



**NYAKA
IMPACT
EVALUATION
REPORT**

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Sowing Seeds of Change
For Our Children's Sake



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PREFACE

SOWING SEEDS OF CHANGE

Fostering The Economic And Social Wellbeing
Of Children, Women And Communities

To measure the impact of your support on the lives of children, women and communities, we launched the “Nyaka Impact Evaluation Report (NIER) in 2022 (pronounced: neer). It tracks numbers, analytics, impact stories and photo moments, demonstrating the real-life value of your generous financial support over time. The NIER-2023 marks our second publication after the one published in 2022.

Executive Summary

Nestled in the heart of southwestern Uganda, the village was severely devastated by the scourge of HIV/AIDS over twenty-two years ago, resulting in economic loss and widespread stigmatization.

Despite abundant opportunities and resources, our era continues to face real-life challenges that require collective efforts to overcome.

Our 2023 Impact Evaluation Report inspires us to continue investing and working with grassroots communities in nurturing and protecting children so they can **Learn, Grow, and Thrive**.

This way, we can overcome child poverty, which hampers their development, educational outcomes, job prospects, health, and behavior, often resulting into chronic intergenerational transmission of poverty.

For the past 22 years, we have learnt that child poverty is the leading cause of dis-empowerment among women, affecting both current and future generations.

Poverty consequently leads to sexual violence, exploitation of girls and women, abuse, neglect of children, and child marriage.

This Impact Evaluation Report (NIER), therefore demonstrates how grassroots programming, innovation, data and generosity can significantly improve the well-being of vulnerable women and children.

We genuinely hope that reading this report provides us all with an opportunity to learn about resilience, diligent service delivery, selflessness, and striving for a hopeful future.

It's also an opportunity to learn from our participants, staff, and the generous supporters of our four programs: Education, Grandmothers, Health and Nutrition, and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), that it is possible to achieve more together, towards creating a better world for last-mile children and women.

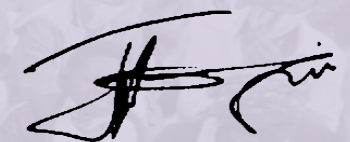
Through your support, we celebrated our 269th University graduate since 2014.

We also reported continued economic progression within the grandmother households, with an increase in daily income and consumption from \$1.06 in 2016 to \$2.78, surpassing the \$2.67 reported in 2022.

Additionally, medical consultations delivered by Nyaka clinics in 2023 increased to 10,811, up from 9,348 in 2022.

The number of SGBV survivors supported increased by 78%, to 432 up from 243 reported in 2022..

Your continued support, now and in the years to come, will enable thousands of our program participants and beneficiaries to grow and thrive. Happy New Year, and we wish you the very best as you pursue your 2024 goals.



Twesigye Jackson Kaguri
Nyaka Founder + CEO

Definition of Key Concepts

PEOPLE

Community: A group of families and caregivers supporting each other in raising healthy and happy children.

Grandmothers: In rural Uganda, grandmothers are women above 50 years looking after at least 2 grandchildren.

OVCs: Orphans and Vulnerable Children are a high-risk group facing multiple challenges.

MEASUREMENT

Household Income Surveys: Data collected on living conditions and income/expenditure patterns.

Household Income: Combined gross income received within a 12-month period by all members of a household.

Household Earnings: Includes household agricultural harvest, livestock assets, livestock consumed.

Impact: Long-term effects of an intervention on individuals or a group over time.

Net Promoter Score (NPS): Customer loyalty and satisfaction measurement based on the likelihood of recommending a product/service.

Progress out of Poverty Index (PPI): Measures multidimensional poverty progression based on welfare indicators.

SGBV: Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

OUTCOMES

Nurture: Provide a caring and supportive environment for optimal physical, emotional, and cognitive development.

Protect: Create a safe and secure space for children's physical, emotional, and mental safety.

Learn: Absorb information through exploration, experimentation, and guidance from educators and parents.

Grow: Progress physically, emotionally, and mentally to develop into a healthy adult.

Thrive: Develop resilience, emotional intelligence, and well being for lifelong success and happiness.

Wellbeing: The state of being happy, healthy, and content in all aspects of life.

Welfare: The physical, social, and emotional health and prosperity of a child or individual.

Peers or Comparison Group: A group of people sharing interests or characteristics.



How it all started

NYAKAGYEZI VILLAGE

Nestled in the heart of southwestern Uganda, the village was grossly devastated by the scourge of HIV/AIDS over twenty-two years ago, causing economic loss and widespread stigmatization.

CRISIS AT THE CROSSROADS

As families continued to lose their breadwinners, the village sank further into poverty. Children and women began to see their future slipping away: no education, no healthcare, no water, no food, no money, no father or mother, or both. The community came to a standstill.

Patriarchal in setting and economically underprivileged, incidents of child labor, forced marriages, and the distressing realities of domestic abuse became the community's burden, particularly affecting women and girls.

There is no single family in Nyakgyezi that was not affected, as the impact was quite great.

THE REVOLUTIONARY IDEA

In 2001, the realization dawned that it was possible to turn this tragedy into genuine hope. It was during this time that Nyaka's founder, Dr. Twesigye Jackson Kaguri, made the bold decision to establish a school that would later provide free education to orphans and vulnerable children. The idea was revolutionary and deliberate.

Thus, the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project was born - starting with a single classroom block, a head teacher and a class teacher (both were female).

THE TRANSFORMATION

The construction of the first classroom block commenced at Nyaka Primary School in Nyakagyezi village, and the inaugural class began in 2003. Following this, Kutumba Primary School was established in Rukungiri District in 2007, and Nyaka Vocational Secondary School was founded in Kanungu District in 2015.

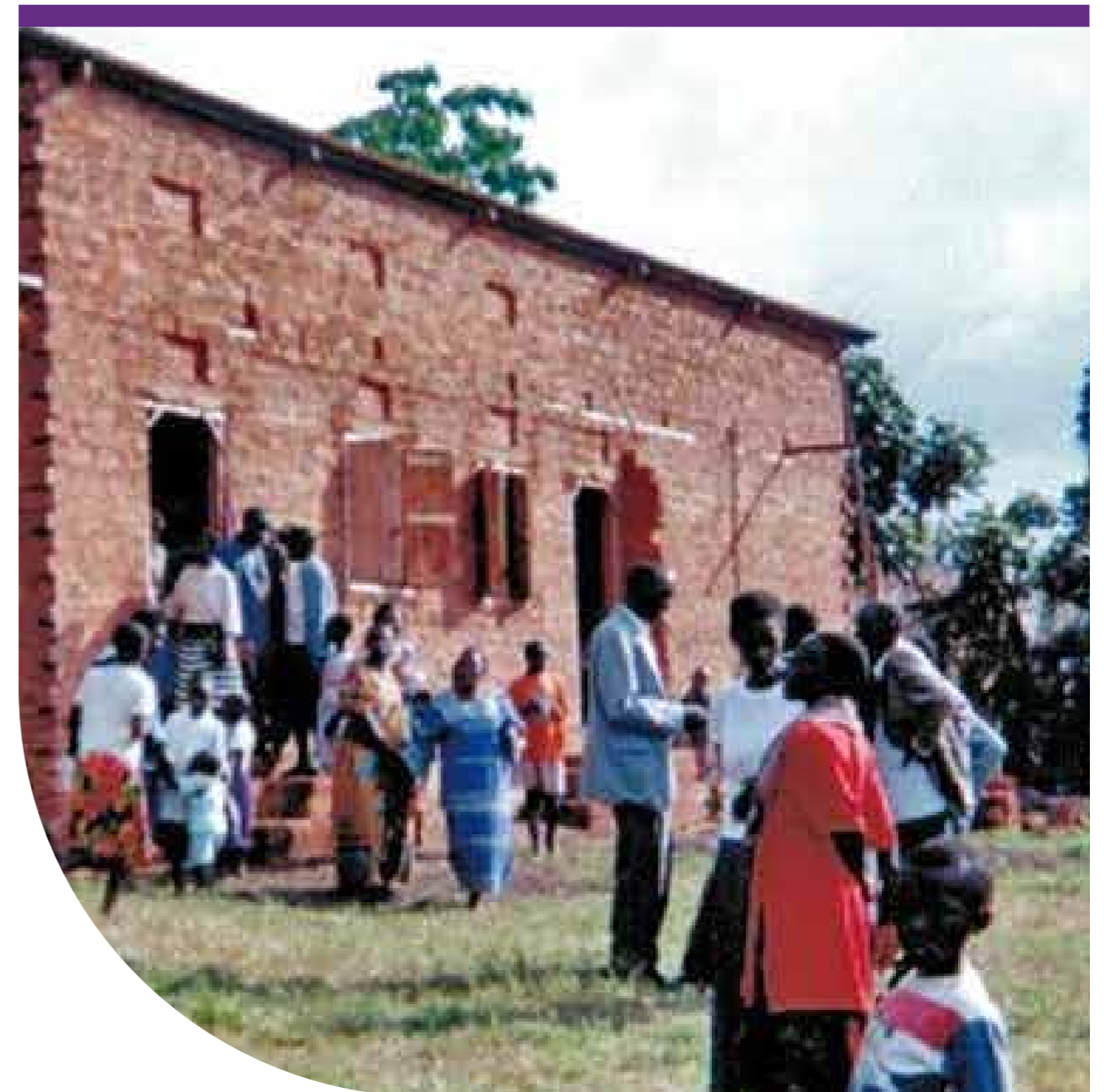
Additionally, in 2007, the grandmother program was initiated with the purpose of empowering grandmother-led households, which play a crucial role as grassroot caregivers for orphans and vulnerable children.

In response to the stigmatization and widespread sexual and gender-based violence, Nyaka established the SGBV program in 2015. To bridge the financial gap for financially excluded and underserved communities, Nyaka established its first microfinance bank in May 2022.

For 22 years now, Nyaka has been forging new paths, rewriting the transformational stories of Nyakayezi and other 1,833 villages across Southwestern Uganda.

This report provides the most up-to-date, comprehensive assessment of Nyaka's impact in southwestern Uganda. It represents a true picture of the achievements thus far in working with communities and friends of Nyaka to nurturing and protecting children, supporting their learning, growth, and success.

Through our data-driven programming and the annual impact evaluation spanning across the four program models, we are excited to share our impact, with the hope that you will join us in rewriting the narrative of our communities, sowing seeds of change and opportunities.



As It Stands...

There are approximately 21 million children in Uganda, of whom 56% suffer from multiple deprivations; **limited access to health, education, shelter, food, water, safety, and employment.**

Of those affected, 78% are based in rural last mile areas, with the majority being girls. Additionally, 9.5% are orphans **(UNICEF, 2019).**

Minor setbacks, including unfavorable crop yields, Family illnesses, Inflation, Unexpected expenses, Can significantly push them further into extreme poverty.

Consequently, learning is impeded; Children are denied opportunities to grow with purpose, ambition and dignity; Their chances to thrive in future, diminish - leading to poverty.

Nyaka therefore serves Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs), their grandmother caregivers, along with other vulnerable communities located within **Southwest Uganda.**

The people we serve are ;

- The **most remote**, often referred to as **“last mile”**
- **Vulnerable** and with **impoverished children**
- **Operating** and **leaving outside** of the economic pyramid



Mission

Nyaka works with communities to nurture and protect children so they can learn, grow, and thrive.

Vision

A world where all vulnerable and underserved children have the knowledge, resources, and opportunities they need to grow and prosper.

Core Values

Transparency
Accountability
Reasonableness,
Responsiveness



OUR 2023 IMPACT

**In Numbers, Photos, Stories of change, Staff voices,
and Partner testimonials.**

Dive into the sections below to see the difference you are making in Southwest Uganda. The sections are arranged based on our four program pillars in the order of; **Education, Grandmothers, Health and Nutrition, and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)**



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EDUCATION PROGRAM

Program Goal: Ensuring equal educational opportunities for vulnerable children to acquire knowledge and skills for personal growth, employment, and active societal participation.

