



EMPOWERED CHILD
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MARCH 2025 REPORT

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

March 2025 was marked by remarkable progress and deepening concern. Our children experienced breakthroughs in education, spiritual growth, and therapy. A highlight was the visit by a special needs expert who trained our team and evaluated our children, laying a stronger foundation for inclusive learning. Sponsorship letters and packages from overseas reminded us of our growing international family. Yet, we are also facing urgent challenges. The most pressing is the risk of **house eviction on May 30th, 2025**, which could displace over 50 vulnerable children unless we secure new housing or renew the current lease.

We also faced reduced therapy sessions due to funding, the exit of a special needs teacher over unpaid salary, loss of child sponsors, and nutritional shortfalls due to limited food donations. Despite all this, our team continues to serve faithfully, and God's grace sustains our mission. We urgently call on partners, donors, and well-wishers to stand with us during this critical time to ensure no child loses the care, love, and stability that ECM provides.



2. MARCH 2025 PROGRAM UPDATES

Special Needs Education & Social Worker Visit

We hosted Joshua, a trained social worker and special needs teacher, who provided practical support, conducted child assessments, and trained our staff in personalized teaching techniques. His visit elevated our approach to special needs care and encouraged staff confidence in addressing complex learning needs. This strengthened our goal of inclusive education and reinforced our belief that every child, regardless of disability, deserves the chance to grow, learn, and thrive in Christ's love.

20 Bedcovers Purchased

This month, we acquired 20 warm, high-quality bedcovers for the children. These covers have provided warmth during cold nights, improved sleeping conditions, and enhanced hygiene. Their importance goes beyond comfort—they symbolize care and dignity for children who may have never known the comfort of their own bedding. This directly supports our mission to restore a sense of safety and value to every child.



Figure 1: Part of the 20 pairs of bedcovers we bought for the children.

New Wardrobe for Special Needs Education

We're grateful to share that **ECM has purchased a new wardrobe** to provide **much-needed extra storage** for materials used in our **special needs education program**. This addition helps us better

organize learning tools, therapy items, and personal belongings for children with disabilities—ensuring a more structured and supportive learning environment. Every step, even a small one like this, goes a long way in improving the **daily care and dignity** we offer each child.



Figure 2: A newly purchased wardrobe to provide much-needed extra storage for materials used in our special needs education program.

Women's Day Celebration

On March 8th, we honoured Mother Abigail and three of our female caretakers with small appreciation gifts. Their daily acts of service—cleaning, cooking, comforting, and guiding the children—are the invisible backbone of ECM. Recognizing them reminds us that nurturing caregivers also nurtures the children. Encouraging these women is vital to sustaining a home environment filled with love and faith.



Figure 3: ECM caretakers on women's day celebration

New Laptop Acquired

We purchased a laptop to support administrative duties such as preparing reports, managing sponsorships, drafting letters, and communication with stakeholders. This tool has increased efficiency, improved data management, and strengthened our ability to engage donors. By streamlining operations, we are better equipped to serve the children and fulfill our accountability obligations as a growing organization.

