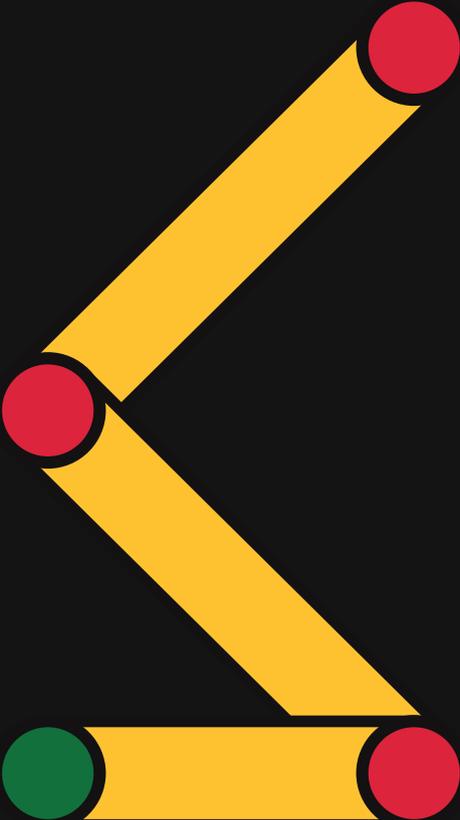


Hope St.

Annual Report

January - December 2020



A Note From the Hope St Team

As we in New Zealand lived through 2020 COVID-19 Alert Levels, there was disruption, change and different challenges for everyone. However, the changes and challenges facing the communities Hope St works with in Uganda, Kenya, Myanmar and Bulgaria were far more severe. Life is so very difficult for the children and communities Hope St works with, even more so during these times. Long pandemic lockdowns have seen schools and businesses closed and movement severely restricted. Many people have no work and food prices have soared. The pandemic has caused an increase in early teenage pregnancies and marriages, school dropout rates, robbery and theft, family breakup, hopelessness, depression, ill health, drug consumption and mental health disorders. Poverty levels have increased. Globally at least 120 million people have been plunged back into extreme poverty because of COVID, many of these in sub-Saharan Africa.*1

During 2020 we were reminded time and time again of the strengths of Hope St's approach. Now more than ever we are feeling blessed to be partnering with like-minded locals who share our heart, vision and values. They have all been adaptive and nimble, doing what they can under COVID-19 restrictions. Local capacity always has more effective impact, and is more important now than ever.

Hope St funded extra pandemic related community projects in 2020, such as self-study education materials, handwashing stations, agricultural tools and seeds, as well as equipping schools with masks, hand sanitiser and temperature guns, so they can reopen for students, and rice to disabled families in Nagaland.

While we work to support Hope St partners in Uganda, Kenya, Myanmar and Bulgaria during the COVID-19 pandemic, we haven't taken our eyes off their current projects or future-proof initiatives. Freeing our partners from dependence on international funding is still our long-term goal.

As Hope St community, let's commit to reaching out to our wider global community in these days. The children are our top priority. Let's ensure they are receiving proper care, along with all they need for a strong foundation.

Kia kaha, Kia maia, Kia manawanui
Be strong, be courageous, be patient

From all of us at Hope St



Jan Barker and Megan McPherson
Managing Directors

1. United Nations Financing for Sustainable Development Report 2021.

Who We Are

Identity

Hope Street Charitable Trust connects kiwis with impoverished children in our global village, changing children's lives by equipping passionate locals to transform their own communities.

Mission

Giving the most vulnerable children and communities hope for the future.

