



SAFE HOUSE
BUILDING PROJECT
UGANDA

2024

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

WE BELIEVE A HOME IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT. A SAFE HOME IS THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH OUR LIVES ARE BUILT. IT OPENS THE DOOR TO EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND IS THE BASIS OF STRONG COMMUNITIES.

Due to high levels of poverty in Uganda, many families have no access to decent shelter. We serve in marginalized and rural areas that have scarce access to quality education and support for its vulnerable populations, namely orphaned children. Therefore, our primary beneficiaries are critically needy and disadvantaged children that lack adequate food, proper shelter, and healthcare. These children also require an education that can ensure they thrive as individuals who are able to contribute to a strong and prosperous future for Uganda.

COVID-19 has made situations worse for rural households including elderly, orphans and single mothers with young children. The coronavirus pandemic forced us all to seek refuge at home. But for millions, that simply wasn't possible. These low-income families have no stable source of income, and are unable to build a house of their own. Having a safe house they can call their own protects them from indecent exposure of bathing outside, limits access to rodents and disease, reduces the risk of theft and invasion, and shelters from harsh dry and rainy seasons.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE:

***CLASSED AS 'VULNERABLE' MAY BE BECAUSE OF DISABILITY, SERIOUS PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, DOMESTIC ABUSE, ORPHANED WITH NO MATURE CARETAKER, EXTREME POVERTY DUE TO LACK OF INCOME, OR POTENTIALLY HOMELESS DUE TO A FIRE, FLOOD OR OTHER DISASTER.**

The project will contribute sustainably to the improvement of living standards of the underprivileged. Better housing for vulnerable* families will drastically improve health and sanitation conditions in the long term for the whole community, including reducing the impact of sickness such as typhoid and malaria.



VETTING THE DESERVING FAMILIES:

THE VETTING OF DESERVING FAMILIES WILL CONSIDER THREE (3) FAMILIES WHO MEET THE CRITERIA AS ELIGIBLE, WITH THE REJECTION OF TWO (2) WHO WILL BE UNSUCCESSFUL. REJECTED CANDIDATES STILL QUALIFY TO REAPPLY AND TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ALTERNATE PROJECTS OR FUTURE SAFE HOUSE BUILDS.

Vetting deserving families will be conducted by a committee of four people. In compliance with the CRA on gifting houses, this vetting process will select the successful candidate for the building project. Herein, vetting shall include, without limitation, an interview and site visit, as well as asking questions about status of parents/ caregivers, number of siblings, children's behavior (including asking about children with special needs and the age of the children), working income, food security, who lives in the home, current shelter conditions, school proximity, how children are disciplined and supervised, and access to public transportation.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:



Sarah Seage
Missionary and family advocate. Residing part time in Canada and part time in Uganda. Overseer of student education and family care. Project site evaluator and fundraiser.



Ronald Mutesasira
NGO accountant and child advocate. Residing full time in Uganda. Leadership staff at Passion High School and accounts manager. Project site manager and translator.



Claudia Petersen
Teacher, trainer and child advocate. Residing part time in Canada and part time in Uganda. Advisor and contributor to project evaluation.



Andrew Kayiwa
Teacher and NGO worker for women's rights and justice. Residing full time in Uganda. Family visitor, student councilor, translator, and site supervisor.



PHASES OF DEVELOPMENT:

THE PROPOSED BUILDING PROJECT WILL BE A 4 ROOM LIVING SHELTER

The land will be surveyed to distinguish boundaries of ownership and establish land maps. An engineer and construction contractor will establish the plans, materials and final building quotation. The proposed structure will be a brick home complete with a leak proof iron sheet roof, concrete floors, plastered walls, indoor bathing room and a covered cooking space. Metal doors and windows, as well as metal bed frames will be included.

Compound will include pit latrines, and an underground septic biodigester system. We will run electricity/ solar into the home and install a water collection system and tank to harvest rainwater with gutters.