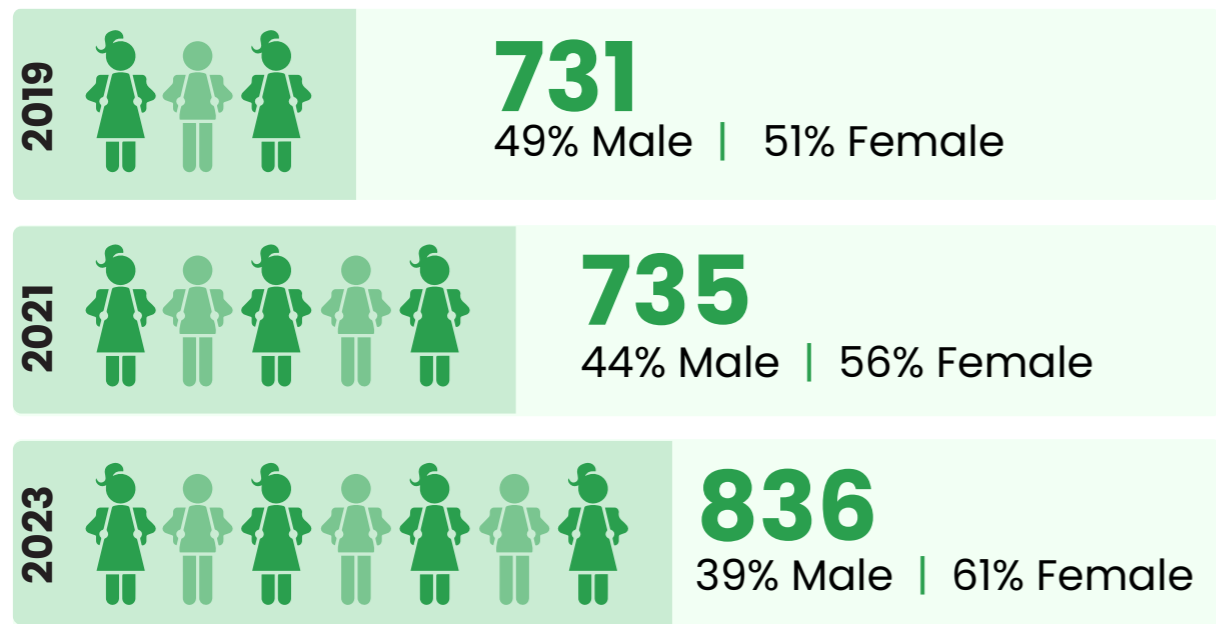


2023 Impact Summary

GRADUATES SINCE 2014

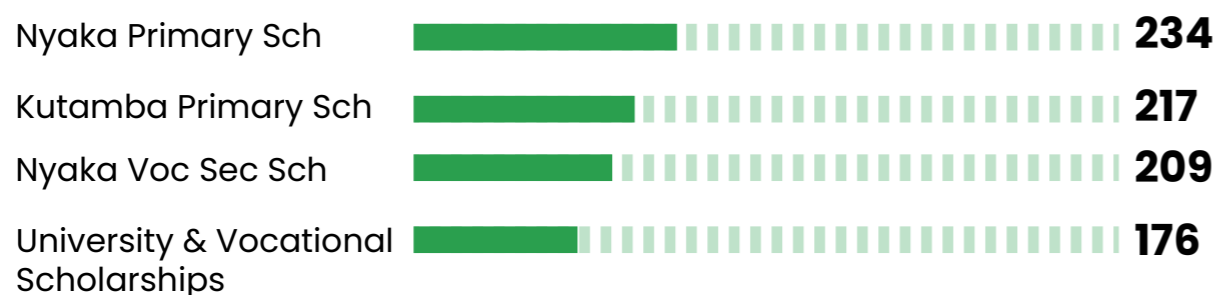


STUDENT ENROLLMENT



9% more students were supported by Nyaka's education program in 2023, compared to the previous year, and **16%** more compared to 2018.

2023 REACH BY INSTITUTION



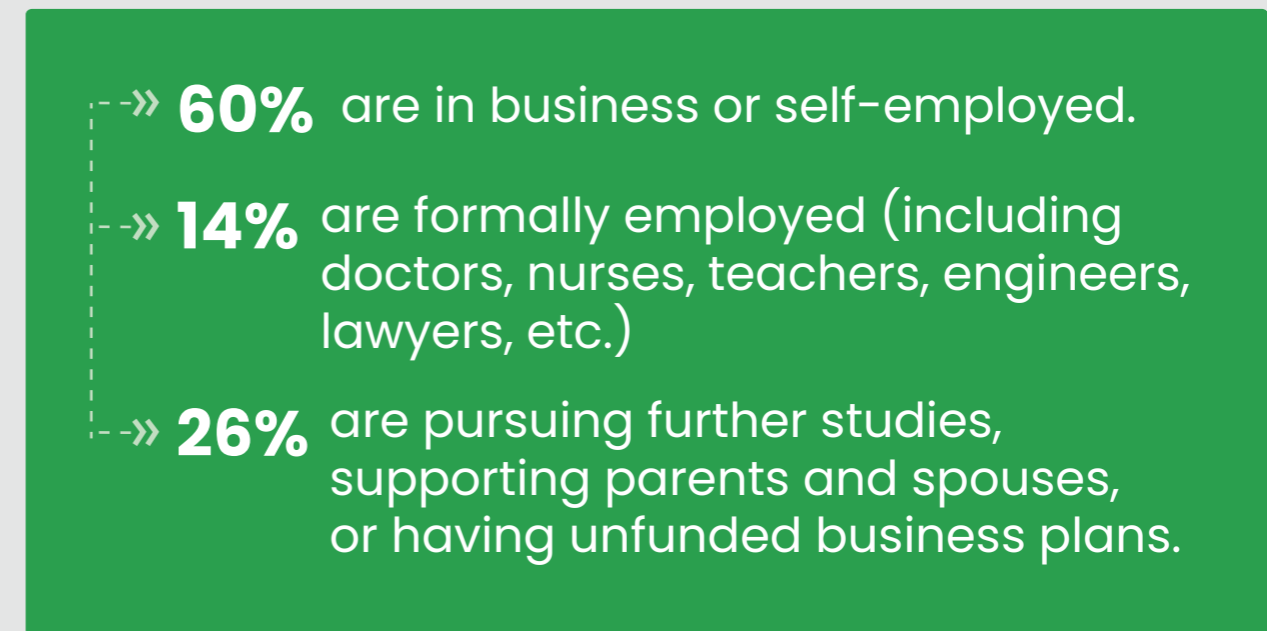
EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

KEY IMPACT METRIC

70% of Nyaka-led graduates transition to employment before or within 6 month after graduation

IMPACT RESULT

74% of the 269 graduates are employed.



SELF-REPORTED SUFFICIENCY RATE

KEY IMPACT METRIC

Achieve **90%** well being index for Nyaka-led students across 10 wellbeing domains that assess the wellbeing of vulnerable children

IMPACT RESULT

94% wellbeing index score for Nyaka-led students, compared to **93%** in 2022 and, **85%** by the peer group.

The **94%** wellbeing index suggests improved well being among the Nyaka-led students in the 10 metric domains for; **Education, Shelter, Health, Mental Health, Protection, Family, Community, Food and Nutrition, Spirituality and Economic**

(Based on the CRS OVC Wellbeing Tool)

CLASS ATTENDANCE RATE

KEY IMPACT METRIC



Improve or sustain annual class attendance rate > 95%

98%

class attendance rate, significantly higher than the **63%** reported by peer schools.

SCHOOL COMPLETION RATE

KEY IMPACT METRIC



Improve or sustain annual school completion rate > 95%

99%

school completion rate across Nyaka schools and the scholarship program compared to **96%** reported in 2022

NATIONAL EXAMINATION PASS RATE

KEY IMPACT METRIC



Achieve a national exam pass rate > 90% annually, across Nyaka schools.

98%

pass rate for Nyaka-led schools compared to, **94%** in 2022 and **82%** reported by the peer schools in 2023.





Education Spotlights



Empowering children for generations to come

ATUHAIRE BRIAN - 25 YEARS

Brian ensured that his grandmother, Kabiraba Ferediana, aged 83 years, attended his 2022 graduation ceremony, where he earned a diploma in education with a focus on agriculture.

Orphaned at 14, Ferediana became his sole caregiver, providing unwavering love, support, and a livelihood for him and his four siblings.

In 2010, Nyaka stepped in to support his education, offering free schooling, scholastics and continuous mentorship until University.

As a member of Nyakishoroza grandmother group in Rukungiri District, Ferediana continuously utilized Nyaka's grandmother microfinance project and trainings to generate and improve her incomes and production, while providing the required resources that enabled her to educate Brian.

Today, Brian has a job, and has become a pillar of monetary support for his siblings, offering hope as their grandmother ages.

To learn more about the support required for Brian, Fredian and other 850+ vulnerable students in South West Uganda, please scan the QR Image.



Fredian's Journey of Adversity to Accomplishment



Niwakora Fredian, aged 31, began her educational journey in 2005 when she joined Nyaka Primary School. Despite the loss of both her parents at a young age, she found hope through the support of Nyaka. Upon completing her primary education in 2008, she enrolled at Ishaka Adventist College for secondary education under the Nyaka Scholarship. Later, she pursued a certificate in Tourism and Hotel Management at Gables Institute for two years.

Equipped with new skills, she secured employment at hotels in Rukungiri and Kanungu districts. These experiences enabled her to save and accumulate capital, allowing her to establish her own business in Kambuga Town Council. The business deals in retail and wholesale of food grains such as groundnuts, beans, millet, maize, and others. Fredian is now happily married with two children.

"I was orphaned at a young age and left under the care of my elder sister, who was only three years older. The possibility of receiving a formal education seemed impossible. However, Nyaka stepped in and provided not only free education but also essential support like scholastic materials, food, and clothing. Thank you, Nyaka!"



Turning Pages: The Nyaka Blue Lupin Community Library's Impact

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NYAKA LIBRARIANS

The Nyaka Blue Lupin Community Libraries continued to serve as a hub for knowledge and learning among community members, Nyaka-sponsored students, and institutions within Southwest Uganda.

Our commitment to fostering literacy is demonstrated through the diverse range of resources we offer, including reference books and storybooks, catering to readers of all ages and interests. The Libraries are also equipped with computers and WiFi for internet access by the library users.

In 2023, we received support from the Uganda Communication Commission, acquiring more computers and a brand new printer to enhance our services and internet access.

We also trained 340 individuals in various computer packages and recorded 3,400 library visits, marking a 96% increase from the number recorded the previous year.

Looking ahead, the library is committed to continue delivering a community-centered service, promoting a reading culture, research, and education. To expand our reach globally, we will undertake various technological advancements and automations within the library.

We extend heartfelt appreciation to Nyaka staff and our generous donors, with special recognition for Jim Martin and the Stephen Lewis Foundation for their generous support and guidance in building and sustaining our library.

Bettering Its Best – Nyaka Vocational Secondary School

TUMUKUNDE CHRISPUS – HEAD TEACHER



In 2023, we enrolled our S.3 students in vocational skills training under the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT), emphasising practical learning, particularly in agricultural practices. This is aimed at deepening the students' understanding of food security and agricultural mechanization.

Additionally, the school partnered with Nyaka's Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) department to jointly undertake SGBV prevention, response, and advocacy sensitizations and outreaches. We also imparted SGBV knowledge within the community to create a safe and supportive environment for our students, especially girls who are at a higher risk of sexual and domestic violence compared to boys.

Looking ahead, our goals include increasing the number of self-sponsored students, delivering excellent educational services, improving student welfare and well-being, and supporting our dedicated teaching staff in effectively educating our students. We will continue to promote vocational skills such as tailoring, agriculture, entrepreneurship, and ICT as crucial pathways that provide students with opportunities for future success.

I sincerely thank all Nyaka staff, the board, parents, students and stakeholders for their steadfast support.



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GRANDMOTHERS PROGRAM

Program Goal: Grand mothers are social-economically empowered and self reliant to nurture and protect children so they can learn, grow and thrive



2023 Impact Summary

PROGRAM REACH

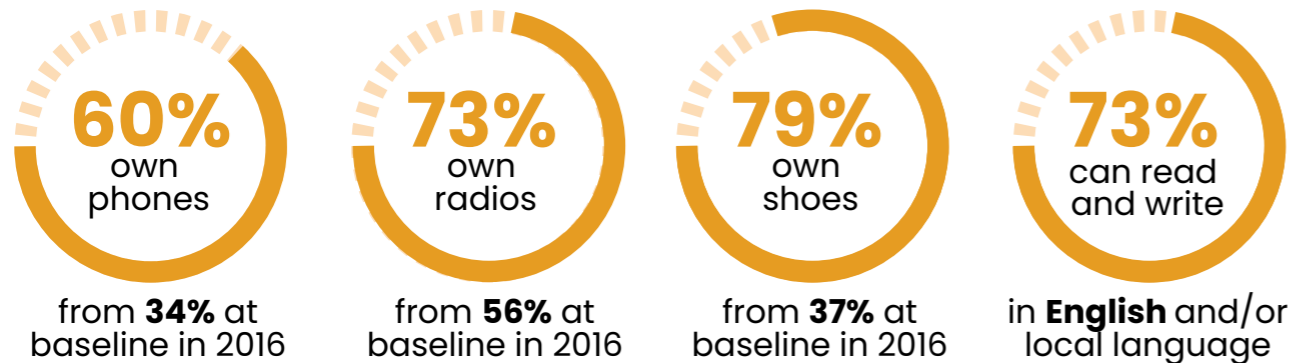
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more grandmothers were reached in 2023. Representing a **15%** growth in households served compared to the previous year.

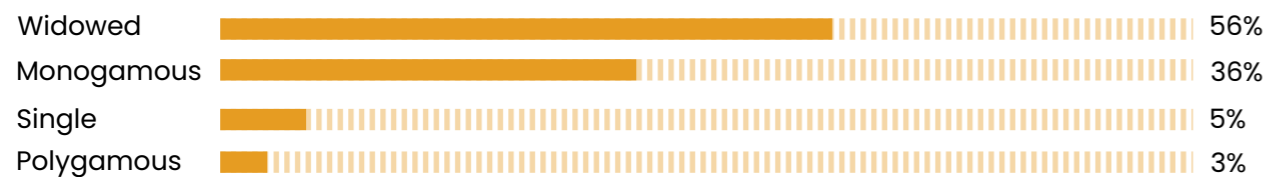
CUMULATIVE REACH

Since **2007**, the program has supported **254** grandmother groups, reaching a total of **23,037** grandmothers, **92,148** benefiting OVCs, and all totaling to **115,185** people across the three districts of Kanungu, Rukungiri and Rubanda in South West Uganda.

