey toward financial independence and a brighter future for my child. I am forever grateful to GNIUG for believing in me and giving me this opportunity.”



Environment

To support the community people to adopt to changing climate situations and reduce nature from harmful conditions, Good Neighbors International Uganda(GNIUG) is conducted several activities and 159 people who participated in climate change responses. With the ‘Nursery bed establishment” GNIUG gathered pupils and trained them the growable vegetables in changed climate and the proper ways Nursery bed soil preparation and construction of nursery bed. On the other hand, with the “Global Youth Network”, GNIUG taught the students about the severity of climate change and learnt the importance planting trees.

Global Youth Network: International Exchange about Climate Change

Olok Seed Secondary School participated students and teachers in a global exchange program. This ‘Global Youth Network’ on the topic of “Climate Change and Environmental Related SDGs” provided represented students a lesson about world concerns and at the same time, they got a chance to learn and share with other nations about Uganda.



“I thought my future was doomed, but tree planting gave me a lifeline. Through Nursery tree bed establishments and training, I changed my mnidset and this my life around. From learning about agroforestry and planting fruit trees as a way of earning money, I started taking care of a school nursery bed and trees in school compound, I now advocate to my family and fellow school children to plant trees”
– Stuart, 9yrs



Nursery tree bed establishments and training on its management in Primary schools

3 Nursery tree beds were established and maintained in Government schools in Olok CDP and as result 10,000 tree seedlings raised in each of the Nursery tree beds established. Children were taught on nursery bed soil preparation and the growable vegetables in changing climate



2024 Major Achievements

10,000

Tree seedlings raised

159

people who participated in climate change response

Social Economy/Income Generation

In order to improve on farming methods and improve on production and productivity in rural areas of Uganda, GNIUG carried out various Income generating activities and training’s including “the training of horticulture farmers”, “ToT Training for Farming as a business- STAR PROJECT”, “training of livestock farmers as a business” specialized skills training in bakery and confectionery. Training of farmers on commercial fruit farming best practices, management and application of traditional irrigation systems. GNIUG conducted refresher trainings of the CDCs on Revolving Fund(RF) approaches and operations

Farmer Field School (FFS) Program on Maize Value Chain in Pallisa

GNIUG launched and opened up Farmer Field School program and initiated its operations. 30 farmers represented the rest of the Cooperative members

GNIUG further did a Farmer field school sensitization campaign. 90 Cooperative members and 4 CDCs on the FFS approach were sensitized. 8 sites were identified to act as field schools or Demo sites.



VSLA

GNIUG conducted e training conducted of mindset change and refresher training for 220 VSLA group leaders so as to enhance the operational efficiency of the VSLA groups in preparation for starting of Income Generation activities (VSLA plus)



Distribution of seedlings in both fruit and non fruit species

GNIUG through the GCF - Forest Restoration Project distributed 24,565 seedlings in fruit and non-fruit species to 629 households in Obutet CDP for commercial fruit farming



Capacity building training on cooperative formation

GNIUG conducting a capacity building training on cooperative formation operations and management. The training majorly focused on building the capacity of cooperative members in forming cooperative groups as well as managing them. 2 maize farmers cooperatives were formed (1 from kasodo and 1 from Obutet CDP). 98 cooperative members trained in cooperative operations and management



2024 Major Results

70 groups income generation groups (VSLA)

628 members in income generation groups (VSLA)

628 people participated in capacity building programs for income generation

24,565 seedlings in fruit and non-fruit species

Transforming Maize Farming into a Profitable Venture; Opesen Teddeo's Story

"For years, I only grew maize to feed my family, never considering it as a potential source of income. Despite having two acres of land, my harvest was limited to just 2 to 3 bags (200–300 kg) per season. Everything changed when I attended a sensitization session at the Farmer Field School, where I learned about cost-benefit analysis and best farming practices. That's when I realized maize could be a profitable cash crop if cultivated the right way."

As a member of Olok Cooperative Society Limited, I decided to enroll in the Farmer Field School and dedicated one acre of land to test what I was

learning. However, I faced challenges in raising capital for essential inputs like seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides. Fortunately, I received support through Good Neighbors' in-kind revolving fund, allowing me to invest in my farm and repay after harvest. Despite delayed rains, my yield improved significantly—I harvested 700 kg of maize, which I am currently storing to sell at a better price.

