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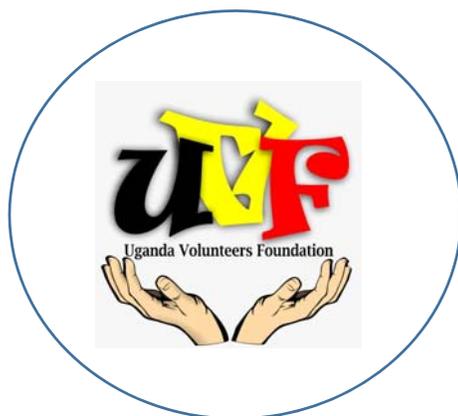
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FRONT COVER PHOTO: Some of the children we support through education, in Nakawuka village, central Uganda, during a UVF education monitoring program.



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We use education and Volunteerism as a weapon to fighting poverty and change people's attitude towards the voiceless.

UVF invests in the well-being and fundamental rights of marginalized groups of people, communities, undermined. Conversely, when children have a fair chance to grow up healthy, educated, protected and loved, we reap collective rewards that change lives as they change the world. If women are empowered or educated the whole nation is because women are the main figure in the lives of children. For more than 7 years, UVF has done whatever it takes to empower children, women and communities most disadvantaged – with opportunities to fulfil their vast potential. Opportunities through education for quality learning and protection from harm. For inclusion in society, free from bias and discrimination.

We do this work because we believe in children's and women's rights. But we also want all communities to benefit from the incredible opportunities offered by each new generation.

Opportunities to tap fresh ideas that can solve daunting technological and poverty problems, fueling social and economic transformation. To build stability and peace in a Time of turmoil and relentless change.

In 2018 – as the following pages demonstrate – UVF and its network of committed partners and volunteers worked tirelessly to realize these opportunities. We responded by educating over 3000 community members, women and children through our outreach programs for education, economic empowerment, and livelihoods.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS MESSAGE



For my years as Executive Director, I have witnessed first-hand skills and dedication of UVF team and volunteers. Many of them do so in some of the hardest conditions.

In a period of financial constraints, we strive harder, in a period marked by heightened scrutiny of aid organizations, upholding UVF's high standards of integrity and transparency in all that we do is essential.

There is much work to be done, of course. UVF will need stable, predictable and flexible support to carry out our ambitious new Strategic Plan and – looking further ahead – the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The results we achieve will not happen by themselves. They will happen because of our generous donors, volunteers and strong public-private partnerships. Such partnerships combine the science, innovation, market reach, and research and development of businesses with the influence and levels of governments and the hands-on experience of non-profits. Businesses, governments and non-profits know the value of supporting healthier, better educated and more prosperous populations.

Working jointly to realize our goals, we will also have to widen our focus. In recent years, the world has successfully rallied around the health and development of children & women – significantly reducing preventable school dropouts among children under age 10, among other achievements. Those efforts will continue, but now we must do even more as children grow into adolescence and young adulthood. We cannot in good conscience invest in the first years of children's lives and assume this will secure their long-term prosperity. Today's 1.5 billion adolescents present an important opportunity to make targeted and timely investments that can pay enormous dividends, for them and for us all.

To solve these, UVF is pursuing an agenda that calls for every young person to be in school, learning, training or employment in 2030. The agenda will encompass a range of partners – including governments, the private sector, academia, civil society and

young people themselves. Together, we will co-create, fund and scale up innovative approaches to expanding digital and classroom education, life and work skills. This is an opportunity we cannot afford to miss. It is particularly critical for the most vulnerable, including girls, women, children and those living through poorest conditions. of demographics ... a crisis of education ... a crisis of unemployment ... a crisis of girls' empowerment. Indeed, it is a calling of our time? As members of the UVF family, we look forward to building on the achievements of our predecessors and bringing our common vision closer to reality. Today's young generation deserves nothing less than this: opportunity, for every child to get an education, because it's the only solution to cut down the poverty rate.



In the photo are the UVF children on literacy program, after receiving books donated to them.