\$20,000
USD

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\$27,050
CAD





TO QUALIFY FOR HOUSING

TO QUALIFY FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROVIDED THROUGH THIS SAFE HOUSE BUILDING PROJECT, DESERVING FAMILIES MUST MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. A MANDATORY INTERVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED AND AN ASSESSMENT EVALUATION WILL BE MADE.

Through visitation, relationship and inspection of low-income status we can greater ensure that assistance is provided only to those households most in need.

Deserving families must be within Uganda. They must have school aged children under 21 years residing in their care. The guardian or eldest caretaker should provide personal identification documentation such as a Ugandan national ID. Property or land should be in the names of the parent, guardian or eldest child. Families will be assessed of physical, emotional and educational needs. The children's age, sex, cultural and religious background and other characteristics which are specific to the child and the wider family will be judged. At risk of suffering pertaining to poverty, abuse, teen pregnancy, neglect or family HIV status may be evaluated. The capabilities to work and earn income by each parent/ guardian, and any other person in charge of providing care will be considered. Households that include extra persons such an elderly, ill or disabled will be weighed.

CANDIDATES 2022-2023:

Eligible families were vetted April, May, June 2022



Jajja Olivia

Elderly grandmother caring for 5 grandchildren in swamp land one bedroom shanty shelter. All children registered for school, but limited income for care.



Kevin and Joshua

Orphaned brothers with no caregiver living apart due to no family structure. Eldest boarding at a vocational training school, while youngest stays with an ill grandmother outside the city.



Mama Nanteza

Single mother with three children lives separated from her oldest two sons as she cares for her youngest daughter in a rented room about 1 hour away. Eldest boy stays alone while second son attends school near an aunts home.



FUNDRAISING:



By Cheque -Mailing Address
Great Commission Foundation
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CANADA

The proposed project start date is September 2023 for phase 1 of land development.

Fundraising efforts will be tax receiptable to donors when given through:

The Great Commission Foundation
Business No: 859928483RR0001 CRA registered charity.
Project Name: Life on Mission/ Sarah Seage #728

More options online
<https://lifelifeonmission.wixsite.com/sarah/donate>

CONCLUSION:

SELECTED DESERVING FAMILY CHOSEN FOR SAFE HOME BUILD

The selection Committee has decided that Jajja Olivia and family are the best qualified recipients for the safe house building project. Based on the criteria and qualifications for the project all committee members reviewed and evaluated the applications and interviews. . All committee members indicated that they were in unanimous agreement with the evidence that Jajja was the best qualified candidate.

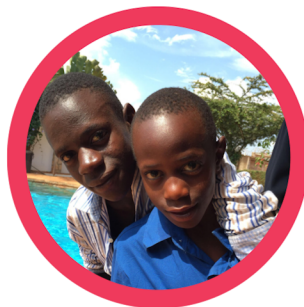
JUSTIFICATION ON DECISION:

Committee selects Jajja Olivia as the family most eligible for the safe house project.



Jajja Olivia

- Elderly caregiver unable to make living income to sustain care
- 5 children school aged
- Land is owned and available
- mainly girls with higher risk



Kevin and Joshua

- No adult caretaker to provide supervision
- no family member identified
- no land currently
- two boys
- boarding could remain the current solution for eldest



Mama Nanteza

- Mother not present to conduct proper assessment
- eldest son able bodied for potential work
- no land
- mother caring for young girl
- current rental sufficient



SELECTED DESERVING FAMILY ASSESSMENT EVALUATION:

| Category | Details | Eligible? | Severity |
|--|---|-----------|----------|
| Primary Caretaker | Grandmother Jajja Olivia | Y | |
| Interview Date | April 6, 2022 | | |
| Names/ Ages or Grades | Florence - S4 Olivia - S1 Helen- P7 Alex - P6 Presca - P1 | Y | |
| Low income status | Yes | Y | High |
| Vulnerability | Poverty, orphaned children, females with no protection, | Y | High |
| Disability | | | |
| Physical or mental health | | | |
| Domestic abuse or violence or risk of exploitation | If girls do not remain in school, risk of sexual exploitation or child marriage | Y | High |
| Fire, flood or disaster relief | Land is situated in a swamp zone, thus flash flooding | Y | Medium |
| Current shelter condition | Shanty, leaking tin roof, one bedroom, no foundation, rats, high risk for malaria and typhoid | Y | High |
| Shelter location | Ganda, Nansana, Kampala Uganda | Y | |
| Proximity to school | 30-40 min walk | Y | |
| Families culture and religion | Buganda Christian | | |
| Sources of income | Jajja works in a maize flour factory when shifts are available. Selling charcoal on the street | Y | |
| Elderly persons | Grandmother caretaker | Y | |



