



EMPOWERED CHILD
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Empowered Child Ministries is currently home to **56 children**, among them **four children with physical disabilities and two children with special learning needs**. Each of these children carries a unique story—some marked by abandonment, others by loss, poverty, or neglect. Yet in our care, they find not only shelter, but also love, education, and the opportunity to dream again. Our vision is simple but powerful: **every child matters**. Regardless of background, ability, or circumstance, we believe every child deserves dignity, a safe environment, and the chance to reach their God-given potential.

The presence of children with disabilities and special needs among us continually reminds us of our greater mission. In many parts of Uganda, children living with disabilities are among the most marginalized and forgotten. They often face social stigma, exclusion from schools, limited access to health care, and very little opportunity to develop their talents. National statistics estimate that **over two million children in Uganda live with some form of disability**. Many of them are hidden away in villages, neglected because of poverty, or left without any form of support. Without intervention, they remain voiceless and vulnerable.

At Empowered Child Ministries, we stand boldly in this gap. We choose to love and uplift the children who are too often overlooked, restoring hope through **education, healthcare, spiritual nourishment, and emotional support**. Our programs are designed not only to meet their immediate needs, but also to build long-term resilience. A child with a disability receives therapy and inclusive education to help them grow in confidence and independence. A child who has faced malnutrition is given nutritious meals and the strength to study and play again. And every child, regardless of their challenges, is embraced as a member of a family that values them unconditionally.

This life-changing work is only possible through the generosity of our sponsors and partners. Every contribution—whether it provides food, school fees, medical care, or birthday celebrations—sends a clear message to these children: *you are not forgotten, you are valued, and your life matters*. Together, with the support of caring individuals across the world, Empowered Child Ministries is rewriting the stories of vulnerable children in Uganda—**restoring dignity, creating opportunities, and building hope one child at a time**.



2. Empowered Child Ministries – July 2025 Updates

VISIT TO EMMANUEL MUSASIZI

On July 5th, we visited Emmanuel Musasizi at his boarding school. His report card showed that he was doing extremely well academically, which was very encouraging. As part of our support, we bought him scholastic materials and personal necessities to ensure he continues excelling in his studies. Emmanuel is one of the few sponsored children we support in secondary school, unlike most of the others who are still in primary school. His success demonstrates the importance of extending sponsorship into higher levels of education, as it provides children with greater opportunities for a brighter future, builds confidence, and sets an inspiring example for the younger ones at home.



Figure 1: On July 5th, we visited Emmanuel Musasizi at his boarding school

IMPROVING HOME HYGIENE WITH DUSTBINS

This month, we also bought two big 50-liter dustbins to be used at home for collecting waste. This simple yet important addition has improved cleanliness and organization in our environment. A clean and tidy home not only protects the children from infections and diseases related to poor hygiene but also teaches them discipline, responsibility, and the value of living in an orderly environment.

PACKAGES AND LETTERS FROM ABROAD

July was filled with encouragement from our international friends and partners. On July 31st, we received a package from **Laura in Latvia** for sponsored child Samuel, which brought him joy and a sense of being cared for across borders. Earlier in the month, on July 17th, we received two letters—one from **McEntee in the USA** and another from **Michelle in the UK**. On the same day, a package also arrived from McEntee in the USA.

These gifts and letters mean a lot to the children, as they strengthen their sense of belonging, connection, and hope, reminding them that they are loved and remembered by people worldwide.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

In July, we had five birthdays: Victor, Samson, Grace, Kenneth, and Samuel. However, due to limited funds, we were only able to celebrate three—those of Victor (11 years), Samson (11 years), and Grace (12 years). Kenneth and Samuel's birthdays were not celebrated with cake, which saddened us, but we still recognized them.

Celebrating birthdays has a huge impact as it makes children feel valued, loved, and part of a family. It boosts their self-esteem, brings joy, and creates lasting memories even in difficult times.



Grace celebrates his 12th birthday

CARETAKER CHALLENGES AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Unfortunately, we had to make a very difficult decision this month by dismissing two of our caretakers, **Monic and Madina, for mistreating children** and engaging in acts of child abuse while our leaders, Bazira Ibrahim and Mother Abigail, were away. Sadly, Kwikiriza Favor, one of our children who was a relative of the caretakers, left with them. This reduced our number

of **children at the orphanage to 56**. While this situation was painful, we could not tolerate abuse of any kind, as our mission is to provide love, safety, and a better life for the children. Mistreatment and abuse of children have dangerous impacts—it can destroy their trust, cause emotional trauma, and affect their development. Taking a firm stand ensures that our home remains a safe and nurturing environment.