Executive Summary

Although 2018 may have been a relatively difficult year for the UVF, 2018 also marks the beginning of significant organizational changes, and therefore a turning point in the history of the UVF. It has been a difficult year because the organization has had to struggle with financial difficulties.

Our strategic Plan for the next five years was well received by our partners, during a roundtable meeting in June. The team in charge immediately started to work on the implementation of this strategic plan of action while the facilitators focused on the financing of it. These activities are outlined in the paper. As of June 2018, our new members have been directly involved in the everyday management and supervision of the Secretariat. This is due to the relieving of all duties from the director, who has been having a lot on her plate. The staffing and skills requirements for an effective and efficient International Secretariat, decided to recruit more members. The recruitment process for this began in mid-2018 and the positions have now been filled.

One can thus say that at the end of 2018, UVF was in a much stronger position to pursue its defined vision and priorities, in spite of the challenges of the past.

ACHIEVED RESULTS

During the period of the 2018, UVF and partners achieved significant results that provided thousands of children, women and communities with the chance to achieve their potential.

1. More children from the poorest households attended primary school, we managed to enrolled more children to school by the support of our Irish volunteers.



In the picture some of the children we sponsored to school this year.

2. UVF also led an increase in global investment in early childhood development and contributed to an accelerated decline in child marriage.



Above are some of the girls we support through education to avoid early marriages and pregnancies, this was during their revision for exams

3. More women were enrolled to our empowerment programs by 80%, with the savings, craft and art classes, setup business circle.



Above is dream one of our volunteers taking some empowerment classes with UVF women

4. We also acquired land for construction of UVF School, which will commence as soon as we get funds.
Uganda Volunteers Foundation is establishing a school for over 188 vulnerable children which will consist of primary and tertiary institution we exist to equip the most vulnerable children with the cheapest education to enable all of them get educated and be able to fight the circle of poverty and have bright futures.

Our Story

In 2016 Uganda Volunteers Foundation, with the kind support of Ms. Sandy Bevan, launched weekend classes for 200 needy children, who did not attend school at that time. All these kids wanted was to go to school full time, but they had no money allowing them to do this. Some of them were orphans, others lived

with their mothers who had been abandoned by their husbands. There was no such thing as support from the government for these families, and what little money they had went towards buying food and paying for water.

These young kids dreamt of being doctors, teachers and engineers one day, and all they ever asked for was to be able to go to school. UVF couldn't send them all to school, so instead we decided to at least make sure they can read and write.

The focus of the classes was literacy and numeracy, to try and give these children some chance to succeed in life.

We have been able to send some of these kids to school full time through the help of volunteers from Ireland and Israel but so many are now staying home after the two years' literacy program with a school we patterned with.

This bothered our founder Eva so much that she decided to acquire land with her life savings to be able to build a bigger school to accommodate and educate all these children at a cheaper cost, because Eva believes education is the tool to fighting poverty. This project kicks off as soon as possible.

Please donate if you can towards the construction of the UVF School, and please take a look at www.uvfo.org to see what else we do.

5. UVF Charity Stores were also launched, UVF Charity Stores started as a sustainable source of income for The UVF School, we say if you don't need anything in your house donate to UVF, we sort it out and turn it into cash. Here we collected all kinds of used stuff from furniture, books, clothes, resell to earn money in order to kick start this project, in the same store we sell crafts made by UVF women groups like baskets, mats, bags etc.

6. Construction of the dormitory at our partner school, we are thankful to our June-July 2017 volunteer group for raising money to help construct a building/dormitory in our partner/supported school, Entebbe Road Primary for vulnerable children this is a home to 150 underprivileged kids from the ages of 3 to 14 years old, they will be living in this dorm only during school days and during holidays, the kids live with their families/guardians because UVF is encouraging children to grow up in family settings rather than institutionalization. The money raised managed to roof and plaster the dormitory all round.



Above are some of the many children supported by UVF, posing for a picture as a message to thank one of our volunteers Ferdia who fundraised for a construction of dormitory.