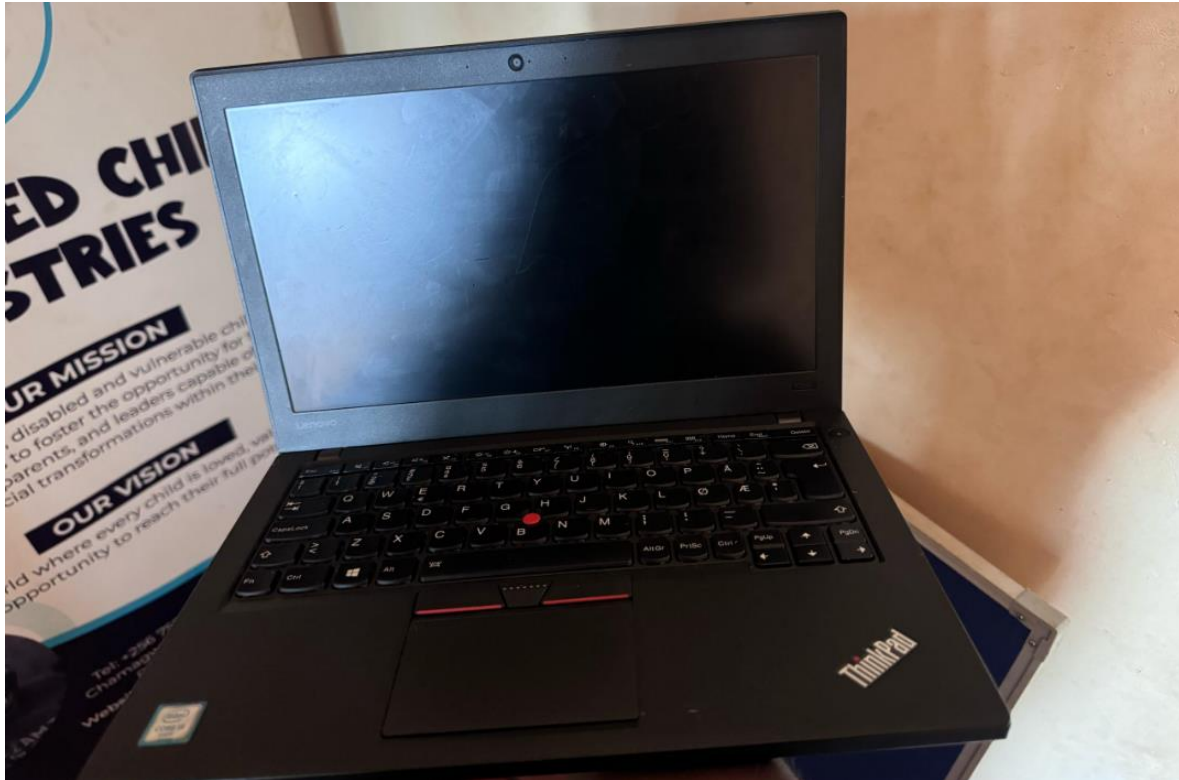


Figure 4: We purchased a new Lenovo laptop

12 Letters Sent to Sponsors

Twelve children sent personalized letters to their sponsors, including drawings and words of appreciation. This initiative helped foster deeper connections between the children and their sponsors, making both feel more connected and valued. Such exchanges are vital in building long-term sponsorship relationships and allowing each child to feel individually loved and remembered.

Branded Uniforms for Physiotherapists

Our physiotherapists received ECM-branded T-shirts to wear during therapy sessions and field visits. These uniforms improved their professional appearance and helped children recognize them more easily, encouraging consistency and trust. This small investment reinforces our identity and unity as a team, while affirming that therapy is an official and respected part of each child's healing journey.

