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Total Orphans Project



Aid Relief for Vulnerable Refugees



Evangelism and Church Planting



Financial Inclusion



Environmental Protection with Fruit Trees



Church Leadership Empowerment/ISOM Bible School



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1. Founder's Message



Dear Friends,

Welcome to our 2021 Annual Activity Report.

Our 2021 year was a very successful year. The theme of this year's report is to keep faith, keep working hard and great things will happen. And that is it!

As the situation of Covid-19 was still disturbing many people all over the world; here in Uganda, we were still facing lockdown and its consequences!

As we kept faith, and worked hard, we have achieved all our targets for 2021, and have moved our organization to a new level of performance.

We have managed to increase our effort so that our fellow refugees maintain their life standard when ratio was reduced up to 13,000 UGX per person per month during the bad moment of Covid-19.

I express my sincere thanks to all HfEM staff and Volunteers for their remarkable efforts, great work and commitment during these extraordinary years of Covid-19.

I congratulate all our donors and HfEM team on these impressive results and would like to thank them for their dedication and efforts in making HfEM Excellent.

Since 2013, we are optimistic about the progress we shall make in the future because we are among the most ambitious organization, committed, competent in Uganda with godly values and compassion for vulnerable people. We have been called for that and we shall die for that!

Together with our donors and partners; by maintaining the faith, unity, strength and hard work we demonstrated in the past years especially during Covid-19 period, I believe HfEM can overcome any future challenges we may encounter.

Finally, once again, let me give thanks to everyone who contributed in one or another way so that HfEM became who he is now, especially in 2021 achievements. May God bless you.

2. HEM Leaders: Kampala, Kyaka II, Nakivale, Kyangwali, Bukasa



3. How HEM was Created

On 12 May 2013 I, Pastor Bonaventure Dusabumuremyi, and some of his friends started the HEM organization in Kampala, Uganda, to solve the problem of vulnerability and negative thinking or mentality of refugees by training, caring, supporting, and advocating for them to unite and to be able to solve their problems by themselves, after changing their negative thinking and beliefs. Because we were refugees; we could see more than others the problems facing refugees who were not getting enough to eat, no education, HIV and Aids sickness, disease and death especially involving baby total orphan refugees, shelter, sanitation and clean drinking water, psychological and spiritual problems among many others!

Since 2013 until the end of 2021, HEM has been and continues focusing on refugee support and humanitarian actions, community development initiatives, leadership empowerment and evangelism.

4. HEM - Mission, Vision, Philosophy, Motto, and Core Values

✚ **Our mission** is “To seek and to save the lost and to liberate the oppressed”

✚ **Our vision** is “To be a model Christian and Charity Organization that brings back hope to vulnerable people for eternity

✚ **HEM Philosophy** is: “Be Saved, Safe and Save”

Everyone must be saved first and then be safe (in the flesh, the soul and in the spirit), and finally goes to save others

✚ **Motto:** “Key for Success”

The key for success is to consider the whole human being (flesh, soul and spirit). To help the flesh and the soul (mind) and ignore the spirit doesn't bring success in life. HEM is caring and supporting vulnerable people by considering their flesh, soul and spirit and this brings hope for eternity

✚ **Core Values:** **H**ope, **E**xcellence, **M**orality

There is always hope for a tree. If it is cut down, it can grow again.
It will keep sending out new branches. Its roots might grow old in
the ground and its stump die in the dirt, but with water, it will grow
again. It will grow branches like a new plant.

(Job 14:7, 8, 9)

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5. HEM - Overall Achievements During 2021

HEM's greatest achievement was working with vulnerable children, elderly, widows and vulnerable women, to ensure that no one was left behind to be killed by Covid-19 and its consequences. We give thanks to God because no one died!

The statistic of HEM major achievements within the year 2021 are as follows:

- ❖ Caring for less than five-year-old orphans (a total number of **2,922** vulnerable children were reached and supported).
- ❖ **447** children attended Sunday School were taught and supported in their churches.
- ❖ **520** Elderly were supported in many ways.
- ❖ **40** Pastors and church leaders were trained for capacity building in ISOM Bible School.
- ❖ We trained **81** people in financial inclusion, financial literacy and saving culture and the number of savings deposits done by the above people who were trained reached at **1,537**.
- ❖ **122** people were trained and started their own business.
- ❖ **22** seminars were done successfully.
- ❖ **95** people were saved and believed in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- ❖ **14,485** fruit trees were given and planted in Kyaka II and Nakivale refugee settlements.