LOCAL DONATION FROM MOTHER JUDITH

We also received a generous donation from **Mother Judith here in Uganda**, which included **sanitary pads, toothpaste, toilet paper, and Vaseline**. Local donations like these have a profound impact because they show the children that people from their own communities also care about them. It fosters a culture of compassion, encourages local responsibility, and meets very practical daily needs—especially for the girls, who benefit greatly from the provision of sanitary pads.

NUTRITION AND MEALS

This month, our meals were slightly improved with more balanced nutrition. While we continue to struggle with resources, the children's overall health and school performance benefited from better meals. Nutrition remains critical, especially for children with special needs and those undergoing therapy.

HEALTH UPDATE

In July, we experienced an outbreak of flu, colds, and cough among the children. Thankfully, with the help of our new visiting doctor, all cases were treated quickly and the children recovered well. Having a doctor visit regularly has improved our healthcare system by ensuring early diagnosis, reducing medical costs, and giving children consistent care.

Stories oh Hope: Grace's

*When **Grace** first joined Empowered Child Ministries (ECM)s earlier this year, his life was marked by constant struggle. Living with **epilepsy**, he faced frequent seizures that left him weak, isolated, and unable to fully participate in school or play with other children. His health condition had created fear and stigma in the community, and as a result, he often felt left out and without hope.*

*SSince coming into our care, Grace's life has begun to transform. At ECM, he receives **consistent medical support** and close monitoring to manage his epilepsy. With proper care, his seizures have reduced, allowing him to regain both strength and confidence. He has also been given the opportunity to return to school, where he is now learning alongside his peers without fear of being left behind.*



Grace having a mice meal at Sta Cafe during a day out.

*Beyond healthcare and education, Grace has found something even more powerful at ECM—a **loving family environment**. Surrounded by children who play with him and caregivers who encourage him, he no longer feels different or forgotten. His laughter is brighter, his smile is frequent, and his dreams are alive again.*

Grace's story is just one example of how Empowered Child Ministries is restoring hope and dignity to vulnerable children. With continued support, we can ensure that Grace—and many others like him—grow up healthy, confident, and prepared for a brighter future.



VISIT FROM ANDRE (UK)

On **July 9th**, we had the great pleasure of hosting **Andre from the UK**, and his visit turned into one of the most colorful and joyful days for the children. From the moment he arrived, the atmosphere was filled with excitement and anticipation. The children expressed their happiness through lively **dances, songs, and creative presentations**, showcasing their talents with pride. Together, they shared **meals, laughter, and fun activities** that created lasting memories.



Such visits go far beyond a single day of celebration. They **strengthen the bonds** between sponsors and children, reminding the little ones that they are loved, valued, and supported. They also provide encouragement and boost the children's confidence, showing them that their efforts are recognized and appreciated. Equally important, interactions with visitors from abroad **expose the children to diverse cultures**, broadening their horizons and inspiring them to dream bigger. For many of the children, Andre's visit was a source of **renewed hope and motivation** to keep working hard in school and to believe in a brighter future.

NEW MONTHLY DONORS

We are delighted to welcome three new monthly donors who joined us via PayPal, including Josephine Stevens, who pledged \$10 per month. These regular contributions are vital for planning and sustaining programs such as meals, healthcare, and education. Reliable giving empowers us to ensure continuity and stability for the children.

SPECIAL DAY-OUTS FOR CHILDREN

On July 12th, four children—Jemima, George, Gilbert, and Shirati—enjoyed a day out at a children's play park and café. They had a wonderful time playing, eating ice cream, and enjoying chicken meals. Similarly, on July 22nd, eight children—Samuel, Denise, Efulansi, Sylvia, Tracy, Daphine, Musa, and Grace—went out to a café to celebrate Samuel's birthday.

They shared a cake, enjoyed chips, sodas, and chicken, and even celebrated with the café staff. Although they could not go to the play park due to over-congestion, it was still a memorable day.



These outings have an immense impact because they allow the children to relax, bond, and experience normal childhood joys beyond the orphanage walls.

PHYSIOTHERAPY SESSIONS

Physiotherapy continued this month under the care of Dr. Sylve and Dr. Flavia, with one session each week. While Christopher missed two sessions due to illness, the overall program is producing positive results. Children are showing improvements in balance and movement, which directly improves their independence and quality of life. Ahmed, a child from the community, also resumed physiotherapy after a long absence, which was encouraging. However, we still lack essential physiotherapy equipment that could further enhance the sessions.

SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION

Teacher Sarah continued with two weekly sessions for special needs children. This month was particularly exciting as the children learned how to make pancakes, cook simple meals, and prepare juice. These activities are not only therapeutic but also help build important life skills, creativity, and confidence.



SUNDAY SERVICES

Our Sunday services faced challenges due to unpredictable weather, which limited our gatherings. Despite this, the sessions we held were powerful and uplifting. The children engaged in worship, prayer, and Bible study, which strengthened their faith and gave them hope. Spiritual growth remains a cornerstone of our ministry, and we are exploring more weather-resilient solutions to ensure uninterrupted services.



3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial report of Empowered Child Ministries outlines a transparent and responsible management of funds, detailing budget allocation, expenditures, and funding sources. Key income streams include individual donations, partner grants, and fundraising activities, all vital to supporting the 56 children in our care.

Major expenses prioritize child welfare, covering necessities such as food, clothing, and shelter, alongside educational programs that provide learning materials and specialized support for disabled and school-going children. Healthcare costs address medical treatments, emergency care, and ongoing therapies for children with special needs.

Operational expenses, including administrative costs, utilities, and facility maintenance, are carefully controlled to ensure effective daily functioning. This encompasses upkeep of the children's home, allowances for caretakers, and essential services like electricity and water.

3.1 Collected Donations

During this reporting period, Empowered Child Ministries received a total of **UGX 31,505,839**, equivalent to **USD 9,001.67** and **GBP 7,001.30**. These generous contributions directly impacted children's lives by enabling access to education, healthcare, shelter, nutrition, and spiritual development.

Donations	UGX	USD	GBP
Bank Transfer Donations	1,260,759	360.22	280.17
GoFundMe Donations	4,353,500	1,243.86	967.44
Mobile Money Donations	1,468,950	419.70	326.43
Paypal Donations	24,422,630	6,977.89	5,427.25
Grand Total	31,505,839	9,001.67	7,001.30

3.2 Expenditure

In July 2025, **direct expenses totaled UGX 25,405,286 (USD 7,258.65 / GBP 5,645.62)**. These covered administration, operations, program costs, and utilities—ensuring children receive food, education, health care, and a safe environment. Every shilling directly strengthens the impact of Empowered Child Ministries' mission to nurture and transform young lives.

Direct Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Administrative Expenses	4,006,286	1,144.65	890.29
Other Operational Expenses	1,763,000	503.71	391.78
Program Costs	19,220,000	5,491.43	4,271.11
Utility Bills	416,000	118.86	92.44
Grand Total	25,405,286	7,258.65	5,645.62

3.3 Detailed Category Expenditure

3.3.1 Administrative Expenses

In July 2025, administrative expenses totaled **UGX 4,006,286 (USD 1,144.65 / GBP 890.29)**, covering caretaker allowances, internet, website upkeep, and transaction fees. These essential supports ensure smooth operations, secure donations, and consistent care—forming the backbone that enables Empowered Child Ministries to transform the lives of 56 children under our care.

Administrative Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Administration Work Allowances	200,000	57.14	44.44
Allowances for Caretakers	1,985,000	567.14	441.11
Gofundme Fees 5.45%	237,266	67.79	52.73
Internet Bundles	235,000	67.14	52.22
Paypal Charges 3.98%	972,021	277.72	216.00
Website Maintenance & Repairs	50,000	14.29	11.11
Withdraw Charges & Fees	327,000	93.43	72.67
Grand Total	4,006,286	1,144.65	890.29

3.3.2 Program Costs

Program costs totaled **UGX 19,133,000 (USD 5,467 / GBP 4,251.78)**, comprising children's meals (UGX 7,997,500), drop-in-clinic services (UGX 1,084,000), education program (UGX 7,947,000), health and welfare program (UGX 447,500), and household items and equipment (UGX 1,657,000).

Program Costs	UGX	USD	GBP
Childrens' Meals	7,997,500	2,285	1,777.22
Drop-in-Clinic	1,084,000	310	240.89
Education Program	7,947,000	2,271	1,766.00
Health & Welfare Program	447,500	128	99.44
Household Items & Equipment	1,657,000	473	368.22
Grand Total	19,133,000	5,467	4,251.78

i. Education Program

Education Program expenses amounted to **UGX 7,947,000 (USD 2,270.57 / GBP 1,766.00)**, covering tuition fees for primary and secondary education, special needs support, scholastic materials, stationery, dancing classes, and Sunday church services.

