

Chairman's Foreword

We would first like to sincerely thank our sponsors, staff and volunteers. Thank you for your trust in our foundation! Without each of you, we would not have been able to help the underprivileged in Uganda. We are grateful for what has been achieved in 2024.

The year 2024 is the year in which various projects and objectives were realized:

1. January: the third group of 37 teenage mothers starts vocational training
2. January: the furnishing of a new IT classroom, level 2
3. January: the second group of 20 IT students
4. January: start Preschool education with 114 children in the "Green Donkey" preschool Including school breakfast, a healthy snack during break and toilet guidance
5. February: capacity building of two local primary schools through computers, cabinets and educational materials
6. April: opening of the "care closet", a clothing provision for poor villagers
7. May: opening of the Contribute community and demo farm on 11th May
8. June: expansion and opening of the new Laboratory in the Picavet Clinic
9. June: expansion of the self-reliance program through the purchase of 2.85 acres of land (11,400 m²)
10. September: start of the construction of the two-year Contribute Agricultural School and Knowledge Centre and furnishing of the agricultural classroom
11. October: emergency fund for urgent medical aid
12. November: graduation of the third group of teenage mothers for hairdressing and beauty, and the IT students for their state exams, with the cooperation of the Minister of Youth Dr. Balaam Burugahara
13. 2024: Capacity building primary school: a food program for 750 children every school day, school fees for approx. 150 children and school supplies.
14. All donations intended for Uganda in 2023 go 100% to projects in Uganda!

Stop Poverty works in the rural area of Busoga, Eastern Uganda, one of the poorest regions in the country.

We want to continue to dedicate ourselves on a voluntary, unpaid basis to the poorest in Uganda. Due to the corona crisis and inflation, the situation of many families has not improved—on the contrary! You enable us to make the world a little bit better, because EVERY CHILD DESERVES A GOOD FUTURE. We are grateful to you and hope to continue this successfully in 2025.
Kind regards on behalf of the Stop Poverty board,

Arie Kruizinga, chairman

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General Objective & Strategy

Statutory name, place of business, and legal form

The Foundation was established for an indefinite period by notarial deed on February 22, 2007, under the name 'Stichting Stop Poverty'. The foundation is based in Almere. The foundation is registered with the Chamber of Commerce under no. 39097794. The foundation is recognized by the Tax Authorities as a Public Benefit Organization (ANBI) under fiscal number RSIN 817592659.

Background

Stop Poverty originated in 2006 in Indonesia during the Merapi volcanic eruption and earthquakes in the Yogyakarta area. Together with the knowledge of the population, the culture, and the expertise of local professionals, emergency aid could be provided effectively and efficiently to thousands of disaster victims at low cost. What once started as a spontaneous action has grown into a professional (volunteer) organization specifically focused on community development in Uganda. By concentrating on one country, we can achieve a better quality of development and self-reliance and significantly save on costs. In this way, we expect to be even more successful in the future

Vision & Mission

The vision of Stop Poverty is to eliminate extreme poverty in the world. This aligns with the following statement by Nelson Mandela:

“Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity, but an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life.”

Through small-scale projects, a large impact can be realized on the lives of people with a family income far below the poverty line, while working cost-effectively through our unpaid volunteers.

There is good news. Global poverty has fallen sharply in recent decades. Nevertheless, hundreds of millions of people still live in extreme poverty, especially in India and Africa. The average income within our project areas is often still below the \$1.90 per day threshold. Poverty has direct consequences on the quality of life, the quality of education, and access to healthcare.