WHY?		BECAUSE
1	Total orphans less than five years?	No advocacy, no one cares, get sick easily, abused
2	Vulnerable children and malnourished?	Weak health conditions, voiceless
3	Elderly, widows and handicapped?	Diminished of physical ability and chronic health conditions
4	Financial inclusion?	Money is so important in life, exchanging it with your needs
5	Church leadership empowerment?	Pastors are the closest to, and believed by, many people
6	Evangelism and church planting?	Salvation brings eternal peace, hope and happiness in life
7	Fruits trees planting in refugee settlements?	Source of vitamin and minerals, protect the body, maintain good health

HEM Leaders appreciate so much our dear donors, partners, beneficiaries and all who contributed for the 2021 success and achievements. May God bless you abundantly!

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6. An Explanation of HEM Projects and Initiatives in 2021

We are called "HEM" which means Hope for Eternity Ministry. We are a Christian and charity organization, supporting, training, advocating, caring for, and bringing back hope to vulnerable people especially refugees mostly orphans, elderly, women and youth.

6.1. Brief Description of HEM Projects & Numbers of Beneficiaries

✓ Our current six projects are listed below:

6.1.1. Compassion for African Children

❖ **1,085** total orphans were reached in 2021

❖ **1,837** vulnerable children were reached in 2021

- Within this project; we care, support and advocate for refugee total orphans less than five years of age, from Kyaka II, Nakivale and Kyangwali.
- We support and care for other vulnerable children; orphans for one parent and the malnourished ones.
- We support them with:

- Cow milk,
- Powder milk,
- Mixed flour,
- Silverfish,
- Posho,
- Rice

- Beans,
- Sugar,
- Salt,
- Potatoes,
- Clothing,
- Medicine,
- Sanitation materials

- Eggs,
- Fruits,
- Banana
- Juice
- Bread
- Sweets among others

6.1.2. Refugee support (Aid Relief)

- This is the project aiming to support vulnerable refugees especially elderly, widows, handicapped among others.

❖ **520** elderlies were reached and supported

❖ **918** others were reached and supported

❖ They were given different kind of food, clothing, medicine, shelter, etc.

Testimony in 2021

My name is Esther Niyonagira, I don't know where to start giving thanks to HEM! My daughter was about to die!! She was hungry and so went to look for porridge where I was cooking it from! She got burned seriously! I took her to the hospital but no one was helping her! I brought her back, and at home and started to use herbal medicine, unfortunately the wound got infected! Someone sent me to HEM office there at Bukere (Kyaka II). I went there and they took my daughter to the private clinic and they paid everything!!! Even they gave me food to feed my two other children that I had left at home alone. Up to now my daughter is well, so I thank all of the HEM people! I don't have something to give them but God will help them!

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6.1.3. Financial Inclusion

Achievements in 2021

- ❖ *81 trained in financial inclusion and started to save on their own Account*
- ❖ *1,537 number of savings*
- ❖ *40 women were trained in handcraft and tailoring*
- ❖ *904 refugees and National were trained and became SACCO Members*

There is a significant increase in poverty among refugees in Uganda because of three things:

- 1) Uganda hosts a very large number of refugees (more than 1.5 million), of which 85% are women and children. Due to the concentration of refugees in settlements, refugees can only practice limited agricultural activities to support their family members.
- 2) The quantity of food provided by the World Food Program (WFP). Prior to the 1st of March 2020 orphans received an allowance of 31,000 USH per month, which is equal to \$8.40 US per month or 28 cents per day per person. This was further reduced to 13,000 USH. Please note this amount is not only for food, but also for all necessities including food, clothes, sanitation, etc. This reduction in support aggravated the level of poverty among refugees leading to miserable living conditions and deaths of some of those living in refugee settlements.
- 3) The majority of refugees are children and women (82%), and they are less productive. The small number remaining are not trained in financial literacy and entrepreneurship to be able to create jobs and businesses for themselves.

The above reasons and statistics of vulnerable persons in Uganda and refugee settlements requires individuals and organizations with good hearts to intervene to improve and save the lives of those who are oppressed and living miserable lives in difficult conditions. HEM is the Right Organization in the Right Place at the Right Time.