PROGRESS ON MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY



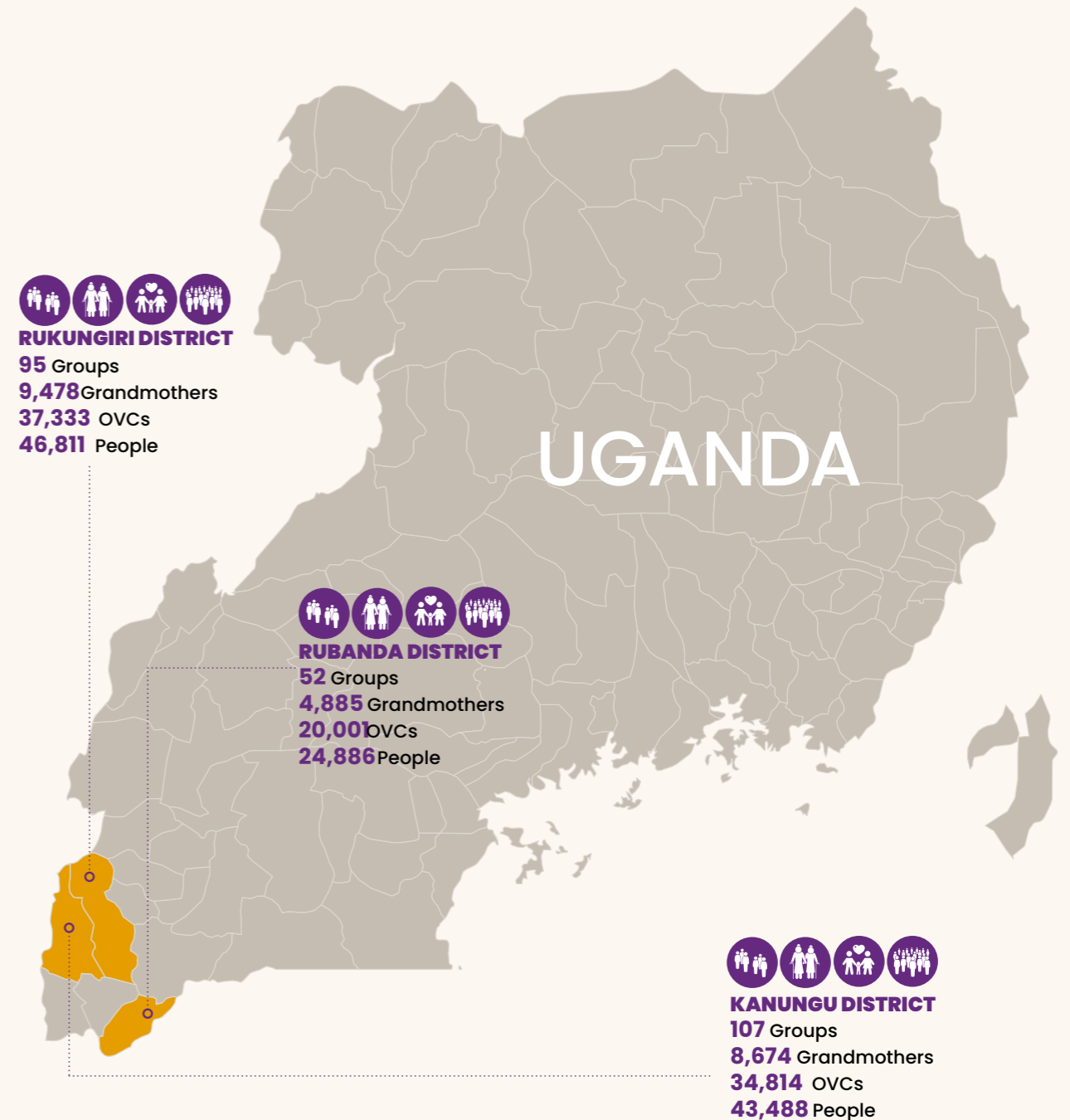
IMPACTING THE MOST VULNERABLE WOMEN-HEADED HOUSEHOLDS



The program has significant impact on women-headed households. **61% of the grandmothers in the program are either widowed or single.**

The grandmother program is particularly beneficial for elderly women, with an **average age of 60 years**, (average spouse age is 66 years).

PROGRAM REACH BY DISTRICT



WOMEN TO LIVE PROGRAM

In **2024**, Nyaka will launch the **WOMEN TO LIVE PROGRAM**, which aims to sustainably increase the number of orphans and vulnerable children we can support by improving the lives of their grandmother caretakers.

Progression on Monetary Poverty

KEY IMPACT METRICS

DAILY INCOME AND EARNINGS

Increase household daily income and earnings above the **\$2.15** threshold set by the World Bank



ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL VALUE

Increase the annual agricultural value (\$) per household.



ANNUAL LIVESTOCK ASSET VALUE

Increase the annual livestock asset value (\$) per household.



HOUSEHOLD ANNUAL NET VALUE

Increase the annual net value (\$) per household.



GRAMEEN PROGRESS OUT OF POVERTY (PPI)

Reduce the household Grameen Progress out of Poverty Index (PPI) to below **20** index points.



NYAKA-LED GRANDMOTHERS

\$2.78

At **\$2.78**, the average daily income and earnings in 2023 increased from **\$2.67** reported the previous year and rose significantly from **\$1.06** at the baseline in 2016.

\$561

At **\$561**, the average annual agricultural value in 2023 increased from **\$550** reported the previous year and significantly rose from **\$318** at baseline in 2016.

\$196

In 2023, an average annual livestock asset value of **\$196** was reported, marking an increase from **\$164** the previous year and a significant rise from **\$67** at the baseline in 2016.

\$1,211

The average household annual net value stands at **\$1,211**, an increase from **\$1,139** reported in 2022, and **\$453** at the baseline in 2016.

17.4

In 2023, the Grameen Progress of out Poverty Index (PPI), which measures multidimensional poverty, further reduced to **17.4**, up from **17.9** reported in 2022 and **34.2** at the baseline in 2016.

COMPARISON GROUP

\$2.04

The peer group stands at **\$2.04**, an increase from **\$1.96** reported the previous year and rose significantly from **\$1.13** at the baseline in 2016.

\$435

The peer group reported **\$435** an increased from **\$427** reported the previous year and rose from **\$328** at baseline in 2016.

\$173

The peer group stands at **\$173** was reported, marking an increase from **\$151** the previous year and a significant rise from **\$127** at the baseline in 2016.

\$916

Comparatively, the peer groups stands at **\$916**, making an increase from **\$866** reported the previous year and rose from **\$539** at the baseline in 2016.

22.4

The comparison group stands at **22.4**, a reduction from **27.7** reported the previous year and **33.6** at the baseline in 2016.

Grandmothers In Business

MAXIMIZING PROFITS WITH SMALL-SCALE ENTERPRISES

Our 2023 evaluation outcomes on micro-loans and micro-enterprises for grandmothers continue to reveal the potential for the economic empowerment of women. The key drivers for this impact are increased access to savings, credit, and financial education.

Over \$400,000 has been invested in the grandmother microfinance project.

Business investments made by Nyaka grandmother-led households resulted in a **50% increase in profits (business income) compared to their peers.**

ANNUAL BUSINESS INCOME (PROFITS)

■ NYAKA ■ PEER

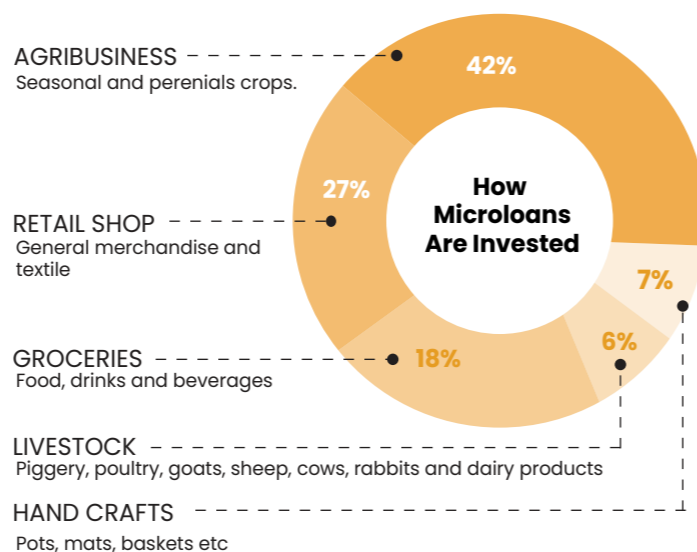
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| Baseline (2016) | \$36 |
| 2023 | \$249 |
| Baseline (2016) | \$40 |
| 2023 | \$158 |

DIFFERENTIAL 58%

Business income is from rentals, trade and self-employment. This significantly enhanced household capacity to provide for the needs of children.

DIVERSE INCOME STREAMS FROM MICROENTREPRISES

By 2023, the microfinance project had reached 89% of the 23,037 grandmother households.



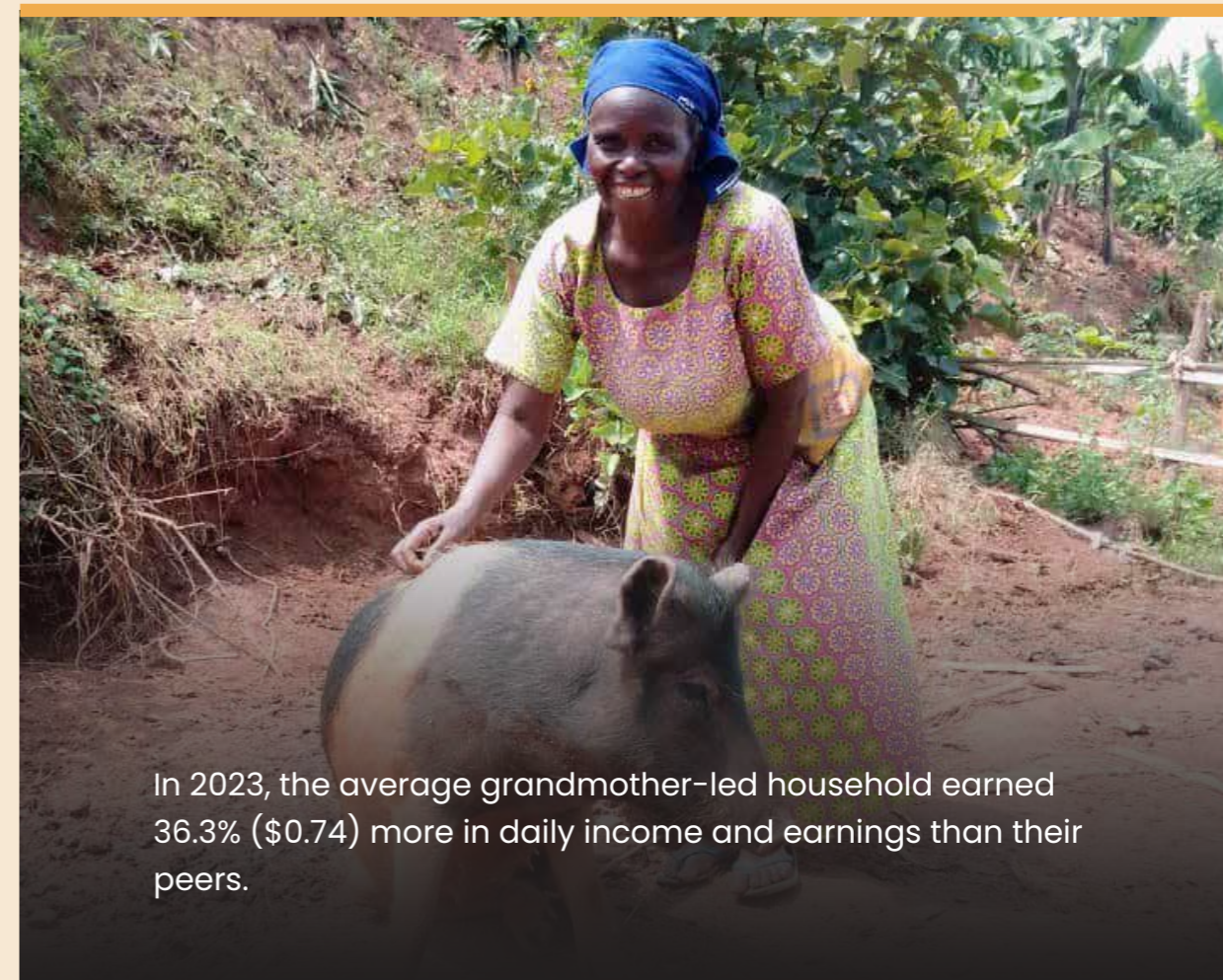
FINANCIAL LITERACY OUTCOMES.

