



# Annual Report

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# History

Wells of Hope Ministries is a Christian Non-Government organization that reaches out to inmates and their families. The organization was founded in 2002 in Murchison bay Prison Luzira, Kampala by Francis Ssuubi where he was an inmate on remand for a period of 68 days. He was later acquitted after the charges were dropped.

While in prison, he wrote the Wells of Hope concept. During imprisonment, he discovered the inmates' biggest worry is the situation of their families that they left behind especially their children. Francis, accompanied by some volunteers then started going to prison to preach; they used to praise and worship God. They started by preaching to inmates at Upper prison Luzira. Through the sessions they shared with the inmates, the inmates' hope was restored. They had hope in God that their families would be taken care of and that they would reunite with their loved ones one day.

In 2004 Francis and volunteers started doing Christmas parties for Children with incarcerated parents. They would do this with support from friends. The children would merge together to celebrate this day; they used to sing, dance, play together, get gifts and cut cake, something their parents could not afford to do for them.

Wells of Hope Ministries was officially launched on the 25th November 2005. In 2007, Wells of Hope Ministries started by paying school fees for the children. The children were studying from schools in their communities which were near their homes.

In 2010, Wells of Hope Ministries rented a facility that served as a school for the children. The children received education and welfare support. In December 2011, the organization purchased land in Kyajinjja, Semuto-Wakiso district. Construction work kicked off and at the moment, the organisation has a primary school, Wells of Hope Junior School.

The school provides education and welfare support to children with parents in prison and has attracted a number of children from the community as well. The children are taken care of by a well-trained Teaching and Support staff. Wells of Hope Ministries is renting premises in Semuto-Nakaseke District where Wells of Hope High School is located. It is a secondary school where children from Wells of Hope Junior School proceed for secondary education; after they have graduated from primary level. The school also has children from the community.

The organization also has children supported in tertiary; vocational institutions and university. The ministry supports families of inmate through projects which they embrace as a livelihood to sustain their families. With a qualified and committed team, Wells of Hope is able to reach out to more inmates and their families. Wells of Hope gets its support from partners and friends in Uganda and outside Uganda.



Francis Ssuubi  
Founder



# About US

## **Vision**

A society where people especially children affected by the criminal justice system get justice and regeneration in their lives

## **Mission**

To address the needs of prisoners and their families, with great attention given to children with a parent in prison through sustainable and compassionate programs

# Message from the Board

I send greetings to all our partners including donors, sponsors and well-wishers in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I wish to note that we began the year 2023 with charisma plus commitment to fulfill our objectives. The achievements have been realized due to every commitment and effort rendered. Therefore, contained in this report are the key milestones that Wells of Hope Ministries has achieved and lessons learnt throughout the year 2023. All the programme formulation implementations, and evaluations were made as a result of devoted hardwork and professional commitment of our staff and dedication to have Wells of Hope targets met.

The year 2023 focused mainly on the core program areas in our strategic plan of 2022 - 2026. Therefore, the Board of Directors in collaboration with Management ensured that all our beneficiaries got involved in our programs and related engagements. It brings joy to see that all the four quarters of 2023 have been characterized with tangible positive results.

I take this opportunity to thank Wells of Hope working as a family and to encourage the continuous efforts by the organization to maintain a steadfast relationship with our partners, through unfailing engagements and constant communication about important work and activities where the support has been realized.

Wells of Hope intends to closely follow the strategic plan as a way of matching the changing

work environment and the needs of our beneficiaries met. We are soon completing the construction of the administration block at Wells of Hope Junior School and plans are underway for furnishing it. Land for High School is partially acquired and plans for construction is underway though there is some initiative on ground for some structures.

We thank all our partners who have generously without fail stood with our organization in support of the different programs and activities for the betterment of lives and well-being of inmates, children with a parent in prison, and their families.

I extend my appreciation to all board members for the zealous and untiring commitment exhibited throughout 2023. Indeed, together we have been able to achieve a lot and concluded 2023 with success.



Sam Aloci

Chairman-Board of Directors



# Message from the Executive Director

At Wells of Hope, our commitment to aligning programs with evolving work dynamics and the needs of our beneficiaries remains unwavering. I am thrilled to share that our high school construction is actively progressing, and we already have students engaged in learning on the new premises. This development marks a significant step forward in our mission to provide quality education and a nurturing environment for all our students.

