September Education Fund Report for Empowered Child Ministries

(Third Term 2024)

Executive Summary

Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) is dedicated to transforming the lives of vulnerable children, particularly orphans, by providing them with holistic care, including education, healthcare, spiritual support, and skills development. Our mission is to equip these children with the tools they need to lead successful and independent lives, despite their difficult beginnings.

Currently, ECM is responsible for 50 children, 45 of whom are school-going. These children attend two primary schools: New Sarana Nursery and Primary School, which accommodates 22 of our children, and Jinja Hill Baptist Church, which has 23 of our children. The remaining five (5) children, due to their disabilities, are receiving specialized education at the orphanage.

This report provides an account of the funds spent on the education program, ensuring the continued learning and support of children. It covers expenses for school tuition, scholastic materials, and essential supplies for the upcoming year. Education is crucial in breaking the cycle of poverty for orphans, offering them hope and opportunities to become responsible, empowered citizens.

Relevancy of Education for Orphans at ECM

For orphaned children, education is not just a right—it is a lifeline. In Uganda, many children from impoverished backgrounds, especially orphans, miss out on education due to a lack of resources. With no stable family support, their future is uncertain without access to quality education. By providing these children with the opportunity to attend school, we ensure they acquire knowledge and skills that will open doors to future employment and financial independence.

Education also promotes emotional and social development, enabling these children to become fully integrated members of society. Empowered Child Ministries recognizes that investing in education is crucial for the well-being and long-term success of these children, making it a core component of our support programs.

The Education System in Uganda

The education system in Uganda is structured around three terms or semesters in a year. Each term runs for approximately four months, with breaks in between. The academic year starts in Januray and concludes in December, with the longest break occurring over the Christmas holiday season. Schools across the country follow a similar schedule, though variations may exist based on individual institutions.

At Empowered Child Ministries, we prioritize sending the children in our care to private schools rather than government-aided schools. Although government-aided schools are often dubbed as "free" under the Universal Primary Education (UPE) policy, they are not entirely free. Parents or guardians still bear costs for uniforms, scholastic materials, and lunch fees. More significantly, the quality of education in

government schools often falls short in comparison to private schools. Private schools tend to follow a more rigorous and comprehensive curriculum, leading to better academic results in national exams such as the Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE). Government schools often struggle to compete in terms of exam results, partly due to overcrowding and limited resources.

For the vulnerable children under the care of Empowered Child Ministries, receiving a quality education is essential. Education is their key to breaking the cycle of poverty, achieving independence, and building a better future. Private schools provide these children with the opportunity to excel academically and gain the skills and knowledge they need to become productive members of society.

By enrolling them in private schools, we ensure they receive not only a better quality of education but also a nurturing and supportive environment that encourages their growth, builds their confidence, and allows them to thrive despite their difficult backgrounds.

Uganda's education system is divided into the following levels:

1. **Nursery/Pre-Primary:** This level caters to children aged 3-6 and focuses on preparing them for primary school.
2. **Primary Education**: Lasts seven years, from Primary 1 to Primary 7, and is mandatory under Uganda's Universal Primary Education (UPE) policy.
3. **Secondary Education:** Divided into two stages: Ordinary Level (O-level) from Senior 1 to Senior 4, and Advanced Level (A-level) from Senior 5 to Senior 6.
4. **Tertiary Education**: Includes universities, technical schools, and vocational institutions.

For the children in our care, primary education is a critical stage, laying the foundation for their future learning and career development. Our goal is to ensure all our children complete their primary education and progress to secondary school and beyond.

Expense Breakdown for 45 School-Going Children

The education program's expenditures for September include essential items to support children's learning and well-being:

- **Educational Supplies:** These items (exercise books, pens, crayons, pencils, and rulers) are critical for students' daily learning activities, helping them engage actively in their studies.

- **School Uniforms:** Uniforms ensure all children feel included and part of the school community, promoting a sense of equality and belonging.

- **Shoes & Bags:** Only three pairs of shoes and eight school bags were purchased because what they had were spoilt. These items ensure students are comfortable and organized during their school day.

- **School Tuition:** Covering tuition for children allows them to attend school without financial barriers, ensuring consistent access to education.