Nyaka-led grandmother households have made strong strides in financial literacy scales.

- 78% are confident in their ability to open a savings account
- 88% are confident in their ability to save money
- 86% are confident in their ability to manage money
- 88% are confident in their ability to earn income for their households.
- 90% are confident in their ability to make financial decisions on their own.
- 93% are confident in their ability to financial support themselves.
- 98% believe that participation in the grandmother program has supported them to stand up for themselves in their homes

Return On Investment (ROI)

The Return on Investment (ROI) for every \$40 invested in a household of 5 is **531%**, reflecting an increase from the **487%** reported the previous year and a significant growth from the **285%** in 2021, when we began tracking the \$40 annual investment in the program.



In 2023, the average grandmother-led household earned 36.3% (\$0.74) more in daily income and earnings than their peers.

Breaking Gender Barriers In Leadership

Nyaka has supported the development of 2,492 women leaders. This has been made possible through a platform that helps women to build their leadership skills. Among the 254 groups of grandmothers, 7-10 women have been identified to lead each group.

Their leadership roles are a landmark contribution and are pivotal to gender empowerment, equality and self-sufficiency, and work closely with our project coordinators to ensure the program runs efficiently and effectively.



Grandmother Spotlight

Grandmother Empowerment

THE RESILIENT VERONICA

Veronica Tumuhairwe, at 78, is a testament to resilience and empowerment in Kambuga Town Council, Kanungu District. As a member of the Ruhandagazi Grandmother group, she has overcome personal challenges to provide for her family.

Despite receiving no assistance from her bedridden husband or her children, Veronica cares for six grandchildren, three of whom live with her.

For ten years, Veronica has honed skills in farming, agribusiness, animal care, and entrepreneurship through the grandmother group's meetings. These skills have been pivotal in increasing her family's food production and income.

Her adeptness in basket weaving, coupled with strategic investments in piggery and poultry from microloans, has further enhanced her income and earnings. These ventures not only supply eggs and meat for sale but also provide manure to enrich her gardens, ensuring a consistent yield.

Veronica's story is one of triumph over adversity, with the grandmother group providing a supportive community and Nyaka's microloan program playing a crucial role in her journey towards financial independence and a hopeful future for the children under her care.

Empowering Entrepreneurs

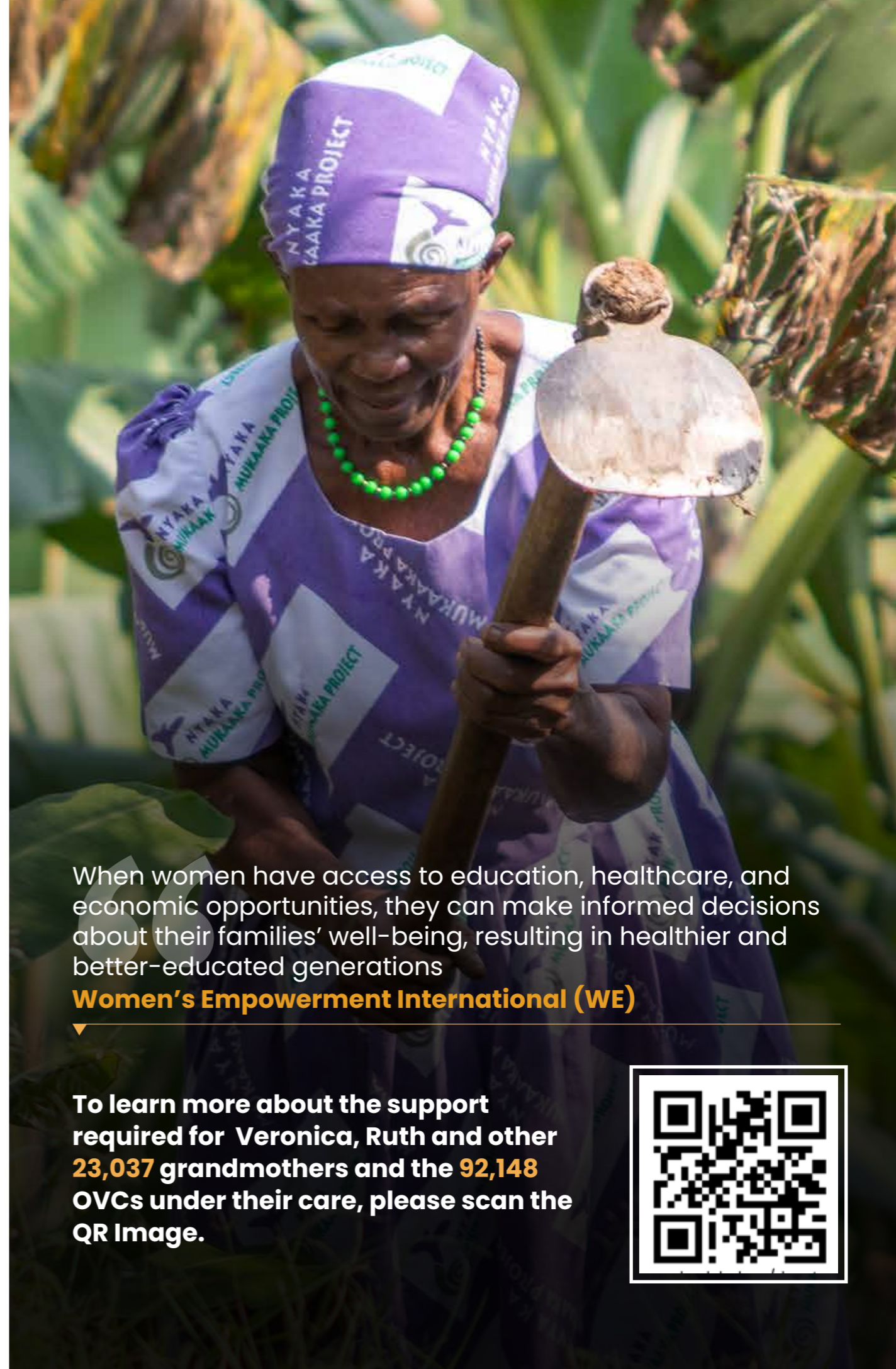
RUTH'S JOURNEY WITH THE NYAKA'S REVOLVING FUND

Busingye Ruth, a 56-year-old mother from Rwentuha cell, Buyanja Sub County, Rukungiri district, is a beacon of entrepreneurial success. She runs a thriving tea and snacks shop in Omukiragiro Trading Centre, built with the aid of Nyaka microloans.

Starting with a UGX 300,000 microloan, Busingye gained financial management, customer service, and inventory control skills through microfinance training. Despite challenges like bad debtors and perishable goods, she has saved UGX 1,000,000 for business expansion in 2024.

Her future plans include opening new outlets and supplying tea in bulk at community functions.

Busingye's story is one of empowerment, improving her family's prospects and exemplifying the transformative power of microfinance access by rural women.



When women have access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities, they can make informed decisions about their families' well-being, resulting in healthier and better-educated generations

Women's Empowerment International (WEI)

To learn more about the support required for Veronica, Ruth and other **23,037** grandmothers and the **92,148** OVCs under their care, please scan the QR Image.



Grandmother Spotlight

Betty Kashaka's Inspiring Story of Financial Empowerment

BETTY KASHAKA – 71 YR



Betty Kashaka, a 71-year-old grandmother, hails from the Western ward of Kanungu town council, Kanungu District. She lives with her two grandchildren, aged 7 and 10, who were left under her care by her daughter, who went to seek employment in Kampala city.

After receiving a microloan of UGX 400,000 in 2021, Betty invested the funds in a goat-keeping project. Her first goat produced two kids, and later three, within a space of 18 months. Now there are nine goats and the herd is expanding.

The animal manure is used in her vegetable and plantain garden. Her produce is of good quality and helps her generate both food and income. Betty stands as an example of resilience, entrepreneurship, and the potential for positive change in the face of challenges.

Grandmother Staff Voices



EMPOWERING GRASSROOT COMMUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SAKE

DENESI NIWARINDA

GRANDMOTHER PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Grandmother Program, initiated in 2007 in Kanungu district and later expanded to Rukungiri and Rubanda districts currently supports **23,037** grandmothers that are self-organised into **254** groups.

In 2023, the program witnessed an increase in the number of grandmothers, totaling **23,037**, and an increase in the number of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs), totaling **92,148**. Training and capacity-building initiatives equipped grandmothers with essential knowledge and skills, contributing to their well-being and that of the children they care for.

Microfinance support, home visits, and group monitoring facilitated economic empowerment and compliance with health and hygiene standards. Despite challenges such as funding inadequacies, bad roads, and weather, the program remains committed to working with grandmother households, strengthening their economic stance, and expanding the program into other districts.

We are forever grateful to our generous donors, staff, and partners for their unwavering support in achieving the 2023 program milestones and impact.





03

HEALTH & NUTRITION PROGRAM

Program Goal: Enhancing well-being, creating healthier children, grandmothers and communities with improved physical, mental, and social health for our children's sake



2023 Impact Summary

Accessing quality healthcare presents a global challenge, especially for children and women in rural areas, who often encounter difficulties in obtaining treatment and high-quality services. This lack of access negatively impacts their health, well-being, and productivity.

Since 2011, Nyaka's Clinics located in Kanungu and Rukungiri Districts have been providing essential healthcare services such as outpatient care (OPD), dental clinics, family planning, immunization, antenatal care, and health outreaches. These services are freely available to all Nyaka-led students and grandmothers. Additionally, community members can access these services at an extremely low cost, typically less than \$1 per visit.

Access to Medical Consultations

KEY IMPACT METRIC

Increased access to **medical consultations** for common diseases



15%

increase in general clinic consultations, totaling **10,811**, up from **9,348** in 2022

Access To Medical Treatment

KEY IMPACT METRIC

Improved access to **medical treatment** for common diseases



11%

increase in general administered doses, totaling **257,888**, up from **225,102** in 2022.

Access Time

KEY IMPACT METRIC

Reduced healthcare service delivery time (hrs)



4.5 HOURS

Patients save **4.5 hours** per trip due to the efficient service and strategic location of Nyaka clinics, representing a **225%** reduction in travel time compared to distant peer health facilities in the area.

Cost to Access Healthcare Services

KEY IMPACT METRIC

Reduced healthcare service delivery costs (\$)



\$5.05

Patients save **\$5.05** on TREATMENT EXPENSES per visit at Nyaka's free and low-cost healthcare service, which is **518%** less than the cost charged by peer clinics.



\$1.67

Patients save **\$1.67** on TRAVEL EXPENSES per visit to Nyaka clinics, which is one-third the cost of traveling to a distant peer clinic. The strategic geographical locations of Nyaka clinics ensure convenience for the rural communities they serve, facilitating access to healthcare

\$528,348

 Cumulative Savings

Cumulatively from 2011 to 2023, **households gained \$528,348 worth of cost savings** up from **\$474,241** reported in 2011 to 2022. This is attributed to the free and subsidized service

Access Distance

KEY IMPACT METRIC

Reduced distance to healthcare services (km)



4.7 KM

Patients travel **5km LESS** per trip, thanks to the strategic location of Nyaka clinics within the community, which is **125%** shorter than the distance patients travel to reach a distant peer health facility.

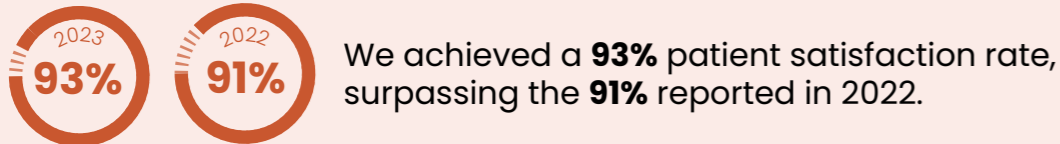
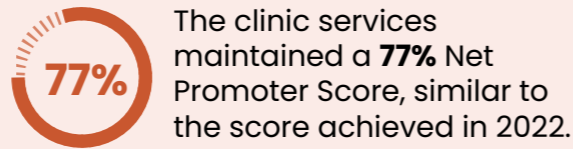
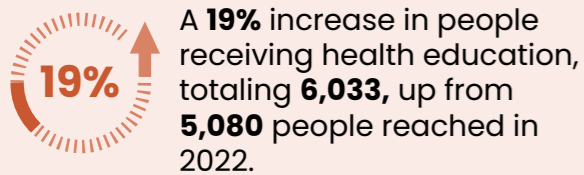
Consultations by Department

75% of the consultations conducted in 2013 were among OPD clients, **10%** were for the dental clinic, while **15%** were for services including immunization, family planning, and antenatal care.

Case Management Categorization

Of the cases presented in 2023, **49%** were epidemic diseases, **14%** were communicable conditions, **9%** were non-communicable, **5%** were cardiovascular, **6%** were ENT (ear, nose, and throat), **4%** were occupational therapy conditions, **3%** were oral, **2%** were injuries, and the remaining **8%** fell into other categories

IMPACT DRIVERS



We continuously optimize healthcare operations, including efficient patient data management, zero medical errors, and a fully staffed human resource team.