Our deepest gratitude goes to our friends, donors, sponsors, and funders whose unwavering support has been the backbone of our journey. In 2023, we celebrated remarkable milestones, reflecting our adherence to core program areas and the goals outlined in our 2022-2026 strategic plan. The collaboration between the Board of Directors, Management, and the secretariat team has been pivotal, ensuring active beneficiary involvement in every aspect of our programs.

Throughout the four quarters of 2023, we have seen tangible, positive results, highlighting the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. Our education programs have expanded, offering more children the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe and supportive environment. Health and wellness initiatives have been strengthened, ensuring that our students and their families receive the care and support they need.

We are particularly proud of our vocational training programs, which equip young people with practical skills to secure employment and

build sustainable livelihoods. Our family reunification efforts have also made significant strides, reuniting children with their families and providing the necessary support for a stable and hopeful future.

Maintaining robust relationships with our supporters has been crucial to our success. Through regular engagements and updates on our key activities, we have fostered a community of dedicated individuals and organizations committed to our cause. Your generosity and belief in our mission have been the cornerstone of our achievements.

As we look to the future, we remain dedicated to our mission and are inspired by the progress we have made together. Your support has enabled us to make a lasting impact on the lives of countless children and their families, and for that, we are profoundly grateful.

Thank you for standing by us and enabling us to continue making a difference. Together, we are building a brighter future for all.