- **Transport & Withdrawal Charges:** These costs cover the logistics of getting supplies to the children and handling fees associated with the transactions, ensuring smooth and efficient delivery of support.

These expenditures ensure that each child's basic educational needs are met, allowing them to focus on their learning and development.

Item	Measure	Unit	Cost	Total UGX	USD	GBP
Educational Supplies						
Counter Books	Dozen	24	15,000	360,000	102.9	80.0
96 paged exercise books	Dozen	24	9,000	216,000	61.7	48.0
Pens	Boxes	2	25,000	50,000	14.3	11.1
Crayons	Dozen	24	3,500	84,000	24.0	18.7
Brooms	Pieces	90	1,000	90,000	25.7	20.0
Toilet Papers	Dozen	8	10,000	80,000	22.9	17.8
Long Rulers	Dozen	2	3,600	7,200	2.1	1.6
Sets	Dozen	2	55,000	110,000	31.4	24.4
Socks	Dozen	4	65,000	260,000	74.3	57.8
Pencils	Dozen	24	4,150	99,600	28.5	22.1
School Uniforms						
Jinja Hill Baptist School		10	45,000	450,000	128.6	100.0
New Sarana School		8	60,000	480,000	137.1	106.7
Shoes		3	50,000	150,000	42.9	33.3
School Bags		8	52,000	416,000	118.9	92.4
School Tuition						
Jinja Hill Baptist School		22	140,000	3,080,000	880.0	684.4
New Sarana School		23	140,000	3,220,000	920.0	715.6
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Other Costs					-	-
Transport				43,500	12.4	9.7
Withdraw Charges				100,000	28.6	22.2
Grand Total				**9,296,300**	**2,656.1**	**2,065.8**

The total expenditure is UGX 9,296,300, which is equivalent to USD 2,656.1 and GBP 2,065.8.

Education is the cornerstone of Empowered Child Ministries' mission to transform the lives of vulnerable children. Your generous support will ensure these children can access education, scholastic materials, and essential supplies. By sponsoring a child, you are not only investing in their education but also in their future as productive and empowered individuals who will contribute positively to their communities.

We invite you to join us in this life-changing endeavour, ensuring that no child is left behind due to circumstances beyond their control. Together, we can make a lasting impact.

Ways, you can Help us.

Here are several ways you can help and support the children at Empowered Child Ministries:

1. **Donate via PayPal**: You can contribute to the children's education, healthcare, and daily needs by making a donation through PayPal.

2. **Support a GoFundMe Campaign**: We run regular GoFundMe campaigns to raise funds for specific needs such as tuition, medical care, and essential supplies. Your contribution, no matter how small, makes a big difference.

3. **Visit Our Website**: For more detailed information on how to support our initiatives, please visit our website.

4. **Spread the Word**: You can also help by sharing our message with friends, family, and well-wishers. Every person you tell brings us closer to our goal of providing a better future for these children.

5. **Support Us Spiritually**: We welcome your prayers for the well-being and success of the children under our care. Spiritual support is as vital as financial contributions.

6. **In-Kind Donations**: We gladly accept gifts in kind, including scholastic materials, clothing, shoes, and other essentials for the children's daily lives.

Your support is invaluable in transforming the lives of these children, giving them hope and the tools they need to succeed.

Way Forward for the Education Program:

Currently, ECM supports 45 school-going children. As we approach the end of the final term of this academic year, we look forward to your continued support for the upcoming term, starting in January 2025. With your help, all children will progress to new classes. Additionally, three children (Emmauel, Margaret and Remmy) will be joining secondary school, while others will enter lower primary and pre-primary, as we continue to recruit new children into the program each year, expanding our reach and impact.

THANK YOU, OUR DEAR FRIENDS,

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors and sponsors. Your generosity and unwavering support have made a profound and lasting impact on the lives of the children in our care. Thanks to your contributions, we are able to provide not only the basic necessities like food, shelter, and healthcare, but also quality education, emotional support, and the opportunities they need to build a brighter, more hopeful future.

Your commitment allows us to create a safe and nurturing environment where these children can thrive, grow, and dream beyond their current circumstances. Whether it's funding their education, ensuring they have daily meals, or providing a secure place to call home, your support transforms lives in ways that words cannot fully capture. You are not just donors; you are partners in this mission, helping us break the cycle of poverty, neglect, and hardship.