Healthcare Access For Children And Women

Our health program aims to increase access to healthcare for children and females in underserved communities.

- **95%** of NYAKA STUDENTS PASSED their Nutritional Assessment (MUAC) Score in GREEN, up from **87%** in 2022.
- **93%** of HOUSEHOLDS rated Nyaka's health programs as very helpful to their children's health and well-being, up from **91%** in 2022.

DISTRIBUTION OF ACCESS BY GENDER AND AGE GROUP

| AGE GROUP | TOTAL | MALES | FEMALES | TOTAL |
|-----------|--------|-------|---------|-------|
| 0-4 yrs | 1,601 | 7% | 8% | 15% |
| 5-9 yrs | 1,211 | 4% | 7% | 11% |
| 10-14 yrs | 1,838 | 6% | 11% | 17% |
| 15-19yrs | 1,239 | 4% | 7% | 11% |
| 20-30Yrs | 793 | 3% | 5% | 8% |
| 31-40yrs | 718 | 2% | 5% | 7% |
| 41-50yrs | 805 | 2% | 6% | 8% |
| 51-60yrs | 899 | 1% | 7% | 8% |
| 60+ years | 1,707 | 3% | 13% | 16% |
| AVERAGE | 10,811 | 31% | 69% | 100 |

Over half (**54%**) of the consultations were among children aged 0-19 years, and a majority (**60%**) were girls.

24% of the consultations were among adults aged 51-90. Of these, **84%** were females, many (**55%**) of whom were Nyaka-led grandmothers.

The fact that **69%** of the consultations were for girls and women, indicates that Nyaka's healthcare services have significantly impacted women over the last 13 years.

Health Staff Voices



Empowering Health: Mummy Drayton Clinic Impact

By Nurse Sterina Hegeniman

The Mummy Drayton Clinic continued to make significant strides in providing holistic healthcare services to both Nyaka beneficiaries and the community at large. With a dedicated team of three nurses and a consulting doctor, the clinic operates daily, ensuring access to essential medical care.

In 2023, we achieved significant health milestones by providing a range of services such as general consultations, dental care, static immunizations, family planning, and outreach programs. We surpassed set goals in many instances. Furthermore, our clinic conducted home visiting programs to address the health needs of Nyaka students, including nutritional assessments and HIV screening, thereby enhancing community health outcomes. Patient data management through our custom MER system, efficient patient handling processes, and the availability of effective decision support systems continue to drive our year-over-year impact progression.

Despite current challenges such as limited infrastructure, MDC remains committed to expanding its services and upgrading its facilities. Plans for expansion include the construction of additional buildings to accommodate services like laboratories and maternity care, aiming to elevate the clinic to a level three facility.

Acknowledgment is extended to the Nyaka staff, our generous donors, and supporters for their unwavering contributions in helping us achieve the clinic's goals in 2023. Through continued efforts and collaboration, MDC strives to enhance healthcare access and outcomes for all its beneficiaries and the surrounding community.

To learn more about the support required to operate the Nyaka clinics, procure medicines, deliver outreaches, and manage data. Please scan the QR image





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SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE PROGRAM

Program Goal: Children and women are safeguarded against sexual abuse and gender based violence



2023 Impact Summary

PROGRAM REACH



2 - 1,065
2015 2023

total survivors supported since 2015.

GENDER: 94% women, 6% male

AGE GROUP: 76% children, 13% youth, 8% adults, 4% elderly.

Nyaka's successful 3-part model to **Prevent, Respond and Advocate** against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) has been implemented since 2015. It amplifies Nyaka's commitment to creating a safe, respectful, and empowered society that can protect children and women while promoting positive living and success.

PART I: RESPONSE

Purpose: Work towards promoting the well-being, dignity, and empowerment of survivors of SGBV, enabling them to rebuild their lives, recover from trauma, and contribute to their communities as resilient individuals.

Key Impact Metric

Increased accessibility to support services for survivors.



more survivors were supported with medical tests, psychosocial care, legal advocacy, and follow-up visits, totaling **432**, up from **243** in 2022.

Nyaka opened its fifth Healing Center in Rukungiri at Kebisoni Health Center IV, bringing the total number of centers to five.

Key Impact Metric

Reduced Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Score of the affected survivors through personalised support.



The overall PTSD score among survivors who received support through 2023 decreased to **20%**, down from **56%** reported at enrollment into the SGBV program. In 2022, we achieved a PTSD score of **21%**, down from **59%** reported at enrolment.



PART II: PREVENTION

Purpose: Increased community awareness of SGBV prevention, its impact on survivors, and available support services.

Key Impact Metric

Increase awareness and understanding of SGBV prevention and response among community members.



Increase in the number of people receiving education on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) through community and school outreach was recorded, totaling **127,857**, up from **49,749** in 2022.

Key Impact Metric

Increase in the perpetrator arrests, prosecutions, and convictions, ensuring that survivors receive judicial justice.



increase in perpetrator arrests facilitated by Nyaka, totaling to **164**, up from **93** in 2022.



A total of **489** arrests have been made since 2015, representing **46%** of the 1,065 SGBV cases supported over the same period.



Convictions secured from 2015 to date stands at **23%** of the 489 arrests conducted from 2015 to 2023

PART III: ADVOCACY

Purpose: Discussions led by Nyaka increase community awareness and engagement, influencing policy and societal change for SGBV prevention and response.

Nyaka continuously engages communities and the government on SGBV response and prevention mechanisms. These efforts have led to the Nyaka Annual SGBV walk, which is widely attended by **3,000** participants from all walks of life. Additionally, we conduct annual community surveys to measure progress on KAP (Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices) at the household and among school-going children.

KNOWLEDGE IMPACT METRIC



Improved the Community Knowledge Index on SGBV prevention and response (%)

Key outcome

In the communities where our program operates, **77%** of community members are now knowledgeable about SGBV prevention and response, up from **54%** at baseline in 2021.

ATTITUDES IMPACT METRIC



Improved the Community Attitude Index on SGBV Prevention and Response (%)

Key outcome

In the communities where Nyaka operates, **69%** of community members now exhibit positive attitudes towards preventing SGBV, up from the **64%** reported at the baseline in 2021.

PRACTICES IMPACT METRIC



Improved community Practices Index on SGBV Prevention and Response (%)

Key outcome

In the communities where Nyaka operates, **71%** of community members now exhibit positive practices towards preventing and responding to SGBV, up from **62%** at baseline in 2021.

IMPROVING SURVIVOR SUPPORT THROUGH NYAKA'S HEALING CENTERS

| Assault/Year | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Total | % of Total |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Defilement | 6 | 22 | 35 | 31 | 100 | 97 | 127 | 245 | 663 | 63% |
| Rape | 1 | 3 | 13 | 3 | 27 | 35 | 32 | 43 | 157 | 15% |
| Physical assault | | | | 2 | 2 | 10 | 33 | 57 | 104 | 10% |
| Child neglect/abuse | | | | | 1 | 0 | 33 | 48 | 82 | 8% |
| Denied resources | | | | | | 2 | 12 | 12 | 26 | 2% |
| Sexual assault | | | | | | | 6 | 27 | 33 | 3% |
| Total | 7 | 25 | 48 | 36 | 130 | 144 | 243 | 432 | 1,065 | 100% |
| YoY Case Growth % | | 257% | 92% | -25% | 261% | 11% | 69% | 78% | 106% | |

The **63%** cases for defilement and the **18%** for rape poses a significant threat to the education, health, growth and the future success of the affected children and those that may be affected in the near future.

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM SGBV

| AGE(YEARS) | AGE (%) | CUMULATIVE | SURVIVORS |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| 0-5 | 8% | | |
| 6-10 | 9% | | |
| 11-15 | 32% | | |
| 16-18 | 22% | | |
| 19-20 | 4% | 76% | Children |
| 21-25 | 5% | | |
| 26-29 | 3% | | |
| 30-35 | 5% | 13% | Youth |
| 36-40 | 3% | | |
| 41-50 | 4% | | |
| 51-60 | 2% | | |
| 61-80 | 1.6% | 8% | Adults |
| 80+ | 0.4% | 4% | Elderly |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% | |

The fact that **76%** of the Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) cases reported in 2023 involved children aged 0-20 underscores the critical need for stepping up effort on child protection. Creating awareness on SGBV prevention in families, schools and greater community.

Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) harms children emotionally and physically, which can negatively impact their education, health, growth, and future success. It's important to give them prompt support and intervention to help them heal and recover.

ADDRESSING THE RISING NEED FOR SURVIVOR SUPPORT

We continued to see an alarming growth in the number of SGBV cases. Whereas Nyaka and our staff did our best to support our survivors and facilitated the arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators by the judicial system, the need to end SGBV is evidently more urgent than never.

In 2023, Nyaka enrolled and supported **34 women and girls monthly on average***, up from 19 enrolled monthly the previous year

| SGBV CASE TYPE | FEMALES | MALES | TOTAL | % OF TOTAL |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| CHILD NEGLECT/ABUSE | 58 | 16 | 74 | 7% |
| DEFILEMENT | 654 | 17 | 671 | 63% |
| DENIED RESOURCES | 21 | 4 | 25 | 2% |
| PHYSICAL ASSAULT | 89 | 15 | 104 | 10% |
| RAPE | 154 | 5 | 159 | 15% |
| SEXUAL ASSAULT | 26 | 6 | 32 | 3% |
| TOTAL | 1,002 | 63 | 1,065 | 100% |

94% of the SGBV survivors supported since 2015 represents Nyaka's efforts in working with communities to nurture and protect children against sexual and domestic violence crimes. But also further suggests that gender inequality and domestic violence against women and girls are still predominant in our areas of operation.

Experience has taught us that sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) crimes intersect with technology, traditions, norms, and modernization. The prevalence of SGBV among women and girls demonstrates that our society is still hindered by the dominant ideology of patriarchy.

Urgent efforts are needed to tackle the root causes of SGBV, as well as gender inequality and harmful cultural practices and norms. Addressing these underlying factors can help create a safer and more equitable community for children and women.

SGBV DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (SDMS)

In 2022, we established an automated digitized SGBV data management system customized to Nyaka. The system tracks all data around survivors, perpetrators, services offered, follow-ups and case status in realtime. This data facilitates our decision support processes, reporting and impact evaluations.

SGBV Incidences

SGBV INCIDENCE #1

A survivor aged 8 was defiled by her Uncle

On the tragic evening, the survivor, an 8-year-old female, was left at home with her uncle. The weather changed to rain, and they all ran inside the house to get away from it. While there, the uncle turned on her and forcefully defiled her.

Returning home that evening, grandmother saw her grand daughter in an unhappy, strange state and could tell that something out of the ordinary was clearly disturbing her.

Upon inquiring about the situation, the young girl described the horrific event that had occurred. Her grandmother promptly took her for medical attention at Kihiki Health Center IV, where injuries around the external genital area were discovered and confirmed by a doctor. A high vaginal swab (HVS) was also taken, confirming the act of defilement. The suspect, a 35-year-old individual, is currently in police custody and is being prosecuted.

Nyaka's Healing Center, situated within Kihiki Health Center IV, will continue to provide psychosocial care and support to both the survivor and her grandmother.

SGBV INCIDENCE #2

A survivor aged 13 years was defiled by a 25 years old man

The survivor, a 13-year-old female, was in the bush collecting firewood with other children who were a bit away from her. She was then approached by the perpetrator, a 25-year-old male, who was also grazing goats in the nearby bush. On reaching the young girl, the man grabbed and tightened her arms, closed her mouth and rapped (defiled) her.

The girl later rushed home and reported the incident to her mother. The Police were informed as well. She was then taken to Kambuga Hospital for medical attention. Unfortunately, her initial HIV test results returned positive. She was however given emergency contraceptive pills to prevent her from getting pregnant. The perpetrator was later arrested and is facing the law.

Nyaka will continue provide the needed psychosocial support and care to help the survivor heal from the trauma of the incidence.

By law, these offences are categorised as aggravated defilement and rape, the perpetrator is supposed to be imprisoned for life upon conviction.

SGBV Incidences

SGBV INCIDENCE #3

A survivor, a 2-year-old female, was defiled by her biological father

In this SGBV incidence, a 2-year-old girl was defiled by her own father. That day, her mother was away until late evening. However, her father was at home all day, and while he watched over his own daughter, he sexually defiled her.

Later that day when mother returned, she found her daughter in pain, with noticeable bruises on her private parts. The father kept quiet and did not say a word when asked what had happened to their daughter. However, it could be observed that the 2-year-old had been defiled by a man, and this case the suspect was her father.

Police were notified of this incident, and the suspect was arrested and is currently being prosecuted through the courts of law. Medical examinations were conducted at Kebisoni Health Center IV, confirming that the baby was indeed defiled. An incident like this can cause trauma for both the parent and survivor. Nyaka, through our SGBV Healing Center at Kebisoni Health Center IV, has been providing psychosocial support and care for both the mother and the baby to aid in their healing process.

Nyaka sensitizes communities on SGBV responses, prevention, and advocacy, especially targeting mothers, girls, and boys who are the most affected. When a case like this occurs in the community, households that have benefited from the trainings and awareness campaigns will know when and where to report.