Ellen Eva K. Ssuubi  
Executive Director

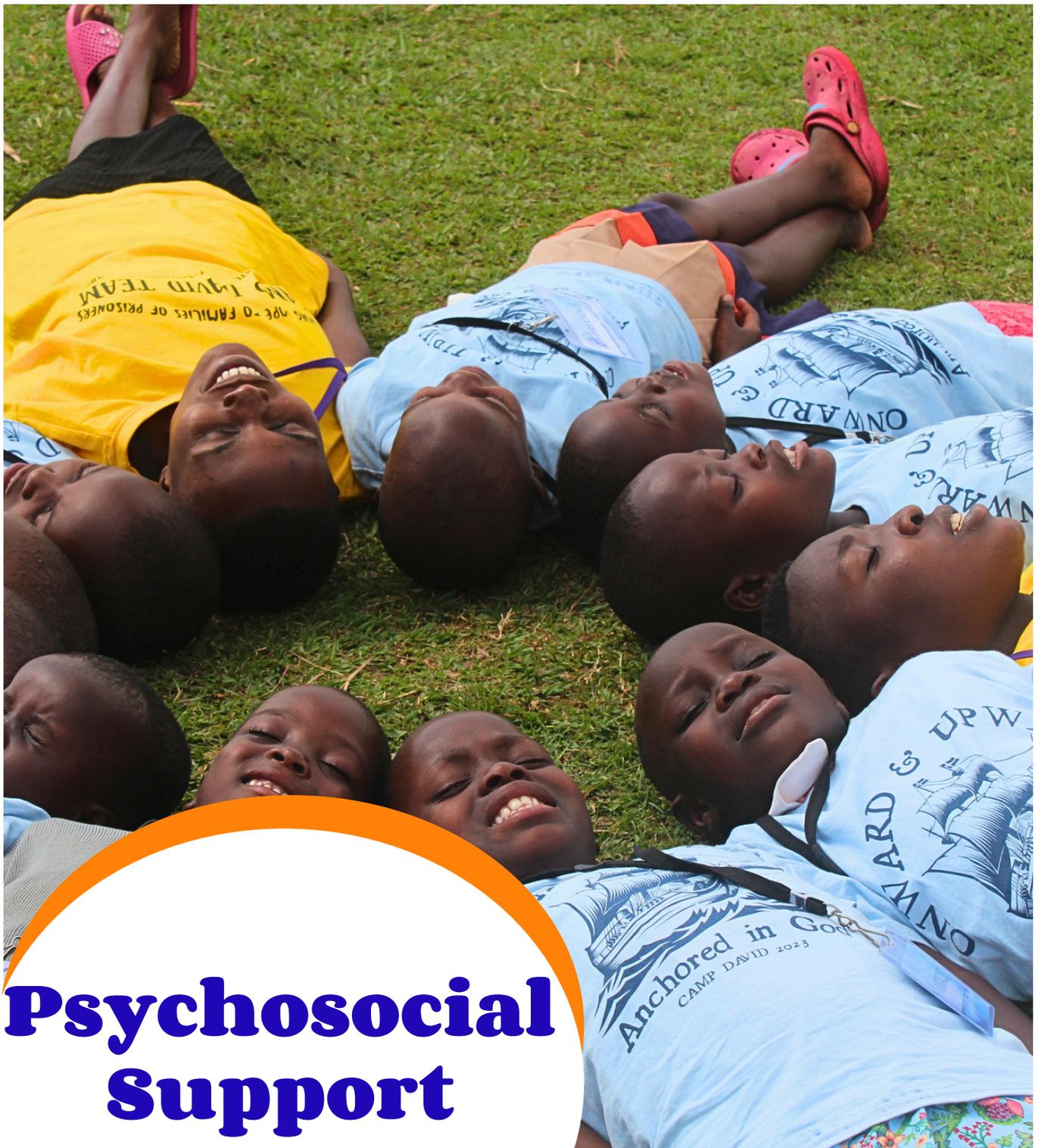


# Programs



## Education Support

203 children of incarcerated parents continued to access education at Wells of Hope Schools and tertiary institutions like Kyambogo University, Uganda Martyrs University, and YMCA institutions. 4 children sat their senior six examinations (Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education). 7 children sat their senior four examinations (Uganda Certificate of Education), 17 children sat their primary seven examinations (Primary Leaving Examinations) and 2 children graduated: 1 graduated from Lira University with a Bachelor of Public Administration and Management and another graduated from Mirembe Community College -Busika with a Certificate in Electrical Installation.



# Psychosocial Support

At the annual camp, themed "ONWARD UPWARD ANCHORED IN GOD", 103 children participated in team building, creation, health, dance, and craft class. During the camp, 18 children were baptized. At least 13 children accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. 72 children visited their parents during the second and third term in Luzira Upper, Nakasogola, Murchison Bay, Women's Children, and Kigo.

116 children were in attendance at the annual Christmas party and each of them received a gift.

We conducted post-placement visits and all children are safe and thriving in the families. Twenty-three children were identified, assessed, and prepared for foster care placement or Kinship care.



## Psychosocial Support

The children at Wells of Hope schools and Wells of Hope Church Nabweyo were discipled to equip them to Grow, serve and learn the importance of prayer, repentance, and baptism . By the end of 2023. 42 life groups had been registered, with a combined membership of 119 individuals. These members have learned to have faith in God in whatever obstacle they go through in life and build their faith by reading God's word and learning his promises. 59 people in the community at Nabweyo gave their lives to Christ!

Inmates at Upper Prison Luzira were taken through discipleship classes which included baptism, church leadership, a healthy church member is a biblical evangelist, prayer warrior, and a growing disciple.



# Psychosocial Support

The first Titus 2 Women's conference was a great success with the theme "Creating A Legacy For Young Women."

The second Jewel Warrior conference for formerly incarcerated women was held in Uganda under the theme "Anxious for Nothing" Philippians 4:6 in partnership with Camp David International, USA, and was attended by 43 women. It is a reflection for the ladies to realize the strength they hold within themselves as warriors who should not give up on fighting no matter what life has thrown at them.



618 inmates at Upper Prison Luzira received food supplements four times last year. The health department at the schools recorded a 25% decrease in children's medical cases reported and 3 ladies living with HIV & AIDS connected to health centers.



# **Economic Empowerment**

The Formerly Incarcerated Women's Association (FIWA) was registered as a Community-Based Organization (CBO) and 42 women already in the community joined for psychosocial support. Three financial literacy trainings were conducted. 15 women were supported with loans to improve and strengthen their businesses, and 2 with startup capital.

# Other programs–Nabweyo



Since 2020, the change at Wells of Hope Church Nabweyo has been remarkable. Our goal is that the children and people in prison whom we provide support, disciple, and mentor, go out to become seeds in their local communities and become agents of positive change. In this case, planting this church was triggered by the three children Winnie, Esther, and James who we have disciples, AND by the release of their father from prison.

Through the church, the lives of children in Namutumba have been significantly transformed. Additionally, the church hosts the Wells of Hope Nursery School Nabweyo, where 91 children received education in 2023.