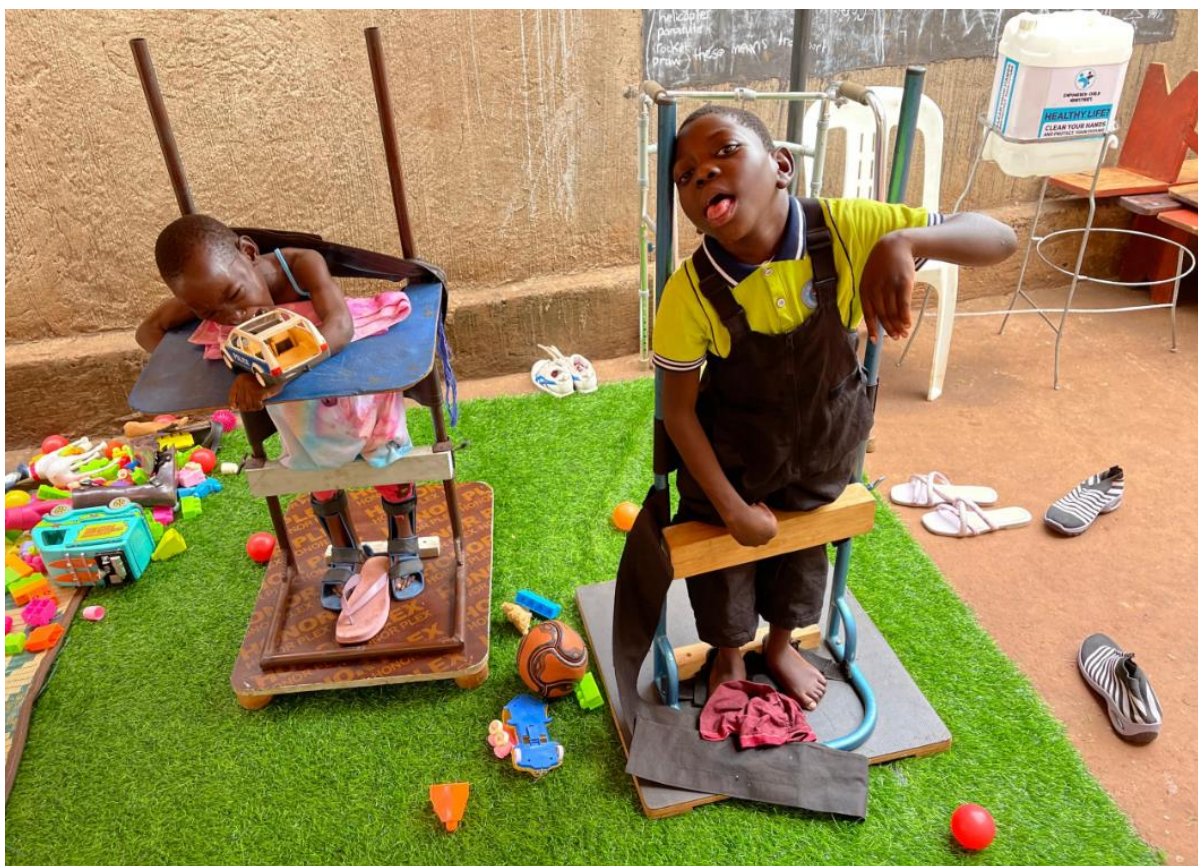


Figure 5: Part of the children during a physiotherapy session

Jimmy's Father Passed Away

This month, **Jimmy experienced the heartbreaking loss of his father**, making him a half orphan. When Jimmy first arrived at ECM, he came with both parents, but they were battling **chronic illnesses** and unable to support him at home. His father's passing has deeply affected him, and in response, ECM has increased its **emotional and spiritual support**, ensuring that Jimmy feels **safe, seen, and never alone**. Moments like these highlight the **critical role ECM plays—not just as a shelter, but as a true spiritual family** for children who have lost nearly everything. In our care, children like Jimmy find comfort, hope, and the assurance that they are deeply loved.

Christopher Receives Cerebral Palsy Chair

Christopher, one of our children with cerebral palsy, received a specialized CP chair this month. The chair has improved his posture, made therapy sessions more effective, and increased his comfort during learning time. Providing the right equipment gives children with disabilities a sense of dignity and allows them to fully participate in daily activities—reflecting our commitment to equity and holistic care.



Figure 6: Christopher in his new CP chair

A Joyful Visit from Brima's Friends

Friends of Brima, one of our dedicated supporters from the USA, recently visited ECM and spent precious time with Musa. Although Musa already has a sponsor, Brima has developed a heartfelt connection with him and deeply admires his vibrant personality. This visit brought immense joy to Musa and further deepened the bond between him and his sponsor's extended family. Such moments of connection remind our children that they are truly seen, valued, and cherished. These visits not only boost a child's confidence but also plant seeds of lifelong encouragement—rooted in love, faith, and community.

Packages from Italy and Czech Republic

We received a package from Maurizio in Italy on March 24, and another from Daniel in Czech Republic, alongside sponsor letters. These packages contained clothes, toys, and learning materials that brought smiles and renewed excitement among the children. These gifts, though simple, remind our children that love reaches them across continents, fulfilling our mission of creating a global community of care.



Sponsorship Program Updates

We unfortunately lost sponsors for George, Jane, and Devine, but gained new sponsors for Rihanna and Daniel. Currently, 30 of our 52 children are sponsored, leaving 22 still waiting. Sponsorships remain the lifeline of our ministry, covering school fees, health care, and basic needs. The fluctuations remind us of the importance of consistent communication and donor engagement to ensure each child receives the full support they need.

Education and Academic Progress

All eligible children are attending school. March midterm results show notable improvement in literacy, math, and social studies. School attendance provides structure, confidence, and hope, while academic success reflects the effectiveness of our caregiving and tutoring programs. Education remains a cornerstone in our mission to build resilient, God-fearing leaders from vulnerable beginnings.

Special Needs Program & Teaching Gap

Teacher Sarah has continued to run weekend special needs sessions, including activities such as colours, speech, and letters. However, Teacher Josephine had to stop due to lack of funding for her salary, creating a gap in individualized instruction. While progress continues, limited staffing threatens consistency. This reflects an urgent need to secure financial support to sustain specialized staff and maintain high-quality care for our children with disabilities.

Visitation Day for Emmanuel

We visited Emmanuel at Jinja College and were pleased to find him excelling in his academics and discipline. His progress is a testimony to the impact of sustained mentorship and educational support from ECM. Continued follow-up for children in boarding schools ensures they remain spiritually grounded and emotionally connected to the ECM family.



Figure 7: Musasizi with Mother Abigail during a school visitation day at Jinja College School.

Physiotherapy Updates

Christopher continues to benefit from therapy, now with added support from a custom stool that helps during posture training. However, due to budget limitations, therapy sessions have been reduced to once per week, slowing the progress for children who need daily engagement. Consistent therapy is essential for physical development and long-term mobility, making it a critical area for support.