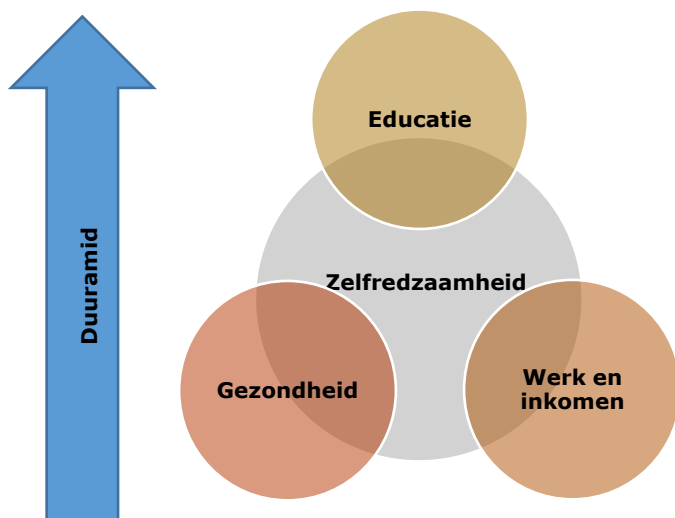
Through our integrated approach of education, health, and work & income, Stop Poverty strives for sustainable development, which is a crucial part of our exit strategy, in which we ensure the self-reliance of communities.

Stop Poverty stands for Caring for Each Other.

Stop Poverty's **mission** is to help people who cannot provide for their basic needs to build a dignified existence by stimulating self-reliance.

Stop Poverty works with **volunteers** who receive no salary. As a result, your donation goes maximally to the people who really need it. The interests of our donors are imperative to our way of working! Every euro must be spent as effectively as possible in accordance with the purpose of the donation.

By investing in income-generating projects, we create a local income for the poor and unemployed to provide for their own livelihoods. We do not give a fish, but offer the fishing rod and transfer the knowledge and skills so that people can catch the fish themselves.



Instead of continuing to pay endlessly, a plan for increasing self-reliance is much more efficient.

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The projects initiated by Stop Poverty are aimed at the self-reliance of the local population to generate their own income (work & income). In this way, we build strong communities in Uganda. In the long run, these communities can then ensure that every child receives a good education, that everyone has access to healthcare, and above all, that poverty and the adverse effects of poverty disappear.

Objective

Stichting Stop Poverty aims to ultimately help positively change the lives of thousands of needy children and families. In addition, attention must remain for emergencies. In such cases, it is about saving lives, often through medical care.

Creating involvement among our donors and the local population is an important goal. We would like to give our donors the opportunity and freedom to donate to a project that is close to their hearts and from which the local population benefits.

This creates joy and hope for those children and families for whom this would otherwise not have been possible!

Our Core Values

The board and the Advisory Board contribute as much as possible to achieving the goals of Stop Poverty. They do this from a supervisory role, in which they check whether the organization works according to its vision and mission, and whether the projects and partnerships are carried out as agreed: are we doing the right things and are we doing them well? In doing so, we apply the most important core values of Stop Poverty:

1. **Compassion:** Stop Poverty only works with organizations that have a “heart for the poor.”
2. **Character:** Stop Poverty only works with organizations that have demonstrated a high level of integrity, reliability, transparency, and accountability.
3. **Competence:** Stop Poverty works with organizations with the highest standard in efficiency, accuracy, communication, and professionalism. Furthermore, they have a proven track record in terms of sustainable impact for the poor.

Monitoring projects and communication

Our projects are actively monitored and evaluated annually by Stop Poverty, in many cases together with external local development consultants. Furthermore, monthly audits by an external accounting firm are part of the procedure. As a sponsor, you are informed by Stop Poverty about the progress of the project. This can be used by the sponsor for internal and external communication.

Stop Poverty participates in the board of its local partner. With voting rights, Stop Poverty has de facto control and oversight over the donations. Through internet banking, Stop Poverty can monitor all financial transactions in Uganda.

Note: in rural Uganda, there is a **high unemployment rate of up to 70%**. Through our projects, we contribute to local employment.

Explanation:

Product diversity is applied, such as the cultivation of corn, tomatoes, beans, etc. Investments are also made in livestock farming. For vocational training, the aim will eventually be local sponsorship from the business community in Uganda.