Values

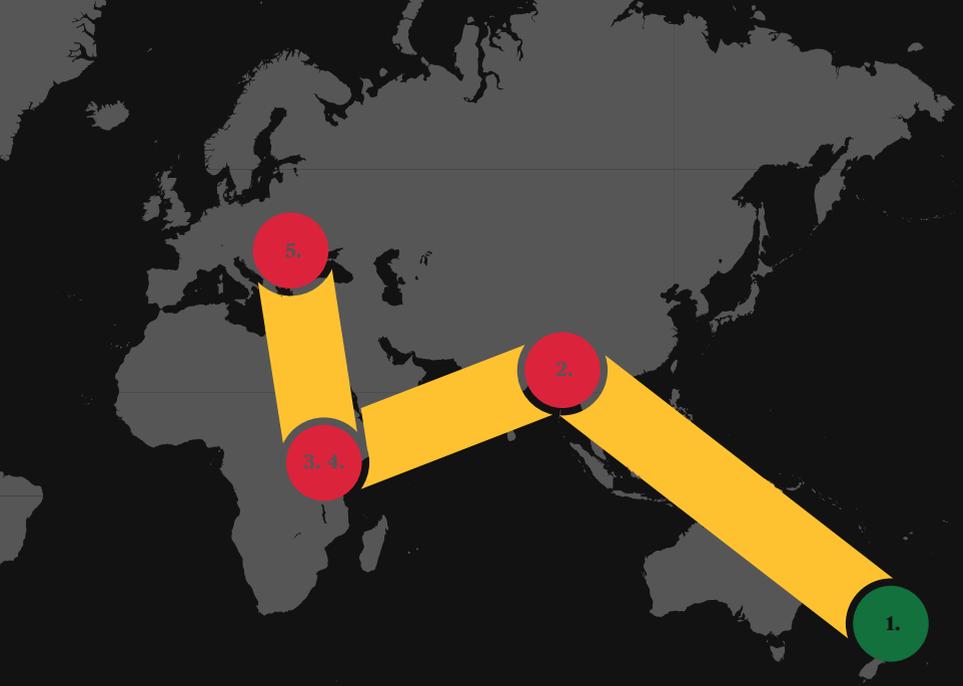
Hear God, Promote Justice, Maintain Transparency,
Encourage Partnership, Be Family, Embrace Innovation
Stay Informed.

Approach

- 1 Equip locals to transform their communities by providing training, resources, support and accountability.
- 2 Protect the vulnerable from neglect, trafficking and exploitation.
- 3 Future-proof initiatives to ensure long-term sustainability.

Below: Villages receive handwashing stations, soap and training from ORA Uganda in response to the pandemic.





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Where We Work

1. New Zealand ●

2. Myanmar 

3. Uganda 

4. Kenya 

5. Bulgaria 

-  Clean Water
-  Education
-  Health
-  Microfinance
-  Anti-trafficking
-  Social Business

● Monitoring and accountability, Training and support, Fundraising and resourcing, Sustainability.

Our Work at a Glance

Quality Education

Education plays a big part in lifting children and communities out of poverty. Hope St sponsored children are educated to a level where they can provide for themselves and others. Child sponsorship pays school fees and provides uniforms and school materials. Hope St also supports vocational training schools, local libraries and tutoring programs.

Health and Wellbeing

Poverty has many detrimental outcomes for children including ill health, hunger and malnutrition. 3.3 million children aged under 15 died in sub-Saharan Africa in 2018. Hope St provides health care for children, and primary health care education for their families and communities. *1

Clean Water

Hope St works alongside local communities and supports them to create their own safe water sources, lowering the rate of waterborne diseases and deaths.

Microfinance

Microfinance groups empower women with vulnerable families to provide the basic needs for their household such as food, shelter, clothing, medical care and education.

Anti-Trafficking

In the world of the extremely poor, children's freedom is often threatened. They are trafficked into the sex industry, conscripted as soldiers, or toil as cheap labour. Hope St supports nurturing homes for children at risk of being trafficked in Myanmar and Uganda. In Bulgaria we support a program educating orphaned teens and the women and children of Gypsy communities about the dangers of human trafficking.

Social Business

Hope St's goal is to enable our international partners to be less reliant on international funding. We encourage communities living in extreme poverty to generate their own income and become self-sufficient. We work alongside local partners to establish social businesses to overcome poverty, provide jobs, and locally fund child-focused social projects.

1. United Nations IGME Levels & Trends in Child Mortality 2019.

A Snapshot of the Year

ORA Uganda

Through ORA Uganda's child sponsorship program 160 children receive education, health care, life skills training and counselling. Due to pandemic restrictions most children did not attend school after March 2020. ORA Uganda printed learning packages for sponsored children and held small socially distancing events for the children. Health care was funded for all the sponsored children throughout the year, including a life changing operation in Entebbe for a child with a congenital hip disorder.

The residential care facility at the ORA Uganda base, which has capacity for 16 children, was home to five children before it was closed in March due to pandemic measures. In April one child returned to the home as she was not safe in her village home.