With this success, I plan to expand my maize garden to two acres next season. Now equipped with the right knowledge and support, I am confident that my productivity and household income will continue to grow.

“Good Neighbors' Revolving Fund has provided us with the capital to take farming seriously, helping us focus on improving our household incomes.” — Opesen Teddeo



KYAKA II REFUGEE SETTLEMENT KOICA PROJECT

Humanitarian Assistance

Good Neighbors Uganda implements protection, livelihood and capacity building programs including gender-based violence (GBV) risk mitigation and empowerment project with refugee women through strengthening development to improve the livelihoods of marginalized women through village savings and loans associations. In Kyaka II refugee settlement, Good Neighbors

International Uganda, under the Refugee Department, received KOICA funding aimed at implementing GBV risk mitigation and empowering DRC refugee women in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement. The project's key goal was to improve the livelihoods of marginalized women through Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA). 42 female refugees participated and 2 VSLA were formed.



16 days of Activism

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an annual global campaign aimed at raising awareness and driving action to end violence against women and girls.

Good Neighbors International Uganda (GNIUG) joined other partners like UNHCR, OPM and others to celebrate the implementation of the Women Parliament as a way of celebrating the 16 Days of Activism in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement



Police Post in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement in Byabakora Zone

GNIUG constructed and handed over the police post facility to the Office of the Prime Minister so that it can start to be in operation. And provide security to the refugees and contribute to the community-based protection mechanisms



Distribution of Startup kit (SASO Birds) and Solar for the Poultry Houses

GNIUG distributed of Poultry Startup kit (SASO Birds) for KOICA project and also distributed Solar for the Poultry Houses in Byabakora, Buliti, and Kakoni Zones in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement

Beneficiaries of the GNIUG poultry project constructed the poultry houses and GNIUG distributed birds to them. GNIUG further bought solar panels that can give light to the birds.



Training of Women and Girls in Gender Based Violence Prevention & Mitigation

GNIUG empowered 360 women through GBV prevention and mitigation training and provided with sanitary pads, soap and knickers as a form of health promotion and mitigation of Gender Based Violence



Improving and expanding numeracy programs for refugee women in Uganda especially in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement

GNIUG trained 180 none numerate women and Men in both numeracy, literacy and financial literacy. Village Mamas “women leaders” in Kyaka II settlement and women group also participated



“Saving and borrowing money helped me expand my business and support my family,”
Yodiah, 37 years



2024 Major Results			
36	342	384	360
people completed technical and vocational education training	people received non-food item (NFI) kits	refugees or internally displaced persons (IDP) support programs	people received gender-based violence (GBV) related support

JINJA SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH Rights PROJECT

Advocacy

Jinja is known for early child marriages and high girl school dropout out rate. GNIUG is implementing a sexual Reproductive health and rights Improvement project in Jinja District, a KOICA 3 year (phase II) funded project working in 7 schools and 2 health Centers. The project targets both girls and boys. With GNIUG interventions, Girl friendly spaces (infrastructure) in schools and health centers have been constructed. Health workers trained. School dropout rates reduced. Increased engagement of parents on SRHR knowledge and skilling (sewing, soap making) which help girls use reusable pads.

Conducting Girls’ Ambassadors & Boys Ambassadors Club activities

GNIUG conducted GA and BA clubs activities in 7 schools. These activities increased awareness of Girls’ Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in Jinja

Peer-to-peer Education session. With support of SWTs and SMT, Some GA members were selected to conduct the peer session with selected learners not part of the GA club.



Construction of the GFS at Mutai PS, Bulugo Muslim PS & Butagaya H/C III

GNIUG constructed 3 Girl-Friendly Spaces and health facilities in 3 primary schools in Jinja. They were equipped with medical supplies/equipment’s to support them in conducting health check-ups and basic treatments for children in schools. School dropout rates reduced through the GFS operation, retention of learners at schools increased with better performance of pupils



“Before, there were no private washrooms at school. This forced us to stay home & miss lessons during our menstrual cycle, the newly built Girl Friendly Space will help us to change this. We also talk privately with our female teachers from these GFS” Namaganga Primary School girls in Busede Subcounty, Jinja



Women using local material to make reusable pads in Jinja

GNIUG conducted a parent's training on using local material during reusable pads making in the two target schools. This helped women to start producing pads for income generation and sustainability of sexual reproductive health for the

girls in the targeted schools. These women now have enterprises supported to make re-usable sanitary pads for the girls in the reproductive ages and sell to them at an affordable price



Advancing Menstrual Health and SRHR for Girls in Jinja; A parent from Mutai Primary School.