SGBV INCIDENCE #4

A young girl aged 5 was defiled by her Aunt's husband

The survivor is a 5-year-old female that was staying with her aunt. On the fateful day, the aunt went to visit her relatives in the capital city, Kampala, and left her niece at home with her husband.

While aunt was away, uncle shared the same bed with the little girl as a way of keeping her safe, but instead he used it as an opportunity to repeatedly have sexual intercourse with her. When aunt returned home after her trip, the neighbors told her that her niece looked bothered and troubled, and they suspected that she had been sexually defiled.

She then confirmed from her niece that the "uncle" had repeatedly sexually assaulted her at night. The police were notified about the incident. The survivor was taken for a medical examination at Kebisoni Healing Center IV for medical attention. Nyaka's Healing Center, located within Kebisoni Healing Center IV, is providing psychosocial care and support to both the mother and the survivor. However, the suspect is still at large (on the run).

The survivor's mother had left her behind with the aunt some 2 years ago to go and remarry. Her first marriage failed due to repetitive domestic violence.



To learn more about what you can do to support our SGBV Prevention, Response and Advocacy initiatives, please scan the QR code.





Turning Trauma into Triumph SGBV Program's Impact in Rural Uganda

Nahwera Jenipher
SGBV Program Coordinator

Nyaka's SGBV program was initiated in 2015 to address child abuse and gender-based violence in rural Southwest Uganda.

Operating five SGBV healing centers across the Kanungu and Rukungiri districts, the program has provided vital support to over 1,060 survivors, offering free medical, legal, and mental health services.

Through targeted prevention efforts, including community outreach and anti-SGBV campaigns, the program reached over 127,000 individuals in 2023, raising awareness and promoting preventive measures. Additionally, emergency response services were provided to 432 survivors, including medical examinations and counseling visits, ensuring their immediate needs were met.

Legal advocacy efforts resulted in 135 arrests and 24 convictions, holding perpetrators accountable for their actions.

Despite challenges such as financial constraints and an increase in child defilement cases, the program remains committed to its mission of eradicating SGBV crimes against women and girls while empowering them to stand up for their rights.

Acknowledgments are extended to donors, staff, and stakeholders for their unwavering support in achieving these milestones. Together, we are making a tangible impact on the lives of survivors and working towards a future free from gender-based violence.



Partner Voices




Women's Empowerment International (WE) was founded in 2003 by two San Diego women who had a vision for disrupting the cycle of poverty around the world. They designed WE to focus on funding microfinance programs that made small, repayable loans to women who wanted to start or expand modest income-generating businesses.

Recruiting friends and colleagues, WE's founders began raising money that has supported partnerships with women in Mexico, Honduras, and several other countries.

WE formed its partnership with Nyaka in 2014 and since has granted more than \$216,000 to Nyaka for loan money and provided additional support for administrative costs, water tanks, transportation, and other needs.

Women's Empowerment International

 www.womenempowerment.org



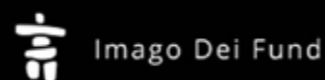
The Stephen Lewis Foundation has proudly partnered with Nyaka since 2004. In the 20 years of our partnership, we have supported Nyaka in promoting and advancing access to education for orphaned and vulnerable children while ensuring that the grandmothers who care for them are holistically supported.

Since it was founded in 2003, the Stephen Lewis Foundation has championed health and human rights to end AIDS. Committed to community-led solutions, the organisation provides funding and allyship to local organizations who are restoring hope, reclaiming human rights, fighting injustice, and saving lives. These organizations, like Nyaka, empower women and girls, grandmothers, orphaned and vulnerable children, and other marginalised groups and communities like people living with HIV and others.

Our vision is to meaningfully contribute to an equitable and just world where all people's right to health is realized. As a result, a huge part of our work involves advocating for global health and philanthropic communities to engage in partnering, fundraising, and international development that shifts power to community-led organizations and dismantles the inequalities driving the HIV and AIDS epidemic.

Stephen Lewis Foundation

 www.stephenlewisfoundation.org



Imago Dei Fund is delighted to partner with Nyaka and values its deep roots engaging its community to be drivers of change and decision-making.

With its holistic, multi-faceted approach beginning with its work with grandmothers, Nyaka's impact is central in the nurturing and addressing the needs of orphaned and vulnerable children in rural southwestern Uganda.

Imago Dei Fund

 www.imagodeifund.org



Child's i Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to transforming the lives of vulnerable children in Uganda. Through innovative and sustainable approaches, it strives to ensure every child grows up in a loving and secure family environment. By championing family care solutions and empowering communities, the organization is making a profound impact on the well-being and future prospects of vulnerable children, fostering a brighter and more hopeful tomorrow.

In partnership with Nyaka, Child's i Foundation continue to cultivate a transformative landscape, one grandmother at a time. For instance, in 2022, Child's i Foundation expanded the Nyaka Global Grandmothers' model in Mpigi District, empowering eight groups of grandmothers with 480 members. Registered by the local government, these groups receive continuous monitoring and support, contributing to a robust community child protection structure. Grandmothers conduct monthly group meetings through which they have collectively saved up to UGX 14.3 million in seven months, enabling them to improve their homes and start businesses, enhancing their well-being.

The Grandmothers' Project demonstrates a transformative impact through empowerment, community building, and economic initiatives. Our partnership with Nyaka continues to cultivate change, one grandmother at a time.

Child's i Foundation

 www.imagodeifund.org



Partner Voices



The growth and success of any institution or business are hinged on the goodwill and support from the community within which it operates. Goodwill is not a commodity you buy but an intrinsic feeling born out of the good deeds you do. Therefore, it is important that institutions cultivate this goodwill through acts of kindness and social responsibility.

Nakasero Hospital has recently expanded its facility to increase its scope and capacity and will rely on the goodwill of its community and friends to respond positively to its service offering. We have walked the journey with Nyaka Global for the last 6 years and truly appreciate and believe in their contribution towards the disadvantaged in society. We wish Nyaka continued success.

Nakasero Hospital

 www.nakaserohospital.com



Segal Family Foundation

Segal Family Foundation, a social impact funder and advisor, is committed to championing African visionaries by supporting organizations with localized knowledge to drive sustainable change. With a profound commitment to scalable solutions and community development, the foundation collaborates extensively across sub-Saharan Africa.

Since 2009, Segal Family Foundation's dynamic partnership with Nyaka has been instrumental in fueling Nyaka's numerous initiatives in the Education, Health, and Sexual and Gender-based Violence programs. This collaborative journey exemplifies our shared dedication to empowering vulnerable children, creating sustainable impact, and breaking the cycle of poverty in Uganda

Segal Family Foundation

 www.segalfamilyfoundation.org



We extend our deepest gratitude to all our partners, donors and supporters; including the government of Uganda, Foundations, Organisations, Individuals, and anonymous givers. It is because of you that our children, their grandmothers and other communities are able to realise these impact keystones



Beautiful World Canada Foundations (BWCF), a Global Education Organization, provides secondary and post-secondary comprehensive scholarships to girls living in Sub-Saharan Africa, specifically in Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Uganda, and Zambia. The organization is dedicated to improving the lives of girls through the power of higher education, and these scholarships support girls to thrive in high school, college, and university. A Beautiful World scholarship provides each girl with the financial means for housing and transportation – allowing her to either live on campus or safely commute from home.

The partnership between Nyaka and Beautiful World Canada Foundation was established in 2013. To date, a total of 214 girls and 84 boys have benefited from the foundation’s scholarships at University, Vocational, and High School levels. BWCF’s commitment to supporting vulnerable girls extends beyond financial assistance; it encompasses holistic support, including tuition, stipend, accommodation, transport, internship facilitation, scholastic materials, employment training, capacity building, and a mentorship program that empowers them to succeed academically and personally. A total of 129 students have been matched with mentors since 2022.

In 2023, Nyaka celebrated its 269th graduate since 2014, with 74% of these graduates currently employed and supporting their siblings, parents, and communities in various ways. The BWCF education model is life-transforming.

Thank you, Beautiful World Canada, for supporting my University Education. It is because of you that I was able to enrol for a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering program at Kyambogo University in Kampala, Uganda. I am optimistic that the education seed you are sowing in me today will yield and cause change in the days to come.

- *Kashemire Confort | Student at Kyambogo University*

Beautiful World Canada Foundation

 www.beautifulworldcanada.org



Nyaka Program Pillars

Our model surrounds every child with a holistic support system, collectively implemented by Nyaka, the Community and Partners for the sake of our children's **LEARNING, GROWTH and FUTURE SUCCESS**



EDUCATION

Access to Quality Education

- Increased access to quality education for vulnerable children and women by offering free or affordable education, including tuition, welfare, menstrual health, skilling, and teacher support.

OVC Well-being

- Promote the wellbeing of vulnerable and orphaned children through increased household income, child protection from crime, access to shelter, clean water, food and nutrition.

Child Protection

- Ensuring Child Protection.
- Enhanced Community Participation and Engagement.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Community Well-being

- Promote Health and Wellbeing for Women and Children.

Healthcare Optimization

- Optimizing Healthcare Operations

Patients' Confidence

- Elevate Patient Confidence and Optimize Healthcare Delivery



GRANDMOTHERS

Poverty Alleviation and Human Development

- Catalyzing Progress against Multidimensional Poverty.
- Facilitating Economic Empowerment through.
- Microfinance Services.
- Fostering Resilient Agricultural Practices, Capacity Building, Skills and Development through Training

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

- Enhancing Household Food Security and Nutrition.
- Empowering Women through Leadership and Civic Engagement.

Public Health and Environmental Sustainability

- Creating Safe and Dignified Environments for Well-being
- Boosting Productivity through Enhanced Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene.
- Enhancing Grandmother Household Health.



SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION

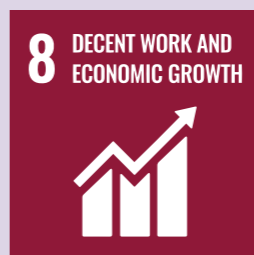
- Increased community awareness of SGBV prevention, its impact on survivors, and available support services.

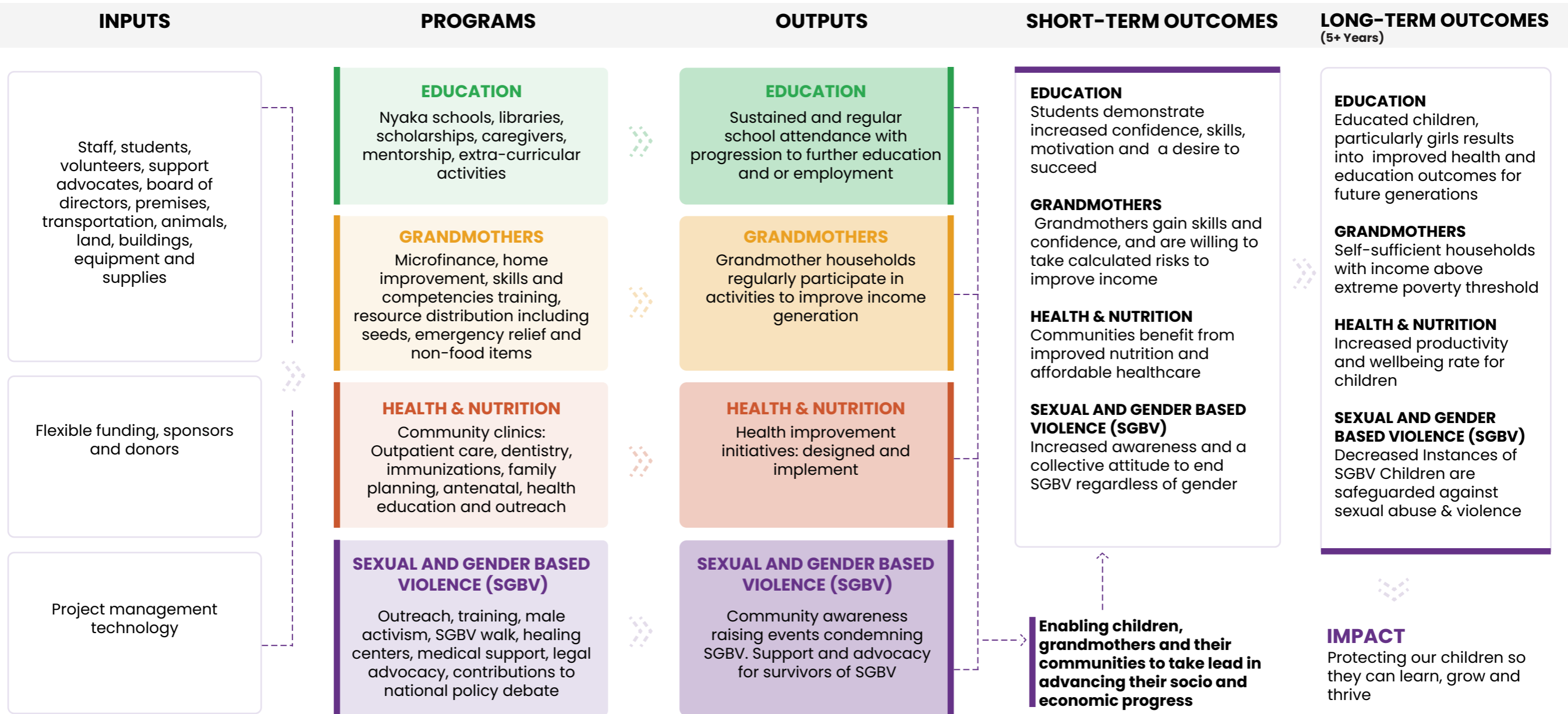
Response

- Enhanced training and capacity-building programs for stakeholders (law enforcement officials, healthcare providers, social workers, and community leaders) on effectively responding to SGBV cases, providing support, and ensuring survivors' access to justice.