Six microfinance groups (48 women in total) completed the program in March 2020. No new groups were started due to pandemic restrictions. The face to face interactions with ORA Uganda staff give hope, courage and confidence to the microfinance group beneficiaries, and the program encourages communal work among members.

COVID-19 funding was given to the local Coronavirus district task force for diesel. COVID-19 programs also provided community education, handwashing stations, learning materials, farm tools and seeds. At least 87 families were helped. Later in the year some sponsorship funding was designated to equip 14 community schools to reopen, supplying temperature guns, masks and hand sanitiser. This means more than 1,000 students will be able to return safely to school in 2021.

Later in 2020, Hope St partially funded the building of a vocational school hostel for female students, and we are fundraising to complete the building. Funding was also forwarded for safe water projects that have not yet started due to pandemic restrictions.

Current Page: Coronavirus training day for ORA Uganda's sponsored children.

Next Page: Sponsored children receive seeds, soap and study materials during their lockdown at home. Villages receive handwashing stations, soap, and training from ORA Uganda in response to the pandemic.



Hope Focus Uganda

The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected Hope Focus activities in 2020. Due to a presidential order in March all Ugandan schools were closed and children's homes were ordered to send all children home. Most of the Hope Focus children did not have enough food in their homes. Some returned to the streets and engaged in casual labour to get food. A few returned daily to the Hope Focus home for food. Hope Focus distributed food and hygiene items to some families. Hope Focus also distributed self-study learning materials to primary and secondary students.

In September, nine children who had previously been living at the Hope Focus home were able to return. Academic testing was done for primary and secondary students and test results were reported to be promising. Towards the end of the year schools opened for students sitting major exams i.e. the last year of primary, 2 secondary class levels, and the final year of tertiary institutions.

Top Left: Hope Focus children forced by family to brew local drink during lockdown.

Top Right: Sponsored child receiving study materials during lockdown.

Below: Tutoring at Hope Focus.



Right: Hope Focus sponsored children receiving soap, toiletries, and study materials during the lockdown.

Living Waters Myanmar

As it was their annual holiday break, most Living Waters children had returned to extended family before COVID-19 pandemic restrictions such as closed internal checkpoints were introduced. Five children, along with Noah, Ruth and their own four biological children remained at the home. However, they were hungry as food prices increased significantly. Later in the year all children returned to their homes. Hope St COVID-19 Appeal funding was forwarded to Living Waters to meet their extra food costs, and to help them distribute food to needy families. In late 2020 funding was forwarded to start building a children's home on the land purchased in 2019. The funds sent are sufficient to at least build facilities comparable to the current rental property.



Right: Children's home under construction at Living Waters.



Chafisi
Kenya

Kenya has had several challenges in 2020, one after the other. Locusts, floods, and then Coronavirus. The economy has been distorted by these challenges. Prices have more than doubled. The closure of Kenya to tourists has led to many job losses. Schools closed on 16th March, and partially opened later in the year for students sitting exams. The government also instructed all the orphans to be sent home to relatives on 16th March. The children were weeping, saying “we are going home, but what will we eat ” The food situation for the children in their homes worsened. Throughout the year the staff at the orphanage and school have had little support. Hope St supported food for needy families and staff, and requirements for opening the school in the pandemic e.g. thermo-guns.



Right: Distribution of maize flour during lockdown in Kenya.

LOGOS
Bulgaria

Bulgaria is the poorest country in EU, with a poor health system, few facilities, doctors, nurses, equipment or medicines, so has struggled during the COVID-19 pandemic. Anti-trafficking education work stalled due to pandemic restrictions. LOGOS could not hold any seminars or presentations at conferences as all gatherings were forbidden. Later in the year LOGOS was able to distribute some trafficking awareness brochures to people on the streets, and also to young people at summer camps. Training schools continued through online learning, which suited some students. However, others were unable to attend as they had no IT devices. A new project was started with Gypsy children unable to access online classes provided during lockdown as they had no computer access. LOGOS also distributed food and hygiene materials to families in need.



Left: Sponsored child in Uganda receiving study materials, soap and seeds during lockdown.