I'm called Amani Daniel Kagwe, a refugee from Congo. On 18/04/2019 I opened an account in HEM Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SACCO). I have been blessed to be trained by my coop in saving culture for financial inclusion. After one year of my doing savings, they gave me a loan and I bought a motorcycle for work. Now I finished paying back my loan, and I'm using my motorcycle to feed my family members. I'm still saving because I want to buy another motorcycle.

I'm called Rutebuka, a refugee from Congo. When UNHCR reduced our money, I was thinking that I will die soon! Fortunately, a friend of mine sent me to HEM for training in financial inclusion and thereafter I got a business of selling clothing called "KITENGE". Now, I receive between 10,000 UGX and 30,000 UGX every day of selling. It is painful but at least I'm able to feed my family members and take to school all my children.

Testimonies in 2021

If you want to contribute to the financial inclusion for women refugees in Uganda, please visit our website and donate from there. It is www.hemafrika.org

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6.1.4. Church Leadership Empowerment

Achievements in 2021

- ❖ *40 were trained in ISOM, Certificate and Diploma*
- ❖ *12 Seminars*

Testimony in 2021

*I'm called Pastor **Elvine Niyotwagira**; pastoring two churches with 175 members. It was not easy before to lead without much knowledge but now I have an ISOM diploma, plus I have been trained in leadership development and financial inclusion. I have now created a business feeding my family. I'm also training my church members. I thank HEM for its wonderful work.*

The bible is saying that we must give ourselves to reading, of God's word, prayerfully (1Tim 4:12). If anyone is not reading and studying the Bible, he/she will fall into false teaching, false belief and false doctrine.

The main problem of Uganda pastors and church leaders is their lack of proper hermeneutics (appropriate textual interpretation), and homiletics (good preaching), as well as proper biblical teaching concerning salvation (soteriology), the church (ecclesiology), the holy spirit (pneumatology), sin (hematology, man (anthropology).

In everything, the Bible alone must be the foundation for our learning but also, we need a proper biblical interpretation and a systematic theology.

In refugee settlement, there are many churches with many church members looking for hope because of different problems. Many at looking for quick-fix solutions to their immediate problems.

As a result, since HEM is aiming at capacity building, care and evangelism, we have put in place a genuine Bible school from the USA, called ISOM (International School of Ministry), for all pastors and church leaders in Uganda.

In 2021, because of lock down, the school didn't work as well as previously, but we trained **40** pastors and church leaders using the ISOM Curriculum, and we held **20** different seminars for pastors and church leaders teaching different skills.



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6.1.5. Evangelism and Church Planting

Come to me all of you who are tired from the heavy burden you have been forced to carry. I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28)

In all the world, refugees are among the most vulnerable people in the world for many reasons:

1. Do you imagine someone with nowhere to be or to live?
 - ❖ Your own country chased you because of war, political issue, problems of life, and the like.
 - ❖ You have left your properties, relatives, country, culture, language and you must to start a new life!
 - ❖ The host country gives you a status for only five years!! The panic to where to go after five years!!
2. Do you imagine becoming a useless person when you were an important person in your country?
 - ❖ No job, no money for business start-up
 - ❖ Your level of education becomes useless!
3. Do you imagine the life of orphans, elderly and widows in refugee conditions?

Problems of refugees are many:

- Mental health issues due to trauma, including survivor guilt
- Health care and physical abuse
- Discrimination
- Sexual violence
- Social inequalities
- Financial difficulties
- Visa insecurity (temporary visa holders)
- Lack of communication with families in their home country, etc...

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- ✓ 95 received salvation
- ✓ 3 Churches were built
- ✓ 114 special counselling
- ✓ 362 church members
- ✓ 277 supported in covid
- ✓ 87 Sunday school
- ✓ 20 seminars, conferences
- ✓ 7 churches in total

As we said in the beginning, Evangelism is one of the major solution to social and spiritual problems of human being. Evangelism treats first the problems of the soul, focusing on the spirit to end up by the flesh which becomes controlled and guided by the spirit. As HEM support vulnerable people with physical support for the flesh, and support them with training for their soul (mindset transformation), we do also evangelism, feeding them with spiritual food; the word of God which brings salvation and hope for eternity.

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6.1.6. Safe and Sustainable Communities

➤ Environmental Protection

This project is aiming at preparing nursery trees, distributing them to our beneficiaries, planting them, harvesting them and serving to family members especially orphans. At HEM field offices, we do the same as a model plantation of fruits trees for their families.