Education Program	UGX	USD	GBP
Dancing Classes	482,000	137.71	107.11
Scholastic Materials	135,000	38.57	30.00
Special Needs Education	160,000	45.71	35.56
Stationery Items	100,000	28.57	22.22
Sunday Church Services	300,000	85.71	66.67
Tuition Fees - Primary Education	6,460,000	1,845.71	1,435.56
Tuition Fees - Secondary Education	310,000	88.57	68.89
Grand Total	7,947,000	2,270.57	1,766.00

ii. Health and Welfare Program

Health & Welfare Program expenses totaled **UGX 447,500 (USD 127.86 / GBP 99.44)**, covering children's gifts and toys (UGX 39,000), hairdressing and assorted items (UGX 246,500), and medical services (UGX 162,000).

Health & Welfare Program	UGX	USD	GBP
Children Gifts, Toys	39,000	11.14	8.67
Hairdressings & Assorted Items	246,500	70.43	54.78
Medical Services	162,000	46.29	36.00
Grand Total	447,500	127.86	99.44

iii. Household Activities

Household items and equipment expenses totaled **UGX 1,657,000 (USD 473.43 / GBP 368.22)**, including barber services, clothing, diapers, home equipment, maintenance, cleaning supplies such as liquid and bar soap, toilet articles, and dental care items.

Household Items & Equipment	UGX	USD	GBP
Barber	220,000	62.86	48.89
Clothing	140,000	40.00	31.11
Diapers	40,000	11.43	8.89
Home Equipment & Items	654,000	186.86	145.33
Household Maintenance	105,000	30.00	23.33
Liquid Soap	52,000	14.86	11.56
Toilet Articles	20,000	5.71	4.44
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes	72,000	20.57	16.00
Washing Bar Soap/Powder	354,000	101.14	78.67
Grand Total	1,657,000	473.43	368.22

iv. Children's Meals

Children's meals expenses amounted to **UGX 7,997,500 (USD 2,285 / GBP 1,777)**, covering a variety of food items including beans, maize flour, rice, vegetables, fruits, sugar, salt, cooking oil, firewood, and other foodstuffs to support balanced nutrition.

Children's Meals	UGX	USD	GBP
Beans	680,000	194.29	151
Cooking Oil	198,000	56.57	44
Firewood	525,000	150.00	117
Fruits	248,000	70.86	55
Maize/corn Flour	525,000	150.00	117
Other Food Stuff	3,324,500	949.86	739
Rice	997,000	284.86	222
Salt	75,000	21.43	17
Sugar	513,000	146.57	114
Vegetables	912,000	260.57	203
Grand Total	7,997,500	2,285.00	1,777

v. Drop-In-Clinic

Drop-in-Clinic expenses totaled **UGX 1,084,000 (USD 309.71 / GBP 240.89)**, covering donations to caretakers (UGX 300,000), medication for disabled children (UGX 80,000), and physiotherapy sessions (UGX 704,000).

Drop-in-Clinic	UGX	USD	GBP
Donations to Caretakers	300,000	85.71	66.67
Medication for Disabled Children	80,000	22.86	17.78
Physiotherapy Sessions	704,000	201.14	156.44
Grand Total	1,084,000	309.71	240.89

3.3.3 Utility Bills

Utility bills amounted to **UGX 503,000 (USD 143.71 / GBP 111.78)**, comprising garbage collection (UGX 40,000), power and electricity (UGX 87,000), and water bills (UGX 376,000).

Utility Bills	UGX	USD	GBP
Garbage Collections	40,000	11.43	8.89
Power/electricity Bills	87,000	24.86	19.33
Water Bills	376,000	107.43	83.56
Grand Total	503,000	143.71	111.78

3.4.3 Operational Expenses

Other operational expenses totaled **UGX 1,763,000 (USD 504 / GBP 391.78)**, covering children's activities such as birthdays, play, and holiday parties (UGX 1,031,000), transportation and facilitation (UGX 715,000), and clearance and handling costs (UGX 17,000).

Other Operational Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Children Birthday Parties	560,000	160	124.44
Children Play & Holiday Parties	471,000	135	104.67
Clearance of Packages & Handling	17,000	5	3.78
Transportation for Food Items	180,000	51	40.00
Transportation of Items	100,000	29	22.22
Transport Facilitation	435,000	124	96.67
Grand Total	1,763,000	504	391.78

4. FUNDING NEEDS

Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) continues to stand as a place of hope, safety, and dignity for vulnerable children. Yet today, our mission faces urgent challenges that threaten our ability to sustain the holistic care—spiritual, emotional, and physical—that these children depend on.

One of our immediate needs is **reliable power**. Frequent electricity outages leave our children in darkness, disrupting evening studies and affecting their safety. Installing solar panels would provide sustainable energy and allow learning and daily life to continue uninterrupted.