Advocacy

- Work towards promoting the well-being, dignity, and empowerment of survivors of SGBV, enabling them to rebuild their lives, recover from trauma, and contribute to their communities as resilient individuals.





MISSION

Nyaka works with communities to nurture and protect children so they can learn, grow and thrive.

PEOPLE (Who? & Where?)

Nyaka serves orphans and vulnerable children, their grandmother caregivers or guardians along with a few communities located within southwest Uganda.

REASON (Why?)

To break the cycle of poverty through education for our children's sake.

BIG IDEA (How?)

An holistic, social-ecological approach that surrounds each child with a comprehensive support system.

PROBLEM (What?)

There are about 21 million children in Uganda - 56% suffer from multiple deprivations. 78% of the affected are rural based, and majority are girls. 9.5% are orphans (UNICEF, 2019). The deprivations include lack of access to Health, Education, Shelter, Food, Water, Safety and Employment. Consequently, children are denied opportunities to grow with dignity. Learning is impeded and their chances to thrive in future, diminish. Nyaka is working with communities to nurture and protect rural children, while providing solutions to the underlying deprivations, and supporting the attainment of related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

ASSUMPTIONS AND RISK FACTORS

- Target community is keen and willing to participate.
- Stable economy and political space.
- Funds and partnerships that invest in children are available and adequate.
- Providing children with comprehensive support can bring about significant positive changes in their lives and pave the way for a better future.

APPENDIX

The appendix section presents detailed data tables and analysis and Nyaka's Theory of Change.

Optimal Student Retention Rates

We aim for the **HIGHEST LEARNER RETENTION RATES**

| YEAR | NYAKA | PEER | DIFFERENTIALS |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| 2015 | 98% | 86% | 12% |
| 2016 | 96% | 89% | 7% |
| 2017 | 98% | 90% | 8% |
| 2018 | 98% | 81% | 17% |
| 2019 | 98% | 89% | 9% |
| 2020 | 98% | 91% | 7% |
| 2021 | 97% | 92% | 5% |
| 2022 | 98% | 90% | 8% |
| 2023 | 98% | 88% | 10% |
| RETENTION RATE | 98% | 88% | 9% |

Nyaka schools have maintained a **98%** student retention rate, which is **9%** higher than peer schools. Our facilities, such as accommodation, clinics, libraries, science labs, and demonstration gardens, support learners to stay in school.

More Students Completing School Or Graduating

School completion is at the core of our mission and vision. Helping learners to grow and thrive means that they must consistently advance from one class to another throughout their schooling life.

| YEAR | NYAKA | | PEER | | DIFFERENTIALS | |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| | PRIMARY | SECONDARY | PRIMARY | SECONDARY | PRIMARY | SECONDARY |
| 2018 | 87% | 100% | 80% | 93% | 7% | 7% |
| 2019 | 92% | 100% | 86% | 90% | 6% | 10% |
| 2020 | 85% | 100% | 82% | 90% | 3% | 10% |
| 2021 | 86% | 100% | 80% | 89% | 6% | 11% |
| 2022 | 92% | 100% | 84% | 86% | 8% | 14% |
| 2023 | 98% | 100% | 81% | 83% | 17% | 17% |
| RATE | 90% | 100% | 82% | 89% | 8% | 10% |

Over the last six years, Nyaka schools have reported a higher pass rate of 90% for the primary section compared to the peer schools with 82%

Nyaka Vocational Secondary School has consistently achieved a 100% pass rate, compared to the peer schools with 89%.

Overall, the examination pass rate among Nyaka-led schools has been **10%** higher than that of peer schools and **22%** above the national average.

Prioritizing Learner well-being and Welfare

The higher ratings for Nyaka students compared to their peers, across multiple domains further underscore the positive impact of Nyaka's holistic approach to supporting children's well-being.

The Self Sufficiency Index (SSI) for Nyaka-led students stands at **93%**. The demonstrates consistent improvements in the wellbeing of children across the five key domains: **FOOD AND NUTRITION, EDUCATION, SHELTER, ECONOMIC, and PROTECTION.**

This rating is **20%** higher than their peers and suggests that these children have a higher level of wellbeing across these important areas of their lives. The high ratings across multiple domains further underscore the positive impact of Nyaka's holistic approach to supporting children's wellbeing.

| | NYAKA | | | PEER | | | DIFFERENTIALS | | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| FOOD NUTRITION | 99% | 99% | 99% | 81% | 78% | 77% | 18% | 21% | 22% |
| EDUCATION | 99% | 99% | 99% | 78% | 77% | 76% | 21% | 22% | 23% |
| SHELTER | 92% | 97% | 98% | 78% | 85% | 85% | 15% | 12% | 13% |
| ECONOMIC | 79% | 81% | 82% | 55% | 61% | 64% | 24% | 21% | 18% |
| PROTECTION | 87% | 87% | 87% | 79% | 64% | 63% | 8% | 23% | 24% |
| MENTAL HEALTH | 90% | 95% | 95% | 72% | 85% | 87% | 18% | 10% | 8% |
| FAMILY | 87% | 91% | 93% | 78% | 80% | 76% | 09% | 11% | 17% |
| HEALTH | 85% | 92% | 91% | 68% | 77% | 80% | 17% | 15% | 11% |
| SPIRITUALITY | 94% | 93% | 92% | 94% | 85% | 81% | 0% | 07% | 11% |
| COMMUNITY | 85% | 92% | 94% | 67% | 73% | 79% | 18% | 18% | 15% |
| MEALS | 100% | 100% | 100% | 49% | 51% | 54% | 51% | 49% | 46% |
| AVERAGE RATING | 91% | 93% | 94% | 73% | 74% | 75% | 18% | 19% | 19% |

The self-reported index for meals while at school is 100% among Nyaka students, which is **46%** higher than their peers. Nyaka provides meals for all students in primary, secondary, vocational, and tertiary education, ensuring that children have access to adequate nutrition that contributes to their overall well-being.

Nyaka students reported **19%** higher well-being than their peers in domains such as education, health, shelter, economics, welfare, food & nutrition, and mentorship among others. The holistic learning environment provided by the Nyaka education system, which includes tuition, stipends, and scholastic support, contributes to the overall well-being and growth of the students

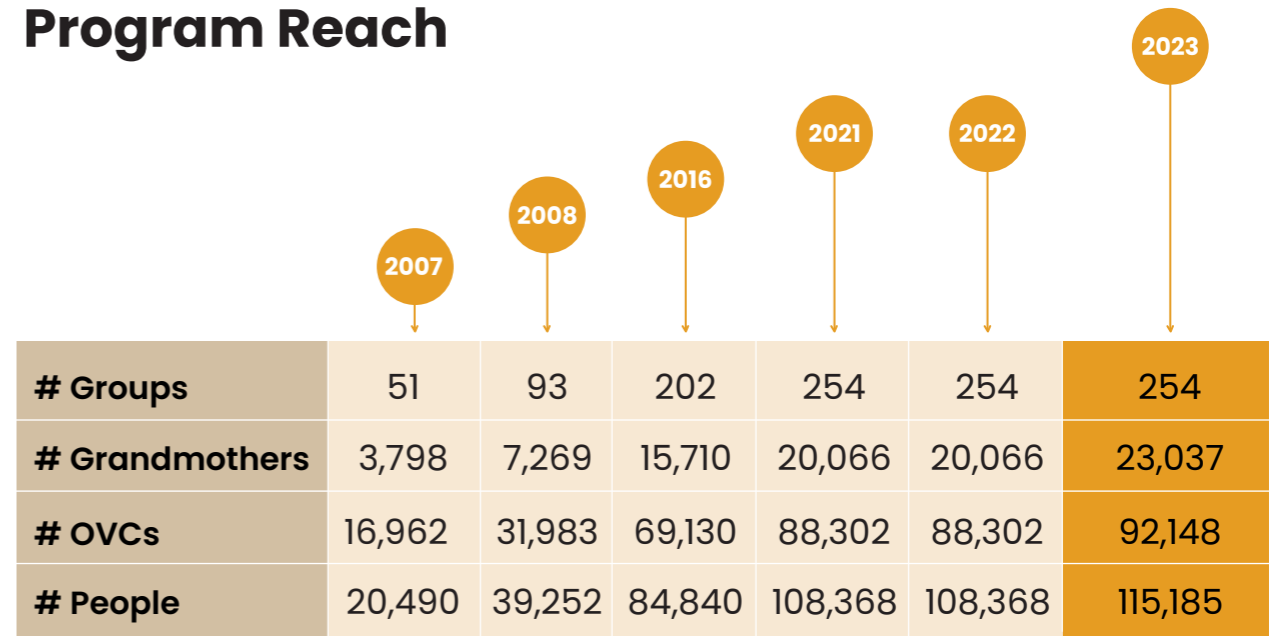
Grandmother Program Data Tables

Grandmother Households Economic Progression

The grandmothers' economic progress contributes to the improved well-being and welfare of the OVCs under their care.

Nyaka empowers grandmothers to nurture and protect these children so they can learn, grow, and thrive against the adverse odds that exist in their communities.

Program Reach



*OVCs - Orphans and Vulnerable Children

In 2022, the average Nyaka grandmother-led household increased their daily income and earnings by 152%, putting them above the extreme poverty threshold of \$2.15, despite facing unprecedented global economic shocks.

| | NYAKA | | | | PEER | | | | DIFFERENTIALS | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------|-------|-------|----------|------|------|------|---------------|------|------|------|
| | BASELINE | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | BASELINE | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | BASELINE | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| INCOME + EARNING / DAY | 1.06 | 2.18 | 2.67 | 2.78 | 1.13 | 1.74 | 1.96 | 2.04 | -0.07 | 0.44 | 0.71 | 0.74 |
| ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD NET VALUE | 453 | 952 | 1,139 | 1,211 | 539 | 762 | 866 | 916 | -86 | 190 | 273 | 295 |
| HOUSEHOLD INCOME | 100 | 432 | 606 | 646 | 113 | 365 | 449 | 486 | -13 | 66 | 156 | 160 |
| HOUSEHOLD EARNINGS | 286 | 364 | 369 | 369 | 299 | 270 | 265 | 258 | -13 | 94 | 104 | 112 |
| ANNUAL LIVESTOCK VALUE | 67 | 156 | 164 | 196 | 127 | 127 | 151 | 173 | -60 | 29 | 13 | 23 |
| GRAMEEN PPI | 34.2 | 18.7 | 17.9 | 17.4 | 33.6 | 28.1 | 27.7 | 22.4 | 0.6 | -9.4 | -9.8 | -5.0 |

The net worth of Nyaka grandmother-led households has increased 2.5 times compared to the baseline and is 32% higher than that of their peers.

Compared to the baseline, Nyaka grandmother-led households have a Poverty Probability Index (PPI) that is 9.8 points lower and 2.1 points below the national average of 20.

In contrast, the PPI of their peers is 27.7, down from 33.6 reported at the baseline.

Livestock asset value for Nyaka grandmother-led households has increased by 144% since the baseline, from an annual average of \$67 to \$164.

This represents a 16% increase compared to their peers.

The welfare and well-being status of Nyaka grandmother-led households have improved 3.5 times faster than their peers.

Enhancing the Wellbeing of OVCs

Nyaka uses the **OVC well-being Measurement Tool** to assess the overall well-being of a child across eleven domains. The tool captures various aspects of well-being. High self-reported indices suggest better overall well-being for the child.