Self-reliance is not just about finances. Building self-confidence and self-image in villagers, teenage mothers, but also in children in their own abilities and empowerment through education and life skills, is an essential part of success in the future (as mentioned by the mayor in March 2023). The theme “we can do it” runs like a thread through all programs. In addition, education in better ecological techniques & environment and a healthier lifestyle is imperative.



A helping hand from our social team in the villages to a 17-year-old orphan girl



2024: Report of Projects & Initiatives

The new school year begins in January or February in Uganda. December and January are the months of “the long holiday.”

January: the third group of 37 teenage mothers begins vocational training



Professional Training: Cosmetology



Hairdresser Training



Teenage mothers wanted to keep their babies close to them during the lessons.

Previously, they used the baby nursery, where mothers took turns taking care of sleeping babies.

Left: the difference at the start of the school year and the end of the school year! The training to become a hairdresser



January: the design of a new IT classroom level 2



Teachers Robert and Jordan proudly show the new IT 2 classroom

January: the new group of 20 IT students, level 2



January: start of preschool education for 114 children at the Green Donkey preschool



The local language is Musoga, while all education from primary school onwards is in English. Therefore, there is often a lag by the time they go to primary school.

We want to be a bridge for these children. The three-year preschool is entirely in English, so these children are well prepared or even have an advantage in the English language. In parent meetings, the request to start a primary school is often submitted. The level of the preschool is particularly high, the building above average, and the teachers very competent.

During the parent meetings, the request to start a primary school is often submitted. The level of the preschool is particularly high, the building is well constructed, and the teachers are highly competent.



New water supply in every classroom, cabinets, a bed in case of illness, and new chalkboards.

February: capacity building of two local primary schools through computers, cabinets, and teaching materials



The first computer for two local primary schools.

Left: 9 new cabinets. Books were on the floor!

Parent meeting

April: start of “social team” and the “care closet,” a provision of clothing for poor villagers.

The social team goes into the surrounding villages every week to see how they can help people. The need is great, as there are many families living below the subsistence level (Around € 50,- as family income per month). The “care closet” is intended for villagers who urgently need new clothes. Upon invitation, they may pick out one piece of clothing for a baby, children, and adults.



Old Clothing



New Clothing



Clothing for babies, children, and adults.

**May: opening of the Contribute community agriculture and demo farm livestock
May 11th**

Agricultural project for the benefit of the unemployed to generate income and school fees for children and a demo function for local farmers, schools, and the population of ecologically responsible and productive agriculture. The Contribute farm is 12,000 m², has an irrigation system, a large greenhouse for growing seedlings, and a new storage facility.



**Working on the land
and the
greenhouses.**



The program started in 2024 and has mainly produced vegetables for the local population. In 2025, a more ambitious program will be started: “A bag of food on the table every month.” After all, 54% of the population can only afford one meal a day and 30% of children never go to school!

Furthermore, the parents of the local primary school have been selected and their children have their compulsory school fees paid.



In a meeting with the participants, this promise was made: reward for work. Everyone who works according to the schedule receives a bag of food to take home every month. This can be corn, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, etc., depending on the planting, duration, and season.

The new livestock Facility



High-quality seeds are used and ecologically responsible means of agriculture. The cabbages are therefore particularly large. There was an agricultural seminar in June for farmers and villagers about ecologically responsible agriculture and innovative

agricultural techniques. Often, planting is done in a traditional way, so the land is not used to its maximum for larger harvests.