Figure 8: Christopher during a physiotherapy session with Dr. Syvester



Figure 9: More children making good use of the stair steps

Medical Services

Children including Halima, Joseph, Sharon, Timothy, and Kenneth fell ill and received timely medical care. All are currently recovering. Access to treatment prevents minor issues from becoming life-threatening and protects the health and well-being of our entire community. Continued medical support is fundamental to providing comprehensive care.

Missed Birthday Celebrations Due to Lack of Funds

Recently, we were unable to celebrate the birthdays of **Remmy (14), Kevin (6), and Tracy (12)** due to financial constraints. While we managed to gather for prayers and share a few light moments, the absence of a proper celebration was deeply felt. **Birthday celebrations are more than just parties—they are powerful moments that make children feel seen, valued, and loved.** For many of our children, these are experiences they had never known before joining ECM. When we do celebrate, it fosters **emotional healing, a sense of belonging, and joy**—reminding each child that their life is precious and worth celebrating.



Figure 10: Children expressing their gratitude to all friends, sponsors and supporters,

Nutrition Struggles

Limited food donations this month led to nutritional challenges. Meals lacked variety and essential nutrients, especially protein and fruits. Poor nutrition negatively affects children's concentration, immunity, and energy levels. We need stable food partnerships or dedicated donors to ensure every child receives balanced, life-sustaining meals each day.

Sunday Services and Spiritual Development

Weekly Sunday services led by Pastor Derrick continued, with worship, Bible teaching, and prayer sessions. These gatherings are central to building a foundation of faith, helping children grow in moral character, purpose, and their relationship with God. Our commitment to spiritual growth remains a vital part of their holistic development.



Figure 11: Mukyala Kvin presenting a song during a Sunday service in March



Figure 12: Pastor Derrick during preaching to children on one of the Sundays in March 2025

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Empowered Child Ministries' financial report provides a comprehensive overview of its budget distribution, expenditures, and funding sources, demonstrating a strong commitment to financial transparency and prudent resource management. The report highlights key revenue sources, including individual donations, grants from partner organizations, and funds raised through various activities, all of which play a crucial role in supporting the needs of the 52 children under our care.

Major expenses focus on child welfare, covering essential needs such as food, clothing, and housing, alongside educational programs that ensure access to learning materials and specialized education for both disabled and school-aged children. Healthcare expenses are also detailed, addressing medical treatments, emergency care, and ongoing therapies for children with special health requirements.

The report also includes operational costs, such as administrative fees and utility bills, which are carefully managed to maintain smooth day-to-day operations. This includes orphanage facility upkeep, caretakers' allowances, and essential services like electricity and water.

3.1 Collected Donations

Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) gratefully acknowledges the generous contributions received through various donation channels. A total of **UGX 16,149,045**, equivalent to approximately **USD 4,614** or **GBP 3,588.68**, was collected. These donations came from **bank transfers (UGX 2,930,000)**, **GoFundMe (UGX 756,000)**, **mobile money (UGX 2,009,000)**, **PayPal (UGX 10,034,045)**, and **Western Union (UGX 420,000)**. Each contribution—regardless of the amount or currency—plays a vital role in helping us care for vulnerable children, meet their daily needs, and work toward a better future for all under our care. We are deeply thankful for the support and commitment of our donors.

Donations Collected	UGX	USD	GBP
Bank Transfer Donations	2,930,000	837	651.11
GoFundMe Donations	756,000	216	168.00
Mobile Money Donations	2,009,000	574	446.44
Paypal Donations	10,034,045	2,867	2,229.79
Western Union Donations	420,000	120	93.33
Grand Total	16,149,045	4,614	3,588.68

3.2 Expenditure

Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) incurred a total of **UGX 16,802,200** in program-related expenses, equivalent to approximately **USD 4,801** or **GBP 3,734**. These expenses were essential in supporting the day-to-day operations and care for the children. The breakdown includes **administrative expenses (UGX 3,450,000)**, **other operational expenses (UGX 721,500)**, **core program costs such as education, healthcare, and child support (UGX 12,287,600)**, and **utility bills (UGX 343,100)**. Each expenditure reflects ECM's commitment to providing holistic care in a transparent and impactful manner, ensuring that every shilling is used to serve and uplift the children in our care.