Everybody knows that fruits are an excellent source of essential vitamins and minerals and they are high in fiber.

Eating a diet high in fruits and vegetables can reduce a person's risk of developing heart disease, cancer, inflammation, and diabetes. Fruits and vegetables help people to maintain good health.

In refugee settlements, the amount of food is limited and often of poor quality. This causes many problems to children and elderly because their health is often in danger.

HEM decided to contribute to the diet of refugees in settlements by preparing and planting fruit trees in different zones.

These fruits were not only for diet but also a source of income generation. In 2021 we planted 14,485 trees of different types (pawpaw, oranges, avocados, mangoes, and others).

14,485

Fruit trees planted and they are producing



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6.2. Photographs Help to Tell the HEM Story During 2021

Since the 1st January 2021 through to 31st December 2021, HEM has helped thousands of vulnerable people especially refugees and asylum seekers in Uganda.

Seeing that many international and national organizations focus on helping the flesh and its consequences, HEM came forward with its contribution by helping people focussing on the flesh, the soul and the spirit.

- ❖ By the flesh; we support them with food, clothing, shelter, medicine, etc.,
- ❖ By the soul; we give them counselling, training to change their negative thinking, and training for other skills to useful in life,
- ❖ By the spirit we feed them with the word of God. We do evangelism, Bible teaching and Bible training so that people can use their spirit honouring God, repenting and receiving peace from God. The Bible say “no peace for the wicked” (Isaiah 48:20).

As follow, these photos show you the summary of different achievements for 2021 according to each project.

6.2.1. Compassion for African Children



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When problems happen to orphans - HEM actively intervenes.

As you see, this baby girl was about to die! She was badly burned in an outdoors cooking fire. Today she is still alive and well because of quick intervention from HEM and its donors.



We are so grateful for the support received from HEM. May God bless you!



"We are some of the total orphan refugees in Uganda. Any time you are blessed; please remember us too!"

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HEM Caregivers were supported too. They are also refugees, and vulnerable but have a strong heart of compassion! They are caring for our total orphans carefully and they love them as they love their own children. Please, support them too!



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6.2.2. Refugee Support (Aid Relief)

- ❖ We have been supporting elderly, Widows and others vulnerable people.



As old persons, we are pleased to give thanks to our donors and to HEM Team for the wonderful support received during the year 2021. May God bless you!

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Dear Donors,

Your donations are giving life to many vulnerable people. You see how the young girl with many problems came to seek support from HEM office with no hope!!!

And compare how she is looking like today in the above photo with the one of her twins!!!

Truly your donations are doing a world of good - especially in refugee settlements in Uganda, East Africa.

May God bless you abundantly!

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As you see, the woman came to HEM in very bad condition. Even the staff was afraid for her because of her condition! Today, she is smiling! Her baby is also healthy. Glory to God! Dear Donors, the money you are donating is doing miracles in the lives of many vulnerable refugees!



All of these refugees were looking for support at HEM office in Kyangwali Refugee settlement

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Once a week, HEM Kyaka II Refugee Settlement visit the sick at the hospital and support them with special food, porridge, fruits etc. At the same time, we pray for them, and give counselling and guidance to salvation. Do you imagine to fall sick when there is no food or something to drink?

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6.2.3. Financial Inclusion

Within this project we trained more than **442** refugees and they started their own business. **918** were trained and opened accounts. **40** were trained in handicrafts and tailoring.



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In HEM: "We learn things by doing" and "we teach by example" this is one of HEM hen farms in Kyaka II refugee settlement. Some hens are given to caregivers for income generating. Others are laying eggs at HEM office to be given to total orphans and malnourished children. It is also a model farm to teach all refugees coming to HEM office how to make money! Together we shall make it possible.

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Piggery project is helping refugees in income generation



These are pastors and church leaders in discussion at ISOM Bible School in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement



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In 2021 we did different seminars, and conferences and workshop at HEM main office, and at HEM field offices. They was very well received and empowered participants for future success.

