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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



CO-FOUNDER & CEO, Evelyn Nassuna

When we started Shared Action Africa in January 2014 with a focus on financial inclusion, we never imagined that we would grow into an organization that employs an integrated development approach to address the interconnected and complex problems faced by over 8000 rural youth and women and refugee communities in Uganda.

During 2019, we have been successful with have been successful with linking our financial inclusion program with activities aimed at increasing access to family planning as well skills building in natural resource management and climate change justice for rural women and youth in Uganda

We take this opportunity to thank all our staff, volunteers, donors, collaborators and fiscal sponsor for your commitment and support throughout 2019

MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE & REDUCING ENERGY POVERTY

Climate Justice & Energy



152 Women owned eateries and refugee households accessed energy efficient Cook stoves through our programs In 2019

Our Climate Justice and Energy program enables women owned eateries in public markets, and refugee communities access energy efficient cook stoves thus reducing forest degradation, indoor air pollution and carbon emissions. Uptake and use of energy efficient cookstoves allows increased cooking fuel cost savings leaving households with more disposable income and allowing them to invest more in their futures. In 2019, we accomplished the following;

Women owned eateries that adopted the eco-stoves that utilize volcanic rocks for cooking fuel experienced reduction in energy costs by over 99%, while reducing energy costs, carbon and air pollution. We also distributed energy efficient cookstoves to 50 refugee households reducing the amount of traditional biomass used for cooking.

IMPACT STORY

This is Ms. Nalongo Kinene, the women entrepreneurs” leader and champion for the uptake and use of Eco-stoves by her peers owning eateries in Nakawa Community Market. Access to the eco-stove by the women owned eateries was realized with support of our donors that capitalized the Shared Action Africa’s Fund and enabled the provision of affordable EcoStove loans to women small business owners. Prior to adopting the Eco-stove, Nalongo and her peers relied on traditional biomass, thus spending on average \$55 a month on charcoal as a cooking fuel. Since adopting

the energy efficient coostove, she spends \$1.10 a month because the volcanic rocks that have replaced the charcoal burn for a long time without having to be replace, thus reducing the cost of cooking fuel, while emitting less carbon and promoting efficient cooking.

*“Thank you Shared Action Africa for providing me a low interest loan with flexible repayment terms, because using the eco-stove, my energy expenses reduced by 99% thus significantly increasing my monthly revenue.
Ms. Nalongo Kinene*



Nalongo Kinene at her Eatery in Nakawa Market. She is one of the reason we do what we do.

CREATING A MORE INCLUSIVE ECONOMY

Rural Financial Inclusion

1784 Women and youth mobilized savings, and received credit, financial literacy education, business skills development, and saving and credit in 2019

Our Rural Financial Inclusion program focuses on increasing access to community development financial services for rural women and youth through savings aggregation, mobile money technology, financial literacy education and business skills development aimed to boost the rural economy. In 2019, we accomplished the following.

We provided technical assistance and financial literacy and business skills training to our program participants including refugee women and youth in Nakivale Refugee Settlement. We supported rural women and youth in central and southwestern Uganda to form savings and lending groups.



IMPACT STORY

Isma and Ida Kawooya belong to Agaliawamu Savings and Lending Group, and since 2016 they have joined other 32 members of the informal group to pool their saving and make loans to each to meet their respective financial business needs. The members of Agaliawamu Savings and lending group nominated Isma to serve as Secretary to the group, and as such received training in leadership and financial record keeping from SAA. Likewise, he as benefitted from ongoing technical assistance that has helped him improve his financial management and business record keeping.

Similarly, Isma and Ida have used the skills acquired in record keeping and personal financial management to make profits from their timber business having learnt how to manage to manage business finances better through improved record keeping and better management of external debt.

“My husband and I are grateful for the training we were provided on how to plan and manage our business. Since we started receiving record keeping training, we have seen revenue from our timber business increase exponentially”
Ida Kawooya



Mr. and Mrs. Isma receive personal business coaching at their business premises from SAA’s financial and business skills trainer

PROMOTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH FOR WOMEN & YOUTH

Family Planning Services



1023 received family information, referrals, family planning methods and cervical cancer screening services in 2019

Our family planning program focuses on addressing the unmet need for family planning for refugee communities in Nakivale Refugee Settlement in Uganda. Therefore our interventions in 2019 mainly focused on reducing the supply and demand barriers to accessing family planning by the refugee communities in need. In 2019 we accomplished the following;

We provided 12 frontline workers with specialized skills so that they provide quality family planning and cervical cancer screening to refugee women and youth. We provided 1023 refugee women and youth family planning information, referral services, short-term and long-term family methods and cancer screening services.

IMPACT STORY

Harriet Amongi a registered midwife working with Rwekubo Health Centre VI received specialized training aimed at providing quality family planning and cervical cancer screening services to refugee communities in Nakivale Refugee Settlement. Harriet appreciated the training provided by SAA because it was her first specialized training on family planning methods since graduating 8 years ago from nursing school. As result of the training,

she is better qualified and equipped to provide family planning counselling, as well as administer both shorter and long term family planning methods including IUDs and cervical cancer screening.