2023 OVC SELF-REPORTED WELL-BEING RATING

The self-reported wellbeing rating for EDUCATION is **88%**, which is **15%** higher than their peers. This demonstrates the positive impact of Nyaka's grandmother program on children's access to education.

| | NYAKA OVCs | | | PEER OVCs | | | DIFFERENTIALS | | |
|----------------|------------|------|------|-----------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| FOOD NUTRITION | 89% | 90% | 91% | 80% | 72% | 75% | 9% | 18% | 16% |
| EDUCATION | 78% | 87% | 88% | 74% | 72% | 73% | 4% | 14% | 15% |
| COMMUNITY | 77% | 82% | 84% | 66% | 65% | 69% | 11% | 17% | 15% |
| ECONOMIC | 79% | 82% | 81% | 51% | 56% | 52% | 28% | 26% | 29% |
| PROTECTION | 85% | 87% | 89% | 76% | 52% | 55% | 9% | 35% | 34% |
| MENTAL HEALTH | 91% | 94% | 95% | 82% | 91% | 89% | 9% | 3% | 6% |
| FAMILY | 80% | 84% | 84% | 71% | 83% | 85% | 9% | 1% | -1% |
| HEALTH | 91% | 92% | 93% | 80% | 83% | 84% | 11% | 9% | 9% |
| SPIRITUALITY | 96% | 90% | 92% | 94% | 87% | 88% | 2% | 3% | 4% |
| SHELTER | 93% | 93% | 92% | 84% | 92% | 87% | 9% | 1% | 5% |
| MEALS | 51% | 56% | 57% | 39% | 40% | 46% | 12% | 16% | 11% |
| AVERAGE | 83% | 85% | 86% | 72% | 72% | 73% | 10% | 13% | 13% |

Nyaka-led OVCs are receiving holistic support that is **13x better than that of their peers.**

Nyaka-led OVCs reported a 17% higher rating for the COMMUNITY domain compared to their peers. Nyaka works with communities to nurture and protect children, positively impacting their overall well-being and development.



Grandmothers' Savings And Credit Access

Due to limited access to finance, rural grandmother-led households are often excluded from economic empowerment initiatives. However, Nyaka's microfinance project has allowed them to borrow up to 26% more than their savings, which is 51% more than what their peers can borrow.

| | NYAKA | | | PEER | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|---------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS | \$0.7 | \$1.4 | \$1.7 | \$0.6 | \$1.0 | \$1.2 |
| TOTAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS | \$20 | \$41 | \$60 | \$17 | \$29 | \$45 |
| HOUSEHOLD LOAN AMOUNT | \$34 | \$52 | \$58 | \$21 | \$26 | \$39 |
| HOUSEHOLD LOAN BALANCE | \$23 | \$44 | \$46 | \$14 | \$28 | \$34 |
| GROUP LOAN AMOUNT | \$2,074 | \$2,510 | \$2,510 | \$412 | \$536 | \$1,034 |
| % HOUSEHOLD SAVING IN A GROUP | 90% | 96% | 96% | 80% | 86% | 88% |
| %HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVED MICROLOANS | 93% | 94% | 89% | 62% | 65% | 74% |

Participation in microfinance activities by Nyaka grandmother-led households has significantly increased by 10% more than their peers since the last COVID-19 lockdown in June 2021.

Understanding Our Impact Evaluation Instruments



At Nyaka, we take our impact evaluations and data management seriously. We only use tools and instruments that have been tested for validity, reliability, and effectiveness.



To assess the well-being of children, we used the CRS Orphans and well-being tool, which measures ten key domains including food and nutrition, education, shelter, economy, protection, mental health, family, health, spirituality and community. Higher self-reported scores indicate better well-being.



For grandmother households, we adopted the Household Economic and Welfare Survey to measure the impact on income and poverty reduction.



To track progress on SGBV knowledge, attitudes, and practices, we created an SGBV community engagement survey and a learner's engagement tool, both deployed by SGBV prevention experts.



Our health survey collected patient data through our custom electronic medical records system, which is analyzed to inform our programs.



We conducted secondary data collection for our education program by interviewing teachers and administrators with our staff development, satisfaction, and welfare tool, and using the CRS OVC well-being tool for children aged 14-18 years.



In 2023, we collected over 7,000 data points using our digital data collection and reporting systems, which we use for tracking progress, accountability, program design, and impact reporting. We selected respondents through randomization, which allowed for precise and accurate impact outcomes compared to simple random sampling.



We seek consent from every respondent and obtain consent from minors through their parents, caregivers, or guardians to ensure data authenticity. We achieved a 99.8% response rate and validated 99.7% of the data collected. Invalid samples were discarded from the analysis.

In 2021, we established a Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) department to further refine Nyaka's capabilities and commitment to digitization and automation, improve our data management practices across all programs, and continuously intersect data-driven decisions with the quality of service and programs that we offer. We will continue to innovate, research, and implement creative platforms that will propel Nyaka into a data-driven organization, while also engaging our participants in digital-led solutions and services.



How We Compiled Our 2023 Impact Report

Our Theory of Change guides our approach to achieving impact and informs our results, indicators, and frameworks. The impact results presented in this report reflect Nyaka's mission of working with the community to nurture and protect children so they can learn, grow, and thrive.

To ensure data integrity and independence from our surveys, we recruited and worked with 60 independent field data collection contractors for three months from mid-September to mid-December 2023. We also launched automated online data collection and reporting tools for our Education, Grandmothers, Health, and Sexual and gender-based violence prevention (SGBV) programs at the start of 2022. Our Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) team, established in June 2021, oversaw the technical needs of the entire evaluation process.

We trained all our contractors on digital data collection and pre-tested the tools with them before the fieldwork commenced. Our data cleaning, synthesis, analysis, and documentation of impact and narrative statements, as well as an internal and external review of the findings and outcomes, took four months to complete before publishing this report.

We standardized and adjusted income figures to account for inflation changes based on the 2023 average exchange rate of 3700 Ugandan Shillings to one US dollar and the consumer price index for Uganda. We removed outliers from our datasets to keep them normally distributed. Data credibility is critical in all our surveys and impact evaluations, and we aim for high sample sizes, generating statistical power in excess of 99%.

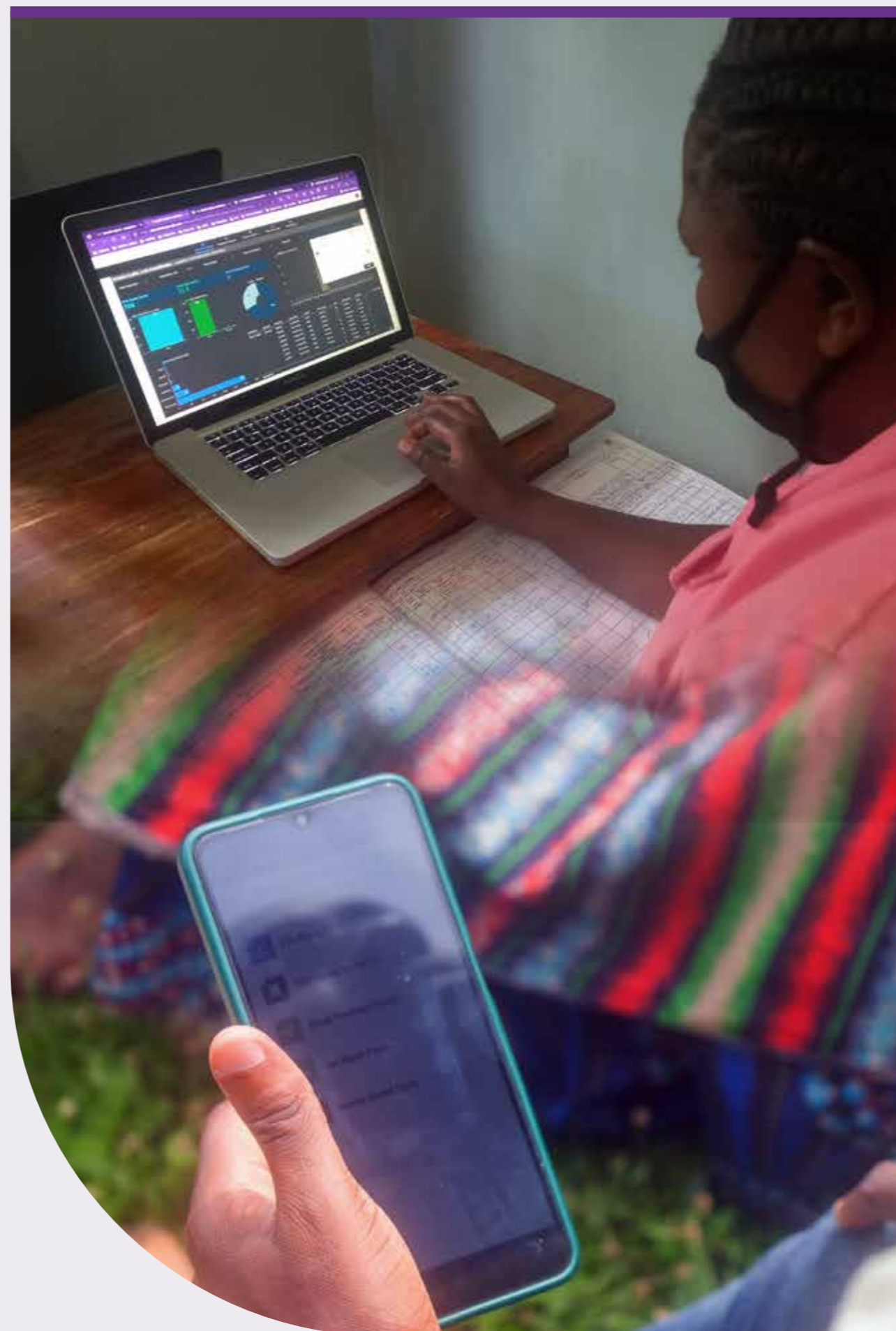
Overall, in 2023 alone, we surveyed a total of 14,210 respondents, including 3,100 grandmother households, 1,575 OVCs from the education and grandmother program, 740 households from the SGBV Prevention program, 200 households, and 8,430 patient records from the health program, and 165 teachers and administrators from 15 schools.

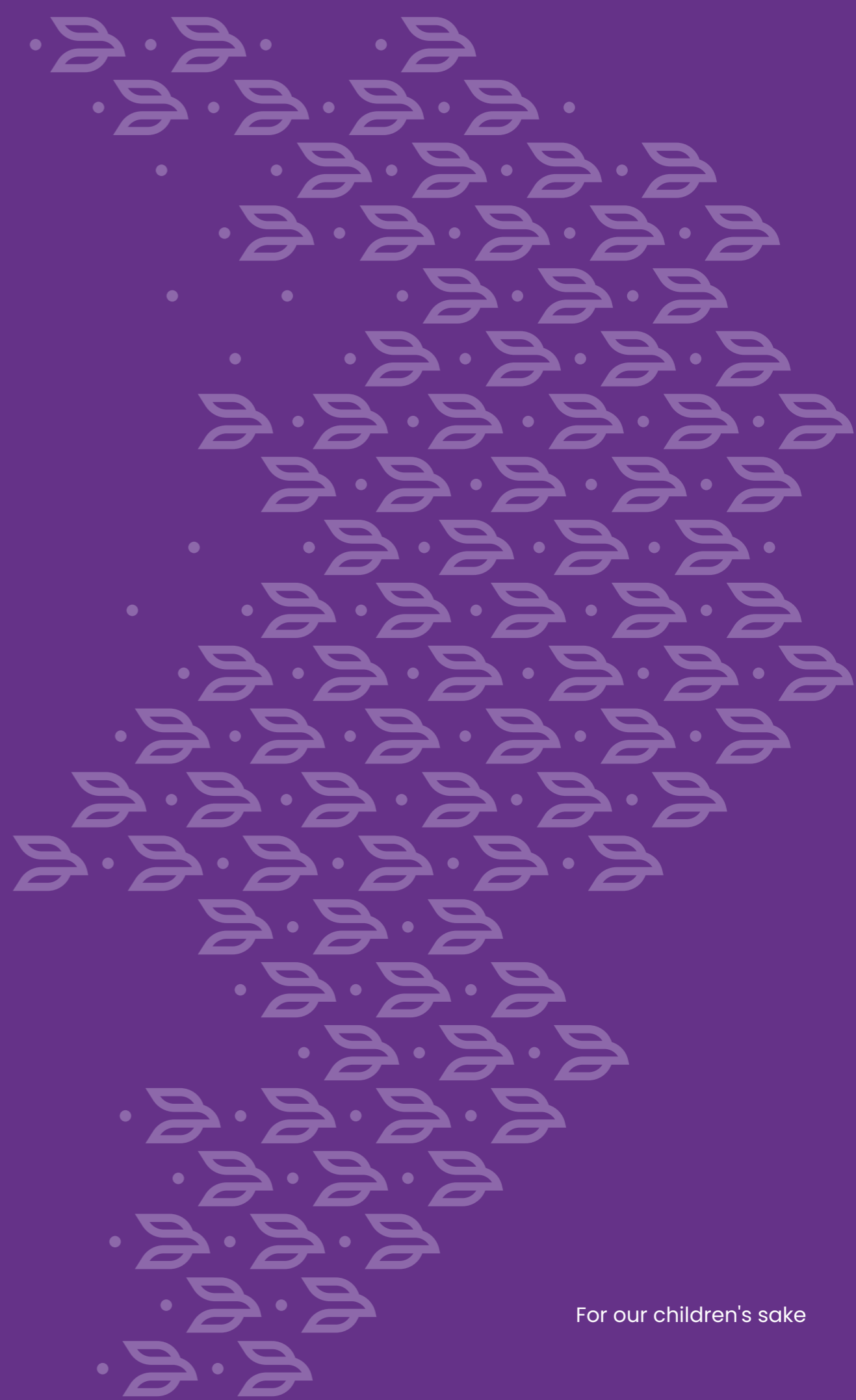
We reviewed our data and analytics with an independent third-party consultant, who provided an independent opinion on our results and the language used in the report.

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