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HEM Children Sunday School, children were taught godly value and behavior



6.2.5. HEM Evangelism and Church Planting



Without Faith, no one can please God (Hebrews 11:6), and Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Roman 10:17)

6.2.6. Environmental Protection with Fruit Trees Plantation





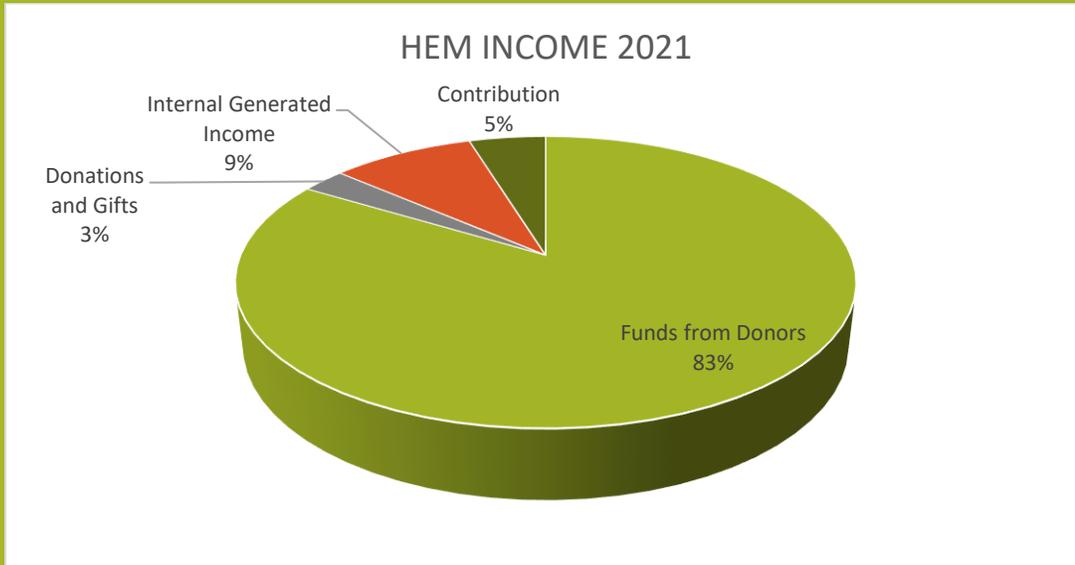


**HEM fruits
for total
orphans**

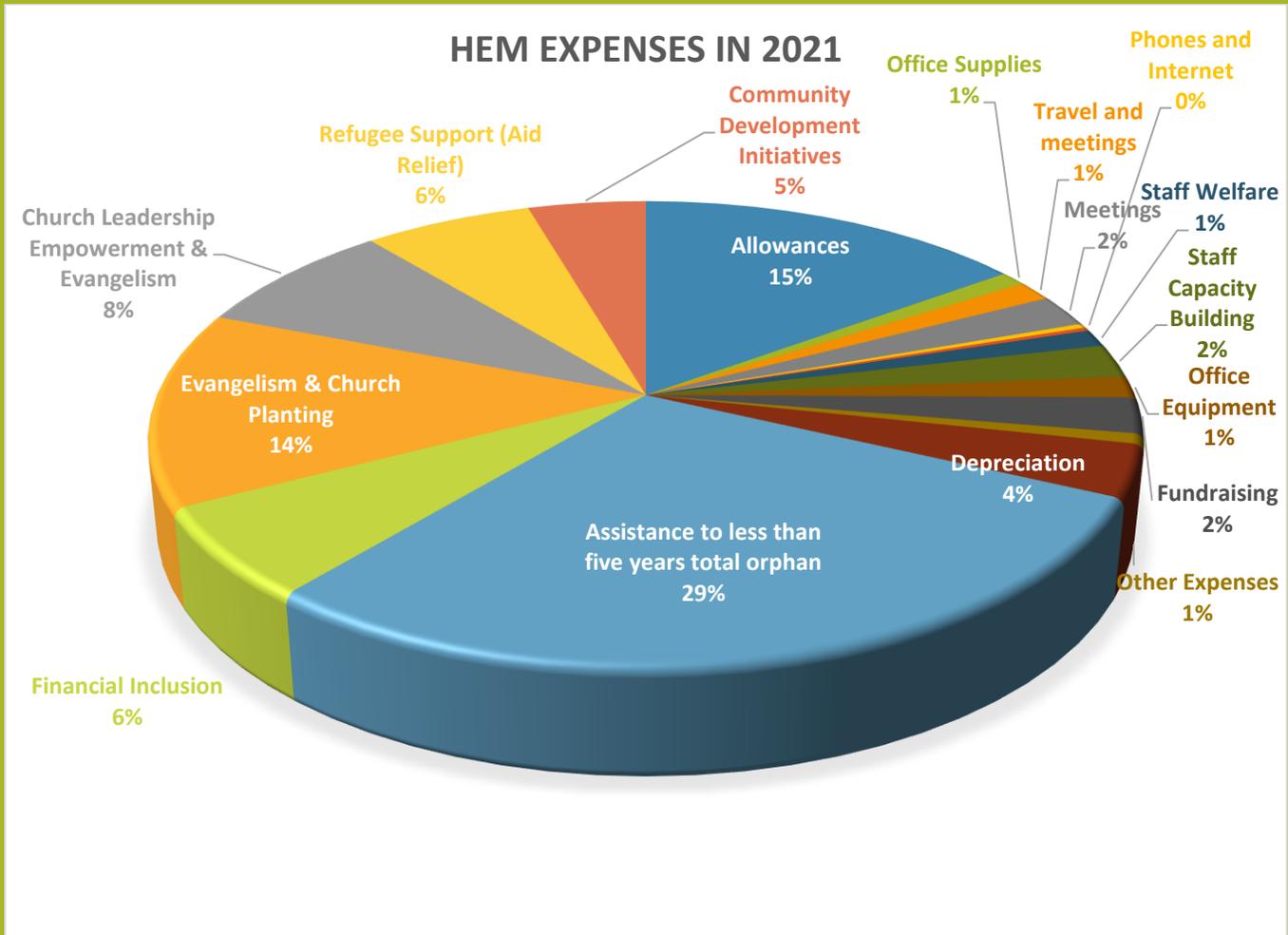


**These are healthy for children
especially orphans**

7. HEM Income Statement by Source



8. HEM Expenses Statement by Area



9. Our Vision for a Better Future for Refugee Communities

For a better future for refugee communities across Uganda, we see that care, counselling, professional trainings, and capacity building are essential because these things bring back hope and skills to people, while also helping many people to make money. That is what we do, and we shall continue to do. We are also always training trainers for future when we are not around. Financial inclusion training, and capital for start-ups are also among the main requirements needed because many people are not trained in hope to create income and in the use of money for successful life.

HEM shall continue to be a model organization for bringing back hope to vulnerable people, and in reaching many vulnerable persons in Uganda refugee settlements, and in future even in other African countries.

We shall continue to promote self-help, self-sustainability, and participatory (beneficiary and stakeholder involvement) so that they can do it even if the organization is no longer present. We shall continue and maintain our success through our commitment and core value which are: Hope, Excellence and Morality. We shall continue to maintain HEM uniqueness which is centered on utilizing the limited funds which are available to produce the greatest results possible. God shall help us!

10. Conclusion

As we approach the end of this report, we would like to give thanks to everyone, especially our donors who contributed to the progress that has been described in this report. May God - the Provider bless you all so much in 2022, so that you shall be able bless many also.