The training on family planning methods and cervical cancer screening will go along way in helping us provide quality services to our clients. But my prayer is that you continue to support restocking of family planning commodities by the health centers in Nakivale Refugee settlement”



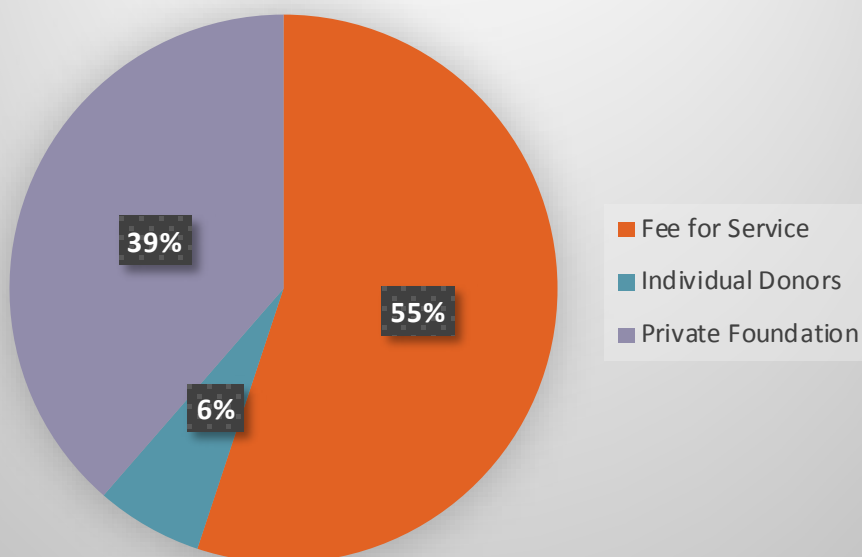
Harriet educating members of Nakivale Tailoring Association about Family planning such that they can make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health.

2019 FINANCIALS

Revenue	Amount
Fee for Service	\$45,046
Individual Donors	\$5,157
Private Foundations	\$31,563

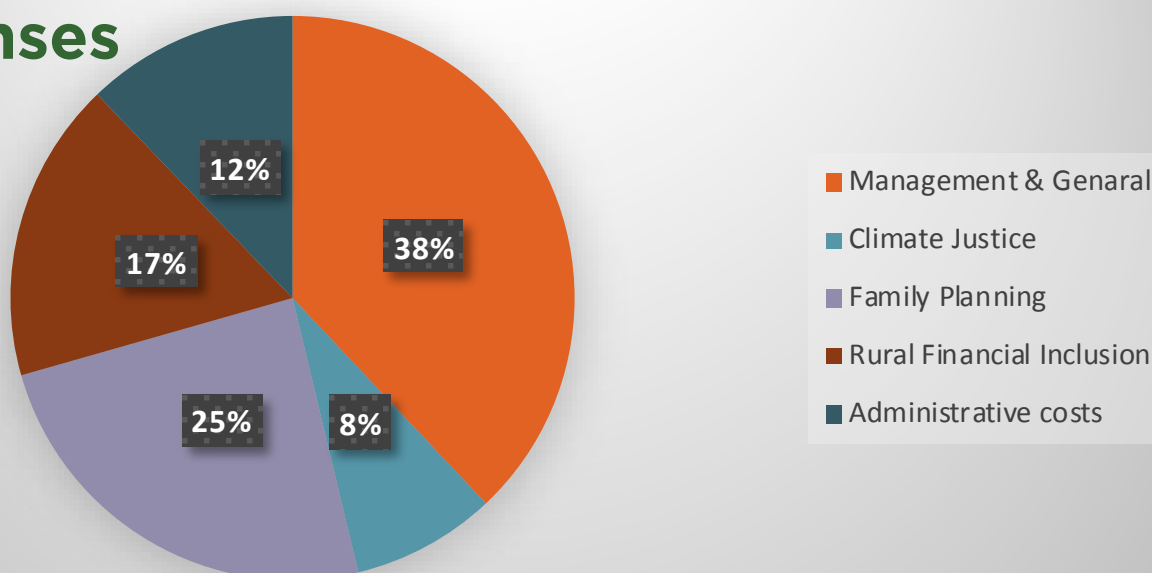
SAA earned \$45,046 from consulting, \$31,563 from private foundations, and \$5,157 from individual donors.

Revenues



Expenses	Amount
Management and General	\$18,673
Administrative costs	\$5,984
Climate Justice and Energy	\$4,068
Rural Financial Inclusion	\$8,480
Family Planning	\$11,965

Expenses



THANK YOU

We are grateful to all our donors for enabling us innovate in our programming and meet the needs of the communities we serve. Thank you One World Children's Fund, West Foundation, Preston-Werner Ventures, Donor Circle for Africa (Silicon Valley Community Foundation), Global Greengrants, and our individual donors for supporting our mission.

Likewise, we thank all our supporters for making all our amazing achievements possible this year.



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Not everyone can make a financial contribution, and we therefore appreciate your contribution through the various ways such as the following;

- Volunteer with the Youth Entrepreneurship and Workforce Development Program
- Volunteer with the Women Business Development and Mentoring Program

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