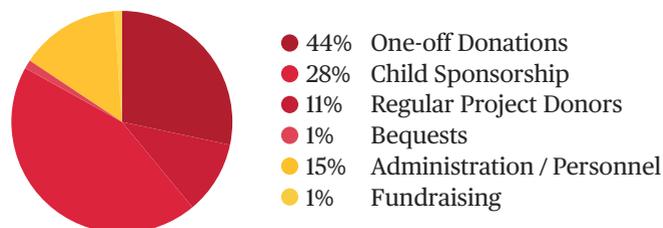
Right: Distribution of trafficking awareness brochures in Bulgaria.

Financial Review

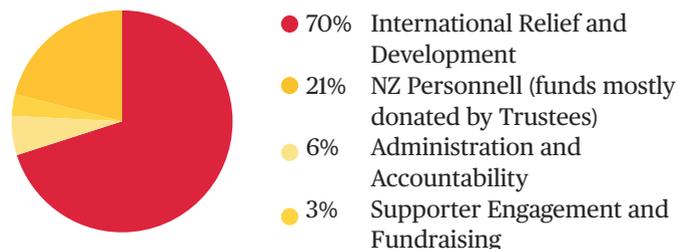
We are pleased to present a summary of Hope St's 2020 financial accounts.

We thank our donors and sponsors for their financial contributions throughout 2020, for investing in the lives of the poorest of the poor. Thank you all for partnering with us as we equip locals to transform their communities, protect the vulnerable from neglect, trafficking and exploitation, and work with Hope St's international partners on future-proof initiatives.

Income Sources



Expenditure



NZ Personnel Costs

The Trustees donated funds in 2019 and 2020 to cover most of the personnel costs.

Administration and Supporter Engagement Costs

Expense ratios are the amount spent on administration and promotional work as a percentage of total expenditure. Less than 20% of Project donations are spent on administration and promotional work in New Zealand.

Income and Expenditure

Income	2020	2019
Child Sponsorship Donations	58,647	57,095
Regular Project Donations	21,874	27,087
One-off Donations	91,153	123,820
Bequests	2,500	0
Administration/Personnel Donations	30,194	42,999
Other Income:		
Fundraising	2,235	0
Interest	111	254
Total Income	206,714	251,254

Expenditure	2020	2019
International Relief and Development	153,099	164,044
NZ Personnel (funds mostly donated by Trustees)	45,908	55,003
Supporter engagement / Fundraising	12,499	18,792
Administration and Accountability	6,890	13,917
Total Expenditure	218,396	251,756

2020 International Partner Funding	2020	2019
LOGOS Bulgaria	6,396	4%
Hope Focus, Uganda	18,427	12%
Living Waters, Myanmar	47,445	30%
ORA Uganda	74,804	49%
Chafisi Kenya	3,716	3%
Nagaland COVID-19 rice	1,336	1%
Project Monitoring	975	1%
Total International Project Funding	153,099	

Project Funds not Paid Out at 31 December 2020

ORA Uganda	3,260
Hope Focus, Uganda	5,427
Living Waters, Myanmar	5,562
LOGOS Bulgaria	44
Anti-trafficking Undesignated	98
Undesignated	4,324
Total Project Funds Not Paid Out	18,715

Our full financial report is available on request from info@hopestreet.org
 Figures presented are in New Zealand dollars.
 Hope St's financial year is 1 January to 31 December.

Our Big Thank You

On behalf of all the children and communities Hope St worked with in Uganda, Kenya, Bulgaria, Myanmar and Nagaland during 2020, we would like to thank every person who partnered with Hope St to change children's lives and equip passionate locals to transform their own communities. Thank you to those who have supported us financially, prayerfully and through volunteering.

In 2020 Hope St volunteers donated over 4,000 hours of their time, and we cannot begin to express just how much of a difference this has made to our work. We are also very thankful for the ongoing commitment of our dedicated Board members who give their time and support so willingly.

Finally, we would like to thank our international partners, the people who do the real mahi with the children and communities supported by Hope St. Thank you for all your hard work in 2020, for your heart and vision, reporting and support.

Feedback

We appreciate your feedback, including ideas on how Hope St can improve the way we work.

Please email your feedback or concerns to info@hopestreet.org or phone 0800 HOPE NZ.

Accountability

Hope Street Charitable Trust is registered Charity #CC24875 and a signatory to the Council for International Development (CID) Code of Conduct, a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice. Hope St is committed to the CID Code and the Code complaints handling process.



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