- A team from CHINT visited the schools and donated 20 balls to Wells of Hope Junior School and Hope High School.
- Amazon seeds donated seedlings comprised of carrots, collard, okra, onions, African eggplant, greens, beans, and tomatoes.
- Children received clothes from Woolworths Uganda.
- The Access to Legal Justice project reached out to 10 women and offered them probono legal services. One woman was acquitted of murder charges and was released from prison and has now reunited with her children and family. One woman was helped to recover property after serving a sentence and she was released.
- Radio programs to recruit foster families were held all through the year 2023.
- Visitors: Shepherd Church Missionaries USA which included Chet, Andre, and Kathy led by Antonette Sotelo, Camp David International and Jewel Warrior Conference which included Ben Smith Michelle Tibbs, Alisa Williams, Rochelle M. Bonty, Mercedes Rhodes, Carmen Smith, and Anngel Pearson led by Kacie Long.
- Through Coin box collections UGX 4,094,500 (\$1,137) was raised and used to provide much-needed meals for children at both Hope High School Semuto & Wells of Hope Junior School and improve teacher's welfare
- Through the Thrift shop UGX 1,050,000 (\$292) was raised, we are grateful for all your generous donations to the shop and for coming through to purchase the items.
- Through local donations and gifts in kind UGX 6,288,000 (\$1,747) was raised and enabled us to provide scholastic materials, special meals to boost the immunity of children below five years, and cater for health reviews and medication for sickly children.

# Partnerships

Partner/ Stakeholder	Relationship/ Intervention
Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychosocial support to inmates and their families</li> <li>• Health support to inmates living with HIV &amp; AIDS</li> <li>• HCT to children with parents in prison and caregivers</li> <li>• Education to children with parents in prison</li> <li>• Administration support</li> </ul>
Partners in Hope (PIH) USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education, health &amp; psychosocial support to children with parents in prison</li> <li>• Support towards construction of administration block at WOHJS</li> <li>• Psychosocial support and economic empowerment to caregivers</li> </ul>
Elma Philanthropies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education to children with parents in prison</li> <li>• Health support to children with parents in prison</li> <li>• HCT to caregivers of children with parents in prison</li> <li>• Psychosocial support and economic empowerment to children with parents in prison and caregivers</li> </ul>
A New Way of Life, USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychosocial support and economic empowerment to formerly incarcerated women</li> </ul>
UK Friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education to children with incarcerated parents</li> </ul>
Grace Fellowship Duarte	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative care to children with parents in prison</li> </ul>
Uganda Prisons Service (UPS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to correctional centers in Uganda</li> <li>• Planning for the Uganda Reentry Guide</li> </ul>
Ministry of Gender, Labour & Social Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy implementation</li> </ul>
Woolworths Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's welfare</li> </ul>
Kanzu Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• office support</li> </ul>
Global Health Cops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career Guidance</li> </ul>
Purpose Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity Building</li> </ul>