June: the expansion and opening of the laboratory in the Picavet clinic



Dr. Lunya

Dr. Ochan



Left: waiting room outside and inside

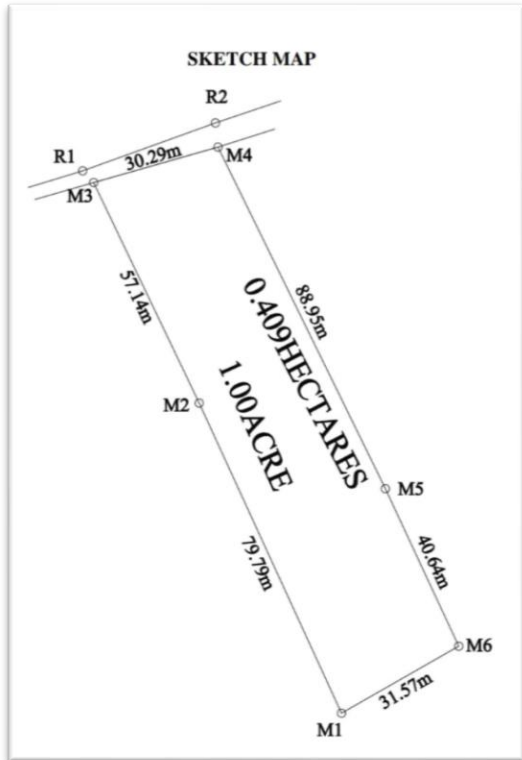
The number of patients has increased substantially due to the expansion of the laboratory.

June the expansion of the self-sustainability program through land purchase

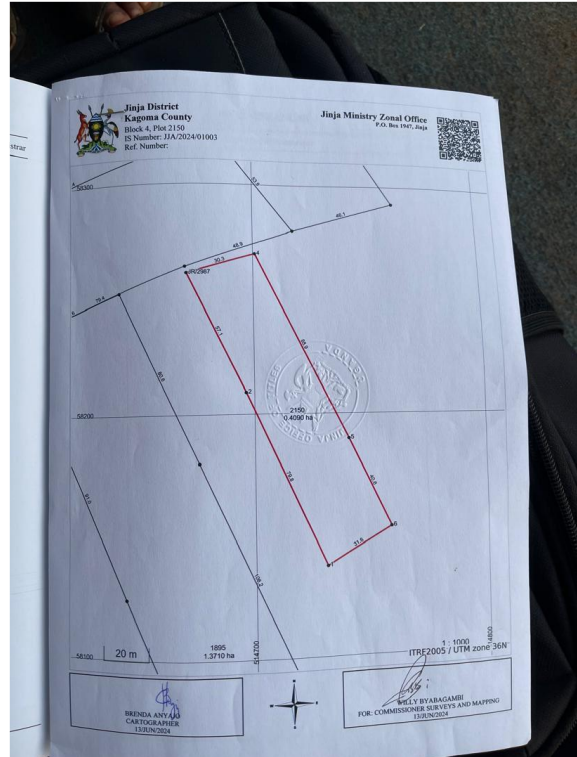
Two fertile pieces of land were purchased for self-sustainability, adjacent to our current land

1.1,86 acre = 7400 m² (0,74 ha)

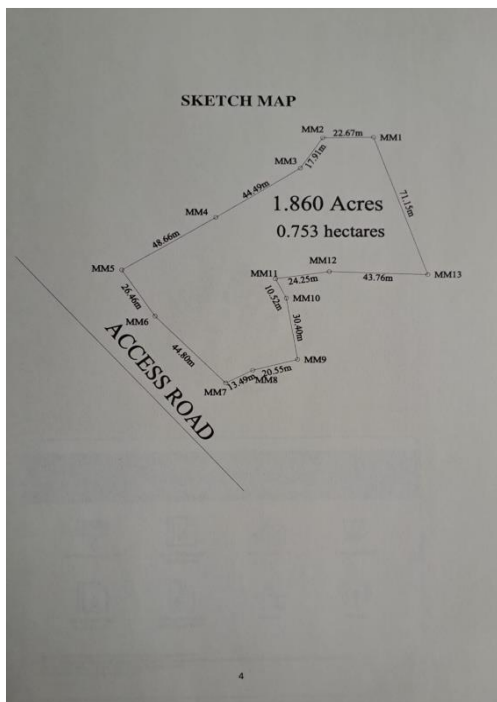
2.1.0 acre = 4000 m² (0,4 ha) Total 11.400 m² (1,14 ha)