We are also deeply concerned about the **health and wellbeing** of our children. Many require routine check-ups, urgent medical treatments, and some need ongoing physiotherapy. Without consistent medical support, their progress and quality of life are at risk.

Beyond health, we are committed to **skills development**, helping children build confidence and independence. Initiatives like liquid soap-making not only teach practical skills but also create future income-generating opportunities.

To ensure transparency and effectively share these children's journeys, we urgently need a **DSLR camera**. This will allow us to professionally document their progress and communicate our impact with donors and supporters worldwide.

Special care is also required for **orphans and children with disabilities**, who need therapy services, adaptive education tools, and individualized attention. For their learning to be effective, we need **special education equipment** such as sensory toys, tablets, block letters, and picture cards.

Nutrition remains another critical challenge. Many of our children, especially those with disabilities, require nutrient-rich diets. Consistent support is essential to provide balanced meals daily. To strengthen this, we urgently need a **deep freezer** for safe food storage and a **blender** to prepare fresh juices and soft diets for those with special needs.

Finally, with the growing number of children under our care, our current team is overstretched. We require **additional staff—caregivers, teachers, and therapists**—to ensure personalized, quality attention for every child.

Your support can help us overcome these challenges. Together, we can secure reliable power, improve healthcare, strengthen nutrition, provide quality education, and offer every child a chance to grow in safety, dignity, and hope.

5. CHALLENGES

Our orphanage continues to face serious challenges due to the **small and congested home** where the children are currently accommodated. With over 30 children sharing a single small room, we are at risk of closure under orphanage laws that require safe and adequate living conditions. The home lacks a sitting room, has an insufficient number of toilets, and does not provide enough space for the children to live and grow in dignity.

We have also experienced issues with **theft and loss of property**, which highlights the urgent need for CCTV cameras to strengthen security and ensure the safety of the children. As the month came to a close, many children fell ill with vomiting, coughing, and fever. Thankfully, they received treatment, but this points to the fragile state of their health and the need for improved preventive measures.

One of the **greatest health risks remains malaria**, which continues to affect the children. The provision of mosquito nets is critical, as malaria cases are becoming increasingly worrying. At the same time, ensuring proper nutrition is still a major challenge.

Donations we receive are not enough to **meet the nutritional needs of the children**, leaving us struggling to provide balanced meals consistently.

We also experienced an unfortunate **incident where Grace sustained a serious wound on his leg** while playing. This injury disrupted his daily attendance at school, though he is currently receiving treatment and recovering.

Overall, the situation reflects the urgent need for improved housing, healthcare support, security, and consistent food supplies to safeguard the wellbeing and future of the children under our care.

6. RECOMMENDATION

Improved Housing & Infrastructure

- Construct another larger block that meets orphanage laws and provides adequate sleeping space, a sitting room, and additional toilets.
- Explore partnerships with NGOs, government agencies, or well-wishers for housing support.

Enhanced Security Measures

- Install CCTV cameras to safeguard children and property.
- Introduce proper record-keeping and controlled access to prevent loss of items.

Health & Sanitation Improvements

- Provide mosquito nets for every child to reduce malaria cases.
- Strengthen hygiene practices and ensure clean water supply to prevent frequent illnesses.
- Establish a small sickbay or first aid room with basic medicines for quick response.

Nutrition & Food Security

- Develop a sustainable feeding program through partnerships with local farmers, food suppliers, and donors.
- Start small-scale income-generating activities (e.g., poultry, vegetable gardens) to supplement food donations.

Child Safety & Wellbeing

- Create safe play areas to reduce accidents like Grace's injury.
- Regular medical checkups to detect and treat illnesses early.

Sustainable Funding & Partnerships

- Strengthen fundraising campaigns (online platforms, community drives, and donor engagement).
- Seek partnerships with schools, health centers, and churches for education and healthcare support

7. 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 express our sincere thanks for your incredible generosity and steadfast dedication to our mission. Your support—through donations, sponsorships, gifts in kind, or the gift of your time—has made a profound difference in the lives of the children we serve. We are especially grateful to all who contributed towards the purchase of land for the construction of a permanent home for the children.

Thanks to your compassion, these children now have access to essential services such as education, healthcare, and nutritious meals, as well as a safe and nurturing environment where they can grow and flourish. Your giving is more than a contribution—it is a lifeline that offers hope and opens doors to a brighter future.

We deeply appreciate your selflessness and commitment. Thank you for walking this journey with us and for creating lasting change in the lives of vulnerable children. May you be richly blessed for your kindness.

Sincerely,

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