Program Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Administrative Expenses	3,450,000	986	767
Other Operational Expenses	721,500	206	160
Program Costs	12,287,600	3,511	2,731
Utility Bills	343,100	98	76
Grand Total	16,802,200	4,801	3,734

3.3 Detailed Category Expenditure

3.3.1 Administrative Expenses

The **administrative expenses** for Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) amounted to a total of **UGX 3,450,000**, approximately **USD 985.71** or **GBP 766.67**. These funds covered key operational needs that support the smooth functioning of ECM. Major expenses included **caretaker allowances (UGX 740,000)**, **rent and lease fees (UGX 1,000,000)**, **office equipment and supplies (UGX 800,000)**, and **internet bundles (UGX 260,000)**. Other costs included **benevolence and gratitude (UGX 320,000)**, **professional services (UGX 52,000)**, **website maintenance (UGX 50,000)**, **withdrawal charges and fees (UGX 210,000)**, and **miscellaneous items like gifts and postage (UGX 18,000)**. These expenditures ensure the ministry remains operational and efficient in serving the children and managing its day-to-day responsibilities.

Administrative Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Allowances for Caretakers	740,000	211.43	164.44
Benevolence, Condolences & Gratitude	320,000	91.43	71.11
Gifts of Gratitude, Postages & Shipping	18,000	5.14	4.00
Internet Bundles	260,000	74.29	57.78
Office Equipment & Supplies	800,000	228.57	177.78
Professional Services	52,000	14.86	11.56
Rent & Lease Fees	1,000,000	285.71	222.22
Website Maintenance & Repairs	50,000	14.29	11.11
Withdraw Charges & Fees	210,000	60.00	46.67
Grand Total	3,450,000	985.71	766.67

3.3.2 Program Costs

The **program costs** for Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) totaled **UGX 12,287,600**, which is approximately **USD 3,510.74** or **GBP 2,730.58**. These funds were directly invested in the well-being and development of the children. The largest portion went to **children's meals (UGX 5,518,500)**, ensuring consistent and nutritious food. Other critical expenses included the **Drop-in Clinic (UGX 2,149,000)** for accessible healthcare, **education support (UGX 1,588,000)** for school-related needs, **health and welfare services (UGX 487,000)**, and **household items and equipment (UGX 2,545,100)** to improve living conditions. These program costs reflect ECM's commitment to delivering comprehensive care and support to every child in its program.

Program Costs	UGX	USD	GBP
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Children's Meals	5,518,500	1,576.71	1,226.33
Drop-in-Clinic	2,149,000	614.00	477.56
Education Program	1,588,000	453.71	352.89
Health & Welfare Program	487,000	139.14	108.22
Household Items & Equipment	2,545,100	727.17	565.58
Grand Total	12,287,600	3,510.74	2,730.58

a) Education Program

The **Education Program expenses** at Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) amounted to **UGX 1,588,000**, approximately **USD 453.71** or **GBP 352.89**. These funds supported a range of activities aimed at enriching the educational and spiritual growth of the children. The breakdown includes **dancing classes (UGX 617,000)**, **special needs education (UGX 720,000)**, **stationery items (UGX 107,000)**, and **Sunday church services (UGX 144,000)**. These investments reflect ECM's dedication to providing both academic support and spiritual nurturing, ensuring a holistic development experience for every child.

Education Program	UGX	USD	GBP
Dancing Classes	617,000	176.29	137.11
Special Needs Education	720,000	205.71	160.00
Stationery Items	107,000	30.57	23.78
Sunday Church Services	144,000	41.14	32.00
Grand Total	1,588,000	453.71	352.89

b) Health and Welfare Program

The **Health & Welfare Program** at Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) incurred a total of **UGX 487,000**, approximately **USD 139.14** or **GBP 108.00**. These covered essential services aimed at maintaining the health and personal well-being of the children. Specifically, **UGX 397,000** was spent on **medical services**, while **UGX 90,000** went toward **hairdressing and assorted personal care items**. These expenses reflect ECM's commitment to providing a dignified, healthy, and nurturing environment for the children under its care.

Health & Welfare Program	UGX	USD	GBP
Hairdressings & Assorted Items	90,000	25.71	20
Medical Services	397,000	113.43	88
Grand Total	487,000	139.14	108

c) Household Activities

The **Household Items & Equipment** expenses at Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) totaled **UGX 2,545,100**, which is approximately **USD 727.17** or **GBP 566.00**. These funds were used to maintain hygiene, comfort, and a clean living environment for the children. Key expenses included **beddings (UGX 900,000)**, **washing bar soap and powder (UGX 454,500)**, **diapers (UGX 360,000)**, and **household maintenance (UGX 277,000)**. Additional purchases included items such as **barber services (UGX 180,000)**, **Vaseline (UGX 156,000)**, **sanitary towels (UGX 55,000)**, **liquid soap**, **toothpaste**, **toothbrushes**, **shoe polish**, and other **kitchen and hygiene essentials**. These provisions help ensure the children live in a clean, comfortable, and dignified environment.