We sincerely thank you for believing in our mission, for your trust, and for choosing to stand by our side. Together, we are making a meaningful difference, giving these children the tools and opportunities they need to succeed in life. Your kindness and compassion continue to be a source of hope for every child we serve.

Sincerely,

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PAYMENT VOUCHER

Date: 21st/9/24

Paid to: CHILDREN EDUCATION - SCHOOL ITEMS

PARTICULARS		AMOUNT
Counter books	(24 dozens)	360,000/=
96 Paged exercise books	(24 dozens)	216,000/=
Pens	(2 boxes)	50,000/=
Crayons	(24 dozens)	84,000/=
Brooms	(90)	90,000/=
Toilet papers	(8 dozens)	60,000/=
Long rulers	(2 dozens)	7,200/=
Sets	2 dozens	110,000/=
Socks	(4 dozens)	260,000/=
Pencils	(24 dozens)	99,600/=
	TOTAL	1356,800/=

AMOUNT IN WORDS: .....

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PAYMENT VOUCHER

Date: 22nd/9/24

Paid to: TRANSPORTATION

PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
Transportation of school items	43,500/=
TOTAL	43,500/=

AMOUNT IN WORDS: forty three thousand five hundred shillings only

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PAYMENT VOUCHER

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Date: 22nd/9/24

Paid to: CHILDREN EDUCATION

PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
Jinja Hill school uniforms (10 uniforms)	450,000/=
New Savana school uniforms (8 uniforms)	480,000/=
3 Pairs of Black shoes	150,000/=
Bags (8pcs)	416,000/=
TOTAL	1,496,000/=

AMOUNT IN WORDS: One million four hundred ninety six thousand shillings only

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JINJA HILL BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

P.O. Box, JINJA, Mafubira (U),
Tel: 0753.998 210 / 0776 998 210 / 0752 532 423

RECEIPT No. 1700 Date: 22/09/24

Received with thanks from Empowered Child Ministries

The sum of shillings in words four hundred thousand Shilling only-

Being payment of Uniforms for 10 children each at 45,000=

By Cash/Cheque No. ..... Balance .....

Shs. 450,000= DATE..... Signature: Stuart

With Thanks For: JINJA HILL BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEW SARANA NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

P.O BOX ..... JINJA CITY

NO. **RECEIPT** TEL: 0752631017
0778707256

0590

Date 22/9/24

Received with thanks from: Empowered Children ministry

The sum of shillings: Four hunded Eighty thousand shillings

Being payment of: Uniform for 8 children each sh. 60,000

Cash/cheque No. ..... Balance Nil

SHS. 480,000 Sign. Snj

For: New Sarana Nur &pri school

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PAYMENT VOUCHER

Date: 30th/9/24

Paid to: Children Education

PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
School tuition (22) Jinja Hill school	3,080,000/=
School tuition (23) New Seven School	3,220,000/=
TOTAL	6,300,000/=

AMOUNT IN WORDS: Six million three hundred thousand shillings only

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P.O. Box, JINJA, Mafubira (U)
Tel: 0753 998 210/ 0779 998 2107 0752 532 423

RECEIPT No. 1699 Date: 30/09/2024

Received with thanks from: Empowered child Ministries

The sum of shillings in words: Three million Eighty thousand shillings.

Being payment of: Tuition fees for 22 children for Term III

By Cash/Cheque No. Cash Balance: —

Shs. 3,080,000 Signature: SAMUEL

With Thanks For: JINJA HILL BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

JINJA HILL BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL DATE

NEW SARANA NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

P.O BOX ..... JINJA CITY

RECEIPT

NO. 0591

TEL: 0752631017
0778707256

Date: 30/9/24

Received with thanks from: Empowered Children Minstry

The sum of shillings: three million two hundred twenty thousand

Being payment of: Tuition for 23 children term II

Cash/Cheque No: ..... Balance: Nil

SHS. 3,220,000 Sign. SNV

For: New Sarana Nur &pri school

NEW SARANA NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL 19 OCT 2021 HEADTEACHER