The SRHR improvement project for girls in Jinja district (Phase II: 2022-2024). engaged 7 schools and 2 health facilities in 5 sub-counties. Mutai Primary School is one of seven schools benefiting from the initiative implemented by Good Neighbors Uganda (GNIUG).

This project has transformed the lives of girls and their communities by addressing Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) challenges while empowering families to take an active role in supporting their children.

A key success of the project is the engagement of 50 parents in skills training programs, culminating in the formation of a vibrant parent enterprise group. Previously disconnected and lacking a collective vision, these parents now feel united and purposeful.

“Previously, we were scattered, and we did not find a common cause to work together. Now that we are

organized into a group, which is being registered as Nze Nhi Whe Women’s Development Group, I believe our future is becoming brighter. This group has given us a platform to share skills and learn from one another. Thanks to Good Neighbors for bringing us together.” A parent from Mutai said.

The group has successfully started producing dignity kits made from locally sourced materials, along with both liquid and bar soap. These initiatives provide sustainable products for the community and also generate income to support their families and the education of their children.

By remaining coordinated and focused, the Nze Nhi When Women’s Development Group is self-assured to achieve even greater impact. The skills and unity fostered through this project are paving the way for long-term economic empowerment and social cohesion among the parents of Mutai Primary School.



2024 Major Results

7	3	753	22,017	2	1,068
No. GN child rights clubs	No. Girl-friendly spaces	No. People whose awareness of child rights increased	No. People received basic sexual and reproductive health services	No. income generation groups	people participated in GN child rights programs

STAR PROJECT IN UGANDA STRENGTHENING AGRIBUSINESS RESILIENCE AND COMPETITIVENESS

Social Economy/Income Generation

Good Neighbors International Uganda's partnership with the International Trade Centre (ITC) marks a significant step towards empowering local producer groups in the Lango sub-region. By signing the Memorandum of Understanding, the organizations aimed to deliver tailored mindset change training under the theme "Farming as a Business." STAR Project was a KOICA funded project.

The initiative targeted 20 producer groups, with 10 groups from each of the Lira and Oyam districts. The training was designed to equip these groups with the skills and knowledge necessary to view farming not merely as a subsistence activity but as a sustainable business model.

Good Neighbors International Uganda's Smallholder Farmer's Mindset Change Training - International Trade Centre(ITC)

Mindset change for farming as a business training were rolled out to 20 producer groups in 2 districts Lira and Oyam

By the end of the training, six hundred twenty-eight (628) farmers in 20 producer groups had been trained in Creating a commercial farming Mindset, Risk management in farming businesses, Planning Farm business, Farm business record keeping and Farm Operations and decision-making.



Training of Trainers recruitment and training

Four (4) Trainers of Trainees (ToTs) were recruited and trained. GNIUG conducted the training of Trainers of Trainees (TOT) Training for Farming as a business for group leaders from Lira and Oyam for the Star Project. A pair of ToTs was trained and deployed in each District. Four group leaders from each District were also trained to support Trainers of Trainees with knowledge and skills relevant for rolling out the Farming as a business trainings.



Mindset Over Market: How Mindset Training Changed Tonny's Approach

Mr. Ogwang Tonny, a 40-year-old dedicated farmer from Mito Angia Farmers' Group in Abongawobi village, Iceme Town Council, Oyam District, has turned farming into a story of transformation and success. A husband and father of three, Tonny depends on farming as his main livelihood, cultivating sunflower and groundnuts on his 10-acre piece of land.

In the first season of 2024, Tonny harvested 1,500 kgs of sunflower. Determined to increase his yield he expanded his acreage in the second season and reaped an impressive 4,500 kgs. However, the real shift in Tonny's farming journey began when he attended the "Farming as a Business" training under the "Star project support".

The training equipped him with knowledge on proper post-harvest handling, storage, market

assessment, and pricing strategies. Inspired by these insights, Tonny took a different approach after his second harvest—drying, cleaning, and safely storing his produce while monitoring market prices.