Household Items & Equipment	UGX	USD	GBP
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Barber	180,000	51.43	40
Beddings	900,000	257.14	200
Diapers	360,000	102.86	80
Household Maintenance	277,000	79.14	62
Kitchen Items	43,000	12.29	10
Liquid Soap	56,000	16.00	12
Sanitary Towels / Pads	55,000	15.71	12
Shoe Polish	36,000	10.29	8
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes	27,600	7.89	6
Vaseline	156,000	44.57	35
Washing Bar Soap/Powder	454,500	129.86	101
Grand Total	2,545,100	727.17	566

d) Children's Meals

The **Children's Meals** expenses for Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) amounted to **UGX 5,518,500**, approximately **USD 1,576.71** or **GBP 1,226.00**. This total covers a variety of essential food items to ensure the children are well-nourished. The main expenditures included **rice (UGX 1,340,000)**, **other food stuff (UGX 949,500)**, **vegetables (UGX 687,000)**, **beans (UGX 720,000)**, and **maize/corn flour (UGX 626,000)**. Additional costs for **sugar (UGX 315,000)**, **cooking oil (UGX 195,000)**, **firewood (UGX 470,000)**, **fruits (UGX 125,000)**, **salt (UGX 45,000)**, and **special meals for disabled children (UGX 46,000)** helped ensure a balanced and varied diet. These meals are critical for the children's health, energy, and growth, supporting ECM's commitment to their well-being.

Children's Meals	UGX	USD	GBP
Beans	720,000	205.71	160
Cooking Oil	195,000	55.71	43
Firewood	470,000	134.29	104
Fruits	125,000	35.71	28
Maize/corn Flour	626,000	178.86	139
Other Food Stuff	949,500	271.29	211
Rice	1,340,000	382.86	298
Salt	45,000	12.86	10
Special Meals for Disabled Children	46,000	13.14	10
Sugar	315,000	90.00	70
Vegetables	687,000	196.29	153
Grand Total	5,518,500	1,576.71	1,226

e) Drop-In-Clinic

The **Drop-in Clinic** expenses for Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) totaled **UGX 2,149,000**, approximately **USD 614.00** or **GBP 477.56**. This amount was allocated to various essential healthcare services for the children. Significant portions went toward **physiotherapy sessions (UGX 1,368,000)**, which are crucial for the children's physical rehabilitation, and **medication for disabled children (UGX 176,000)**. Additionally, **donations to caretakers (UGX 375,000)** were provided, and funds were also spent on **specialized therapy equipment (UGX 230,000)**. These expenses reflect ECM's dedication to ensuring that children receive the necessary medical attention and therapy to support their health and development.

Drop-in-Clinic	UGX	USD	GBP
Donations to Caretakers	375,000	107.14	83.33
Medication for Disabled Children	176,000	50.29	39.11
Physiotherapy Sessions	1,368,000	390.86	304.00
Specialized Therapy Equipment	230,000	65.71	51.11
Grand Total	2,149,000	614.00	477.56

3.3.3 Utility Bills

The **Utility Bills** for Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) amounted to a total of **UGX 343,100**, which is approximately **USD 98.03** or **GBP 76.24**. This included expenses for essential services such as **water bills (UGX 213,500)**, **power/electricity (UGX 77,000)**, **TV subscriptions (UGX 37,600)**, and **garbage collection (UGX 15,000)**. These utilities are vital for maintaining a clean, safe, and comfortable environment for the children, and despite limited funding, ECM continues to prioritize these basic needs to ensure a stable living and learning space.

Utility Bills	UGX	USD	GBP
Garbage Collections	15,000	4.29	3.33
Power/electricity Bills	77,000	22.00	17.11
TV Subscriptions	37,600	10.74	8.36
Water Bills	213,500	61.00	47.44
Grand Total	343,100	98.03	76.24

3.4.3 Operational Expenses

The **Other Operational Expenses** at Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) totaled **UGX 721,500**, which translates to approximately **USD 206** or **GBP 160.33**. These expenses supported essential logistical needs, including **clearance and handling of packages (UGX 183,500)**, **transport for food items (UGX 70,000)**, **general transportation of items (UGX 58,000)**, **transport facilitation (UGX 400,000)**, and **transport for package pickups (UGX 10,000)**. These logistical operations play a critical role in ensuring that necessary supplies and donations reach the children on time, helping sustain daily operations and care.