In the picture is the domatry constructed by UVF in a partner school

7. Moved UVF offices to our permanent premises, we relocated our head offices in Namuzi zone, Ssisa village, Kajjansi town council, it's our permanent residence that we hope to hold all our projects.

Our achievements statistics for financial year 2018 are stated below.

- a. Education and Literacy beneficiaries covered -**3000** children & women.
- b. Women who benefited through the empowerment program-**1000**.
- c. Households supported with basic needs -**500**.
- d. Volunteers hosted- **100**

These successes occurred even as we had some financial crisis Education for children, empowerment of women and communities was put as the first priority.

CHILDREN:

In this year UVF increased its support for early childhood development & adolescence, In February 2018, we came up with a resolution citing early childhood education As one of the measures needed to prevent violent conflict and foster social cohesion. As a next step, UVF developed early childhood education standards for dissemination in 2019. At the same time, we responded to the particular needs of crisis-affected adolescents by equipping partners to deliver psychosocial support and engage with these young people in meaningful ways. For adolescents exposed to conflict and upheaval, such support can help unlock their potential as powerful agents for positive change.

ADOLSCENTS

Beyond its interventions in children's early years, UVF has increasingly Focused on the wellbeing of young people through the second decade of life. In 2018, for the first time, the organization took part in producing mortality estimates for children Between the ages of 5 and 14. The data showed that injuries and non-communicable diseases accounted for half of those deaths.

Adolescent girls face higher risks of adverse pregnancy than adult women and require special attention. In 2018, 20 districts provided at least four antenatal visits for at least 75 per cent of mothers aged 15–19. Eighty per cent of live births to adolescents Were attended by skilled birth attendants in 15 districts.

In addition, we advocate for increased governmental budget allocations towards reducing adolescent pregnancy. More than 30 districts have complied with this recommendation. In 2018, UVF also continued its cross-sectorial efforts to reduce adolescent HIV infection, and embarked on new research and resource allocation to address young peoples Mental health.

ADVOCACY & ENGAGEMENT

We coordinated advocacy, public engagement, fundraising and communication Efforts in 2018, there were key achievements in all as below, Every Child Alive! (We focused on child education and survival), Early Moments Matter (early childhood development), END violence (all forms of violence against children and women) These achievements included an inaugural World Children's Day celebrated in five districts four thousand supporters Endorsed our Agenda for action to protect vulnerable women & children, digital communication networks that reached 1000 people around Uganda and engaged More than 6000 people to take action for children and young people.

PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY

In 2018, UVF took on partnering with the private sector and deepening public-sector cooperation, we accelerated programmatic interventions and advocacy while driving new research, development and innovation. As a result, UVF is actively involved in the 'frontier issues' that are changing the world, including biotechnology, cyberspace and artificial intelligence. Each new arena offers the promise of innovative solutions to the challenges of equitable development.

HUMANITARIAN WORK

Poverty has forced children and women out of their homes and exposed them to violence, exploitation, malnutrition and disease. In this year UVF through its sponsors managed to distribute food stuff, clothing and other basic needs to over 500 households and camps.

EQUITY IN EDUCATION

The international community that ushered in the ambitious SDG targets for 2030 made a commitment to 'inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all.' In that spirit, UVF and partners continued to make equity in education a priority in 2018. But out of school children and young people were still disproportionately from the most marginalized and excluded populations. Marginalization begins early, roughly half of preschool-age children country wide are not enrolled in early childhood education. Even with 79 per cent of children from the poorest households now attending primary school, access to quality education is far from equitable for those who have disabilities; live in remote areas, are from poor families or communities affected by conflict, or are girls. When these children do make it to school, their learning is often interrupted and the quality of their education is usually low. For many of those whose lives would be most transformed by learning opportunities, education remains out of reach that's why we are establishing the UVF school.