In December, when sunflower prices stood at UGX 1,500 per kg, Tonny's produce was valued at UGX 6,000,000. But by waiting and targeting a better market in Lira town, where prices rose to UGX 2,000 per kg, he now anticipates a total income of UGX 9,000,000.

With his projected earnings, Tonny plans to reinvest in his farm by purchasing fertilizers to boost productivity. He also intends to involve his wife in creating a budget for the next farming season—showing a shift not only in financial management but also in inclusive household planning.



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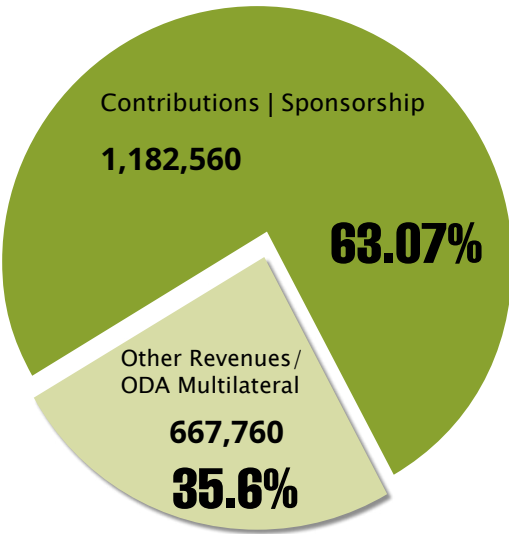
"Before the training, I would sell my produce immediately after harvesting to buyers who came straight to the garden. I thought they were doing me a favor by saving me the trouble, but in reality, I was losing a big portion of my profit," Tonny reflects.

Financial Overview

1. The Total revenue for 2024 was USD 1,850,320 which was received through donations, sponsorship, grants and gifts in kind. It made it possible for Good Neighbors Uganda to carry out various projects and campaigns for children and people who need help in all our operating areas.

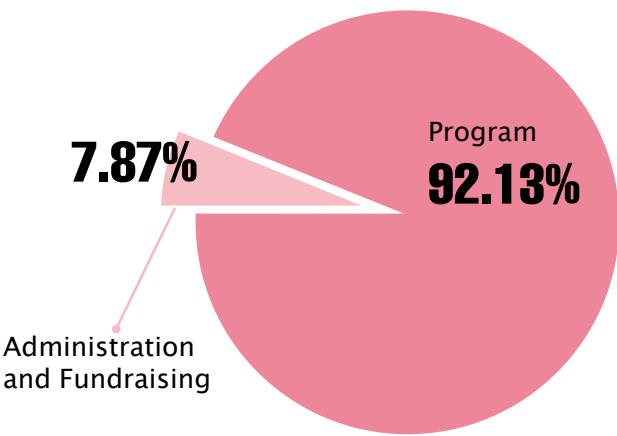
1. Revenue (in US Dollars)

Total 1,875,116



2. Operating expenses (in US Dollars)

Total 1,604,807



3. Operating Programs

Child Sponsorship	4.93%
Education & Protection	7.80%
Health	35.43%
WASH	3.37%
Income Generation	6.71%
Community Part-nerships & Network Building	0.74%
Environment	1.35%
Advocacy	6.30%
Humanitarian Assistance	6.53%
Project Management	15.71%
Research & Development	3.27%
Office Management for Regional & Head Office	7.87%


Partnerships and Collaborations

GNIUG has again maintained a good working relationship with Institutional Supporters and worked hand in hand in creating innovative and sustainable changes. We value our supporters and partners who have continued to support the organization in all its interventions in the vulnerable communities in this past year.

We are honored by the generous support of every individual, local governments, private sectors, corporate bodies, Institutions/ schools, and citizens who have supported our mission and services through donations during the year.


- Good Neighbors Korea (our main funder)
- Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Good Neighbors Taiwan
- Good Briquettes Limited
- Uganda Ministry of Internal Affairs Pallisa District Local Government Jinja District Local Government Mpigi District Local Government Mityana District Local Government Kyegegwa District Local Government Office of the Prime Minister
- Government Primary and Secondary Schools in Olok, Kasodo and Obutet Sub-Counties Pallisa District.
- Pallisa Technical Institute

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