Other Operational Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Clearance of Packages & Handling	183,500	52	40.78
Transport for Food Items	70,000	20	15.56
Transportation of Items	58,000	17	12.89
Transport Facilitation	400,000	114	88.89
Transport to Pickup Packages	10,000	3	2.22
Grand Total	721,500	206	160.33

4. FUNDING NEEDS

Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) is facing critical challenges that require **urgent support** to continue providing a safe, loving, and nurturing environment for the vulnerable children in our care. Our mission remains rooted in restoring hope and dignity through holistic care—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. However, to sustain and grow this impact, we must urgently address several priority needs.

- **Immediate Priority: Temporary Rental Space:** ECM has been asked to vacate its current premises by **May 30th**. We are in urgent need of at least **six months' rent** to secure a **new and larger space** that can accommodate our growing number of children. As of the time of this report, no alternative location has been secured, placing the future of our programs and the well-being of our children at serious risk.
- **Solar Panels for Reliable Power:** Frequent electricity outages continue to disrupt our daily activities, particularly in the evening when children need lighting for study and indoor safety. Installing a **solar power system** will provide a **reliable and sustainable** energy source, ensuring that operations continue uninterrupted and the children have the lighting they need for learning and comfort.
- **Land Acquisition & Construction of a Permanent Home:** To bring long-term stability to the 50 children under our care, ECM seeks support to **acquire land and construct a permanent orphanage**. This would provide a safe and permanent space, reduce dependency on costly rentals, and allow us to expand our programs without interruption.
- **Healthcare & Medical Support:** Our children require **routine medical check-ups, emergency treatments**, and, for some, **specialized physiotherapy**. Consistent funding is essential to meet these needs and ensure that every child receives the medical attention necessary to thrive physically and emotionally.
- **Skills Development Programs:** We are committed to empowering children with **life skills** that foster independence. One of our active initiatives includes **vocational training in liquid soap-making**, which not only equips children with practical skills but also builds their confidence and opens future income-generating opportunities.
- **DSLR Camera for Documentation & Outreach:** Capturing the progress and stories of our children is vital for transparency, storytelling, and donor engagement. A **DSLR camera** would enable us to professionally document their journeys, showcase program impact, and enhance our communication with existing and potential supporters.
- **Emergency Fund:** In times of crisis, such as medical emergencies or sudden housing issues, having an **emergency fund** is crucial. This financial cushion allows ECM to act swiftly and effectively without compromising the care and services we provide.
- **Support for Orphans & Children with Disabilities:** We provide **specialized care and education** for children with disabilities, including therapy services and adaptive learning tools. These services are resource-intensive and require dedicated funding to ensure that each child receives tailored support that meets their unique needs.
- **Food & Nutritional Support:** Nutrition is a cornerstone of child development. Many of the children, particularly those with disabilities, require **specialized and nutrient-rich diets**. We are seeking consistent support to provide **balanced and sufficient meals** that meet each child's dietary needs.
- **Land for Expansion:** As the number of children in our care increases, we also seek to acquire **additional land** for expansion. This will allow us to accommodate more children, introduce

new programs, and establish self-sustaining initiatives such as agriculture or vocational centers.

- **Special Education Equipment:** To effectively serve children with disabilities, we need **special education materials**, including **sensory toys, educational tablets, adaptive learning tools, block letters, numbers, and picture cards**. These resources are critical for facilitating learning and therapy in a way that is accessible and engaging for each child.
- **Additional Support Staff:** With the growing needs of our children, ECM is stretched thin. We require **additional caregivers, teachers, and therapists** to maintain the quality of care, ensure personalized attention, and expand our capacity to serve more children with excellence.
- **Food Storage & Juice Preparation Equipment:** We also urgently need a **deep freezer** to store perishable food items safely and in larger quantities. In addition, a **blender** will support our nutrition program by enabling us to prepare fresh juices and special meals, particularly for children who require softer or liquid diets.