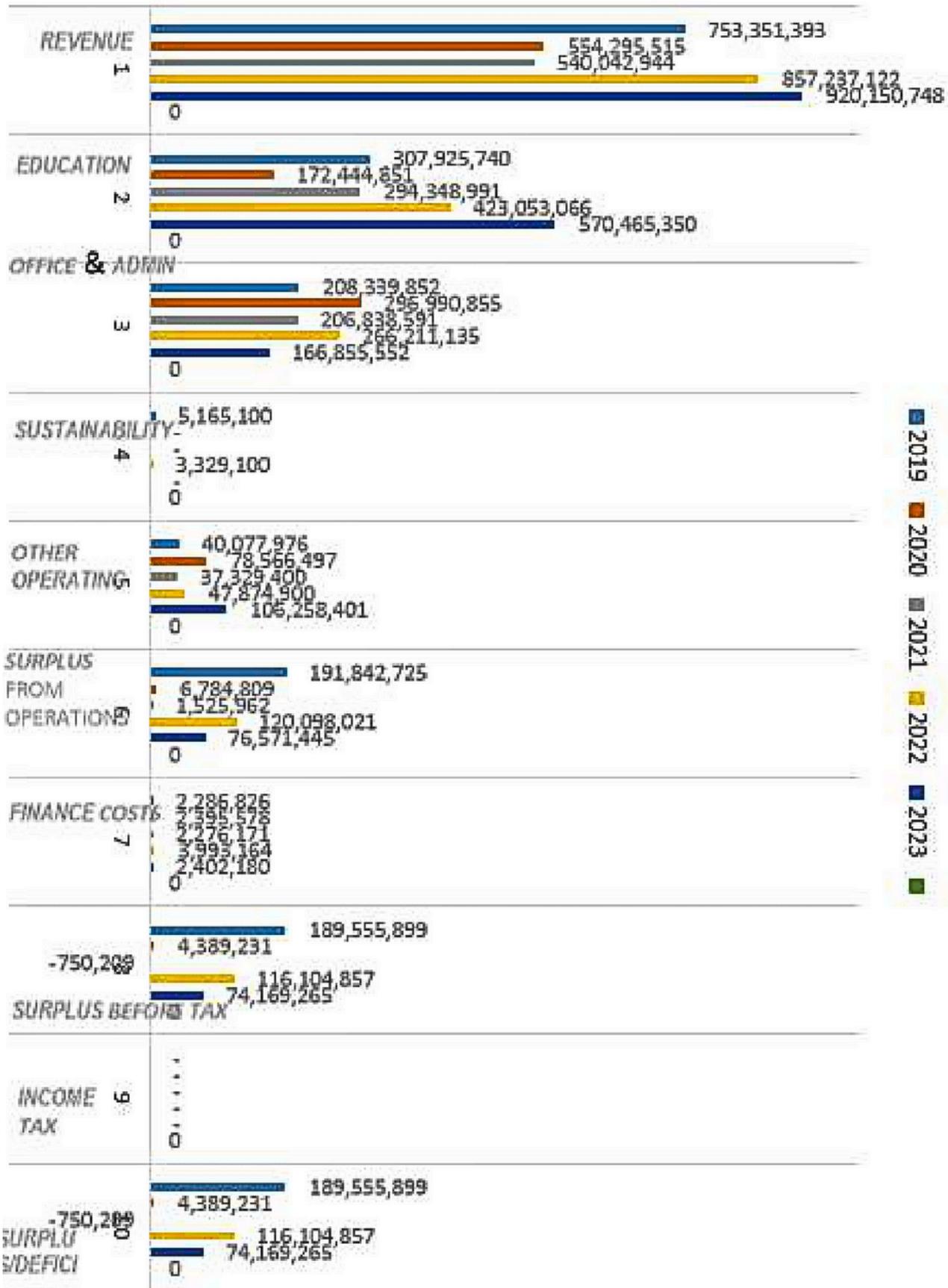
# Financial summary

Intervention	Expenditure		Percentage %
	UGX	USD	
Education	570,465,350	158,463	93.8
Psychosocial	14,809,500	4,114	2.4
Health	5,305,891	1,474	0.9
Administrative costs	0	0	0.0
Other operating expenses	15,334,844	4,260	2.5
Finance costs	2,402,180	667	0.4

# Resource Mobilisation

Avenue	Result		Percentage %
	UGX	USD	
Partnering Foundations	755,025,319	209,729	88
Campaigns	38,345,003	10,651	4
Coin box collections	5,102,200	1,417	1
Contributions in kind	21,013,400	5,837	2
School fees collections	36,372,600	10,104	4

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# Sponsors, donors and partners



<b>UK Friends</b>	<b>Rotary Club of Wandegeya</b>
<b>Grace Fellowship Duarte, USA</b>	<b>The Sisterhood; Old Girls of Trinity College Nabbingo; graduate class 1994-2001</b>
<b>Semuto Health Centre</b>	<b>Friends in Sweden</b>
<b>Global Health Corps</b>	<b>Global Development Initiative</b>
<b>Camp David International</b>	<b>Rotaract Club of Kampala East</b>
<b>Next Girl Connection Club USA</b>	<b>JIF Garments</b>
<b>Quality Supermarkets</b>	<b>Nurture Africa</b>
<b>Busoga Trust</b>	<b>Mavuno Cloud9 Lifegroup</b>
<b>Friends in Uganda</b>	<b>College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Makerere University.</b>
<b>Public Interest Law Clinic</b>	<b>Insight Global</b>
<b>DefendDefenders</b>	<b>Wakisa Ministries</b>
<b>Purpose Uganda</b>	



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