CHILD PROTECTION:

Leaving no one behind, the child protection sector is at a critical moment. Global commitments to address protection issues have reached an all-time high, not least because of the integration of relevant targets into the SDGs – which, in contrast to the Millennium Development Goals, address child protection issues directly. UVF works to protect children and young people from violence, exploitation and harmful practices at multiple levels – from strengthening the capacity of front-line social workers and strengthening child protection systems to building knowledge, gathering evidence and developing innovative solutions. In 2018, protecting the most vulnerable – the estimated 535 thousand girls and boys living in villages affected by humanitarian crises – remained UVF's most resource-intensive priority in this sector. It worked to protect children affected by poverty in Uganda.

In the course of the year, UVF supported the basic education of approximately 1000 children 55 were reunited with their families.

To address the trauma of displacement and violence, UVF and partners provided psychosocial support – including child-friendly spaces and community- and school-based interventions – for around 900 children in 2018. And we continued monitoring grave rights violations against children in Uganda. Fighting child labour, FGM and child marriage

June 2018, the United Nations Human Rights Council adopted a resolution to end child marriage in humanitarian settings. Ending violence against children.

In the global policy arena, UVF and partners have played an unprecedented role – through the #ENDviolence campaign and other initiatives – in elevating the issue of violence against children. We are implementing measures to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse and exploitation. The number of districts prohibiting corporal punishment (including in the home) rose to 40, with another 20 committed to achieving a legal ban. Our partner schools have adopted legal and policy frameworks to address violence, compared with 37 per cent

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT:

Visible empowerment. The global movement to empower more girls and women has led to momentous progress: More governments than ever before are acknowledging the basic rights of girls and women and enshrining these rights in health, protection and education policies. UVF has been an important part of this change. From 2013 to 2018, UVF and partners made substantial progress towards ending child marriage, advancing girls' secondary education, promoting gender-responsive adolescent health and addressing gender-based violence in emergencies. These are the priorities of the first UVF Gender Action Plan, which has brought attention to the interlinked forms of inequality faced by adolescent girls and helped catalyze national and local investment and action.

That these pressing concerns of girls and women are a priority for the international community is clear in the adoption of multiple SDGs that align with the Gender Action Plan. But despite such progress, girls are still more likely than boys to be illiterate, suffer sexual victimization and be out of school. For all the recent analysis of the gender wage gap and sexual harassment and assault in affluent countries, the underlying truth is that girls and women around the world face persisting disadvantages – and often dangers.

Addressing gender-based violence and more Violence against girls and women goes beyond physical or sexual abuse. It also encompasses issues such as sex-selective abortion, exploitation and harmful traditional practices. For boys, it often takes the form of corporal punishment, bullying or socialization to become violent. In 2018, the gendered dimensions of violence against girls, boys and women emerged increasingly as concerns for international protection organizations – largely thanks to UVF’s evaluative work on violence against children.

In the course of the year, UVF supported programmes in 20 districts to help young people identify and report sexual violence. Fifteen districts improved their child-protection policies based on gender reviews assisted by UVF – more than double the number of districts in 2016. UVF will continue to advocate for sex-disaggregated and gender-relevant data on violence against children and women, including discriminatory social and legal processes.

CHALLENGES:

1. As always financial difficulties to be able to run all our projects.

SUSTAINABILITY

Below are UVFs sustainability plans

- Construction of the UVF school, a campus compassing of primary and tertiary center, hostel for the children, accommodation for volunteers which commences anytime in 2019.
- To set up a self-sufficient farming system to feed the UVF children throughout the year and teaching them to participate in helping to sustain it, this will include food, poultry and piggery farming.
- To install a water plant system providing clean water for the UVF school and the farms.
- Install a solar plant to help reduce on the electricity bills.
- To acquire a van for both children, staff and volunteers to ease our transportation.
- Advocate more for UVF Charity Stores, which will sell art and crafts for UVF women, clothes, shoes, laptops, electronics, books, furniture, toys etc. to earn extra income for UVF School.

SPONSORS/ PARTNERS

- i. The Irish Volunteers
- ii. A seed Of Change
- iii. Ecological Christian organization
- iv. The cutting station

Signed: **NABWIRE EVALINE RHODA**

Chief Executive Director