CONSTRUCTION:

Phase 1

1. Land verification
2. Foundation and Site preparation
3. Structural brick work
4. Roofing
5. Floors
6. Toilet pit latrine bathroom
7. Septic biodigester
8. Ceiling work
9. Door + Window fixing

Phase 2

1. Water tank collection and gutters
2. Plastering inside
3. Plastering outside
4. Tiling
5. Veranda setting + finishing
6. Furniture + living necessities
7. Electricity/ Solar

BUDGET:

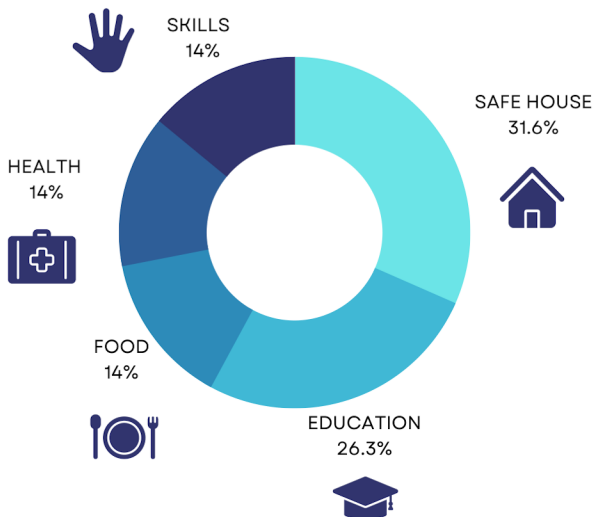
| # | ITEM | AMOUNT UGX |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Phase 1 | | |
| 1 | Structure | 12,000,000 |
| 2 | Roofing | 10,000,000 |
| 3 | Ceiling | 7,000,000 |
| 4 | Iron works | 5,000,000 |
| 5 | Plastering | 6,000,000 |
| 6 | Outdoor bathroom | 8,000,000 |
| 7 | Biodigester | 2,500,000 |
| Phase 2 | | |
| 8 | Water harvesting system | 13,000,000 |
| 9 | Tiling | 2,000,000 |
| 10 | Furniture | 5,000,000 |
| 11 | Electricity/ Solar | 5,000,000 |

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MATERIALS | USD \$14,760 CAD \$19,880 | 55,000,000 |
| LABOUR | USD \$5,320 CAD \$7,160 | 20,000,000 |
| GRAND TOTAL | USD \$20,070 CAD \$27,050 | Ugandan 75,500,000 |



ONE YEAR PLAN:

Once the safe house project is funded and commenced there will be constant site supervision and project management until the family moves into the new shelter. It is our hope that throughout the year the family is monitored and the need assessment revised. Past candidates as well as new identified families are then eligible to apply for additional safe house projects and vital family care plans.



THREE YEAR PLAN:

With education being a secondary concern after safe housing for the sponsored children in these vulnerable homes, we would then aim to continue enrollment into local primary and secondary schools. Once we assess that the safe house family is at a place of suitable support, including adequate feeding, healthcare, and living necessities then we would plan to expand to an additional safe house project. Applications for candidate families would be received and further vulnerability need assessments would be conducted for those that qualify.

FIVE YEAR PLAN:

We would aim to have three additional safe homes built for eligible deserving families by the end of 2028. We would expand our reach from 9 sponsored students to attend school to 18. Our capacity to advocate within a holistic approach with vulnerable children and marginalized families would increase with the addition of social work and counselling. The primary focus of these efforts is to build an authentic relationship with children which will lead to child empowerment and greater community development.