Really, enormous progress has been made in Uganda refugee settlements of Kyaka II, Nakivale, and Kyangwali, as well as in the Kampala urban refugee community in helping vulnerable people, especially total orphans. However, much still remains to be done particularly to achieve our goals of caring and educating vulnerable total orphans, while promoting women's financial inclusion, evangelism and church leadership empowerment.

As we look forward to making even more ambitions commitments towards our fellow refugees for family wellbeing, we request our partners OPM (Office of the Prime Minister), and UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), to go beyond receiving refugees, giving them small plots, and some small and limited basic supplies, but also to continue improving security and human rights when they welcome refugees, while also ensuring full respect for, and application of, the rules and regulations of international refugee law. Refugee initiatives through organizations like HEM were created to contribute to solve

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problems of fellow refugees, because as we and they know and better understand refugee problems than many others do. Please approach them, collaborate with them, and support them to better support the wellbeing of refugees in Uganda.

Together with our partners and stakeholders and beneficiaries, we shall continue in making progress which will result in improved standards of living, and free access to needed services for refugees.

HEM remains committed to working with other committed organizations, refugees and people of Uganda towards achieving the objectives shown in the Uganda vision plan 2040.

HEM Uganda will strive to be a partner of choice and excellence for all those working for the development and wellbeing of refugees in Uganda.

May God bless everyone's understanding of our urgent and continuing need for support!

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