March: Drawing from the Land Survey Office



13 June 2024 Registration in the Land Registry Jinja



Although land prices are rising rapidly, we were able to purchase both pieces of land at a competitive price through thorough knowledge of the local market. Twice before, negotiations for possible purchases fell through because the owners did not want to be transparent about the family members. They must co-sign for the transfer to prevent any future claim of co-ownership. Often land in Uganda is family property and sometimes dozens of people have to co-sign.

Left: 1,860 acres



September: The start of construction of the two-year Contribute Agricultural School and Knowledge Centre and the setup of a class to train on agricultural practices.

The agricultural school gives underprivileged youth vocational training. They often cannot go to school due to a lack of financial resources. 30% never go to school! In Uganda, they have the “yellow card” system. Even if parents can sometimes pay for one semester, if they cannot pay for the next semester at the start, they get a “yellow card.” This means they cannot return to school until they have paid the school fees. A vocational training course can cost UGX 2 million or 500 euros. For some, € 500,- is 10 to 12 monthly salaries. Then further compulsory costs for uniforms, exam fees, transport, and personal costs are not included.

September 2024



October 2024



October: Emergency fund started for urgent medical aid



An 8-year-old child suffered a skull fracture after an accident. The parents were unable to pay the personal contribution and the costs of the necessary surgery. Thanks to our sponsor, we were able to create an emergency fund as part of the expansion of the Picavet clinic. There are many emergencies that require urgent care for operations and medicines. People can die for a lack of € 10,-



November: The graduation of the third group of teenage mothers for hairdressing and cosmetology, and the IT students for their state exam, with the cooperation of the Minister of Youth and Children's Affairs Dr. Balaam Burugahara.



The certificates obtained were personally presented by the Minister.

On his personal pages, he wrote that he was impressed by the vocational education and the medical clinic.

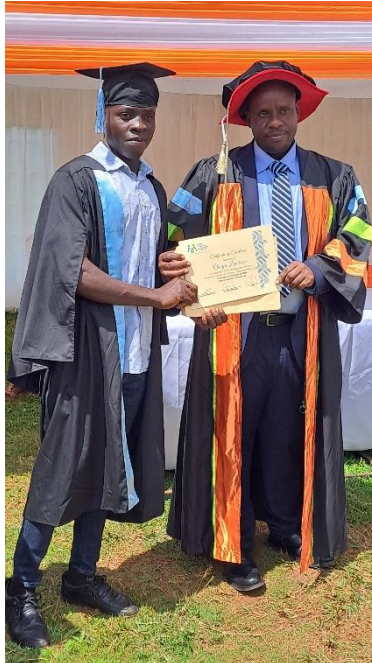
Excerpt:

Honoured to attend the 3rd graduation ceremony. I am impressed by the impactful work, particularly the clinic established in memory of Gerard Picavet, providing free medical services to the community.



The graduated teenage mothers and disadvantaged young women aged 16 to 24 years

Vocational Training students of ICT, Hairdressing and Cosmetology



The certificates were awarded personally by the Minister of Youth



Building self-confidence and self-esteem in teenage mothers, but also in their children confidence in their own abilities and empowerment through education and life skills, is an essential part of success in the future, as mentioned by the mayor in March 2023. The theme 'we can do it' runs like a common thread through all programs and vocational trainings.

Throughout 2024: Food program for approximately 750 children of the local St. Paul's primary school, every school day. 54% can afford only one meal a day!



The parents of the primary school are very grateful. Every year, Stop Poverty consults with the parents. Requests are submitted, questions are asked, and new possibilities are jointly discussed with the teachers and parents, leading to new insights, improvements, and new projects



Kind regards,
On behalf of the Stop Poverty team,
Arie Kruizinga