5. CHALLENGES

Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) is dedicated to transforming the lives of vulnerable children by providing holistic care, education, and spiritual support. However, we are currently facing several critical challenges that hinder our ability to effectively serve these children:

- **Urgent Need for a New Space:** Due to overcrowding and a notice to vacate from our current landlord, ECM is urgently seeking a new, larger space. Our current facility is no longer suitable to accommodate the growing number of children. Without a safe, comfortable, and supportive environment, it is difficult to meet their housing, educational, and developmental needs.
- **Limited Access to Physiotherapy & Special Needs Education:** Ongoing financial constraints have forced us to significantly reduce physiotherapy sessions. Additionally, we had to let go of one of our special needs educators, Teacher Josephine, leaving only one teacher to support all children with special needs. This compromises the quality and consistency of care these children require.
- **Uncelebrated Birthdays:** Due to funding shortages, we are unable to celebrate the birthdays of children born in March 2025. These celebrations are not just about cake and gifts—they are about making each child feel seen, valued, and loved.
- **Inconsistent Financial Support:** ECM heavily relies on donations to operate. However, inconsistent and insufficient funding has made it difficult to sustain vital services such as education, medical care, and daily operations. For example, we were unable to fully meet the medical needs of all children this month.
- **Children Without Sponsors:** Currently, 21 children are without sponsors. Sponsorship is vital for covering their school fees, healthcare, meals, and other daily needs. Without sponsors, ECM must stretch its limited resources even further, placing immense strain on our already overburdened team.
- **Food and Supplies Shortages:** We are struggling to provide consistent, nutritious meals and basic supplies for the children due to increased demand and limited donations. The lack of stable funding makes it difficult to plan and sustain day-to-day needs.
- **Frequent Power Outages:** Unreliable electricity disrupts daily activities, including cooking, studying, and therapy sessions. To ensure a safe and productive environment, ECM urgently needs a more stable and sustainable power solution.
- **Lack of Emotional & Mental Health Support:** Many children in our care have endured trauma, yet due to funding limitations, we are unable to hire professional counsellors. Addressing the emotional and psychological needs of these children is critical to their healing and growth.

How You Can Help

Your support—whether through sponsorship, donations, volunteering, or partnerships—can help us overcome these challenges and provide a nurturing, stable, and hopeful future for the children at ECM.

Together, we can restore hope, transform lives, and build a brighter tomorrow.

6. WAYS YOU CAN HELP

There are several ways you can support us:

1. **Online Donations** – Make a secure online contribution to directly support programs that benefit the children.
 - **One-Time Donations** – Your generous gift helps meet urgent needs and funds vital projects.
 - **Recurring Donations** – A monthly commitment ensures consistent support for essentials like food, healthcare, and education, creating a lasting impact.
2. **Child Sponsorship** – Change a child's life by becoming a sponsor. Your support provides them with education, healthcare, and essential care, giving them hope for a brighter future.
3. **In-Kind Donations** – Donate clothing, school supplies, or household essentials. These contributions go directly to the children, improving their daily lives.
4. **Fundraising** – Host a fundraising event or campaign to support our mission. Whether it's a charity run, bake sale, or online fundraiser, your efforts help make a significant difference. Contact us for guidance and resources.
5. **Volunteer Opportunities** – Share your time and skills to make a meaningful impact. Whether you assist in child care, education, administrative work, or special projects, your involvement helps create a nurturing and supportive environment.

Your generosity fuels our mission. Thank you for making a difference!

THANK YOU!

On behalf of everyone at Empowered Child Ministries (ECM), we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support, kindness, and unwavering commitment to our mission. Your donations, sponsorships, and contributions—whether financial, in-kind, or through your time—have brought hope, joy, and transformation to the lives of the children in our care.

Because of your generosity, children have access to education, healthcare, nutritious meals, and a safe, loving environment where they can thrive. Your support is not just a gift; it is a lifeline that empowers them to build a brighter future.

We truly appreciate your compassion and selflessness. Thank you for being a part of this journey and for making a lasting impact on these young lives. May you be abundantly blessed for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Bazira Ibrahim
Director and Programs Manager
Empowered Child Ministries

Appendix

REGINA PROPERTIES
Chamagwa, Mafubira, Jinja City
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1st March, 2025

To:
The Management
Empowered Child Ministries
Chamagwa, Mafubira
Jinja City, Uganda

REF: NOTICE OF VACATION OF PREMISES

Dear ECM Management (Bazira Ibrahim),

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally notify you that Empowered Child Ministries must vacate the premises within three (3) months, effective from **March 1, 2025**. The decision to request your relocation is based on the following reasons:

1. **Excessive Noise Levels** – The children's activities generate a high level of noise, which has become disruptive to other occupants in the vicinity.
2. **Limited Space** – The current space is insufficient for both ECM's growing needs and other occupants sharing the premises.
3. **Resource Competition** – There is a growing strain on shared facilities such as toilets and water, which has led to inconvenience and operational challenges for all parties.

We kindly request that you make the necessary arrangements to vacate the premises by **June 1, 2025**. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a smooth transition and minimizing disruptions. Should you require any further clarifications, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,
Regina Nankya
Landlord
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Regina

Figure 13: Letter from the Landlord