



EMPOWERED CHILD
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JUNE 2025 REPORT

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Empowered Child Ministries

June was a month of growth, challenges, and meaningful progress for Empowered Child Ministries. The team continued to provide comprehensive care, education, and emotional support for the children in our care, while also making infrastructure improvements and deepening community engagement. Below is a summary of key updates and developments:

Health and Wellness

- Two significant health cases were managed with care: *Halima* fully recovered from a burn injury, and *Sharif* responded well to treatment after a severe malaria episode.
- A **visiting doctor** now regularly treats the children on-site, ensuring quicker access to care and reducing long-term healthcare costs.
- **Physiotherapy sessions** for children with special needs continued with encouraging results, supported by a new child-friendly reward system. However, **limited therapy space** remains a challenge.

Education and School Reopening

- Children joyfully returned to school for the **second term**, fully supported with scholastic materials and transportation.
- **Special needs education** sessions resumed with progress noted, despite space limitations and a shortage of educational materials.
- Children also engaged in **practical life skills** activities like cooking and juice making to enhance development.

Nutrition and Food Security

- Due to **limited funding**, the quality of meals this month was below standard, which may affect health and academic performance. Continued donor support is needed to improve nutrition.

Spiritual Growth and Worship

- Sunday services were fewer due to bad weather, but gatherings held were spiritually enriching. Plans are underway to establish a **weather-resilient space** for worship to ensure consistency.

Infrastructure and Safety Enhancements

- A **new wooden store** was built to safely house wheelchairs, bicycles, and therapy tools.
- **Shelving units** were installed in bedrooms and the kitchen, improving organization and hygiene.
- We hired **Mr. Isoba Fred** as our new security guard to enhance safety and protect ministry property.

Donor Engagement and Sponsorship

- We welcomed three new **monthly donors via PayPal**: Sandar (\$10.80), Vanessa (\$100), and Charlotte (\$21). These recurring gifts help sustain programs long-term.
- Sponsors *Trevor McEntee* and *Clara Julia* sent thoughtful care packages that brought immense joy and encouragement to the children.
- Sponsor *Nicola* generously funded **birthday celebrations**, including supermarket trips and gifts for children born in June.

Community and Emotional Support

- **Magero Sylvia** returned to the orphanage after a difficult year with relatives. Her reintegration has been warmly embraced by both staff and peers.
- We celebrated **five children's birthdays**, turning each occasion into a moment of love, joy, and belonging.

Empowered Child Ministries continues to navigate daily challenges with faith, compassion, and resilience. We remain grateful to our donors, staff, and partners whose generosity and commitment are transforming lives every day. Together, we are creating a nurturing environment where every child can thrive.



2. JUNE 2025 PROGRAM UPDATES

Health Update

During June, Empowered Child Ministries closely monitored the health and well-being of all children under its care. One of the children, Halima, experienced a burn injury caused by hot porridge. Thanks to prompt and attentive medical care, Halima recovered very well and is now back to her normal activities with no lasting effects.

Meanwhile, Sharif faced a severe bout of malaria during the month. The ministry ensured he received immediate medical attention and appropriate treatment. With proper care and rest, Sharif has made significant progress toward full recovery.

These cases highlight the ongoing commitment of the ministry to providing comprehensive healthcare support, ensuring that every child's health challenges are promptly addressed with compassion and professionalism.

New Monthly Donors Join Through PayPal

We are thrilled to welcome three new monthly donors who have chosen to partner with Empowered Child Ministries by providing ongoing financial support via PayPal. Sandar has pledged a monthly contribution of USD 10.80, Vanessa generously committed USD 100, and Charlotte is supporting us with USD 21 every month. These monthly donations are vital as they provide a reliable and predictable source of funding, enabling us to plan and sustain key programs more effectively. Regular giving from our donors empowers us to continue providing nutritious meals, educational supplies, healthcare, and other essential services to the children. We deeply appreciate their commitment and invite others to join this impactful giving community.

Children Return to School for Second Term

The children under our care returned with enthusiasm to begin the second term of the school year. After a period of rest and rejuvenation, they are eager to continue their academic journey, gaining knowledge, skills, and friendships that will shape their futures. Our team remains dedicated to supporting each child's learning experience, ensuring they have the necessary school materials, uniforms, and transportation to attend classes regularly. We continue to work closely with local schools to monitor attendance and performance, striving to overcome any barriers to education these children may face.



Figure 1: The children under our care returned with enthusiasm to begin the second term of the school year.

Construction of a New Wooden Store

To enhance the organization and security of our facility, we constructed a sturdy wooden store this month specifically designed to house important mobility and recreational equipment. This new storage area will securely accommodate wheelchairs, bicycles, drums, and other vital resources used daily by the children. Previously, the lack of proper storage made it challenging to keep these items safe and in good condition. The new facility will protect these assets from weather damage and unauthorized access, ensuring they remain available and functional to support the children's mobility, therapy, and recreational activities. This improvement reflects our commitment to providing a well-maintained environment that supports holistic care.

Employment of a New Security Guard

In June, we also strengthened our security team by welcoming Mr. Isoba Fred as our new security guard. His role is crucial in ensuring the safety and protection of the children, staff, and property within the ministry's premises. With increasing activities and the presence of valuable equipment, having dedicated security personnel is essential to prevent theft, vandalism, and unauthorized access. Mr. Fred's experience and vigilance will contribute significantly to creating a secure and peaceful environment where children can thrive without

fear. We are confident that his presence will also provide reassurance to staff and visitors, fostering a sense of safety and community within the ministry.

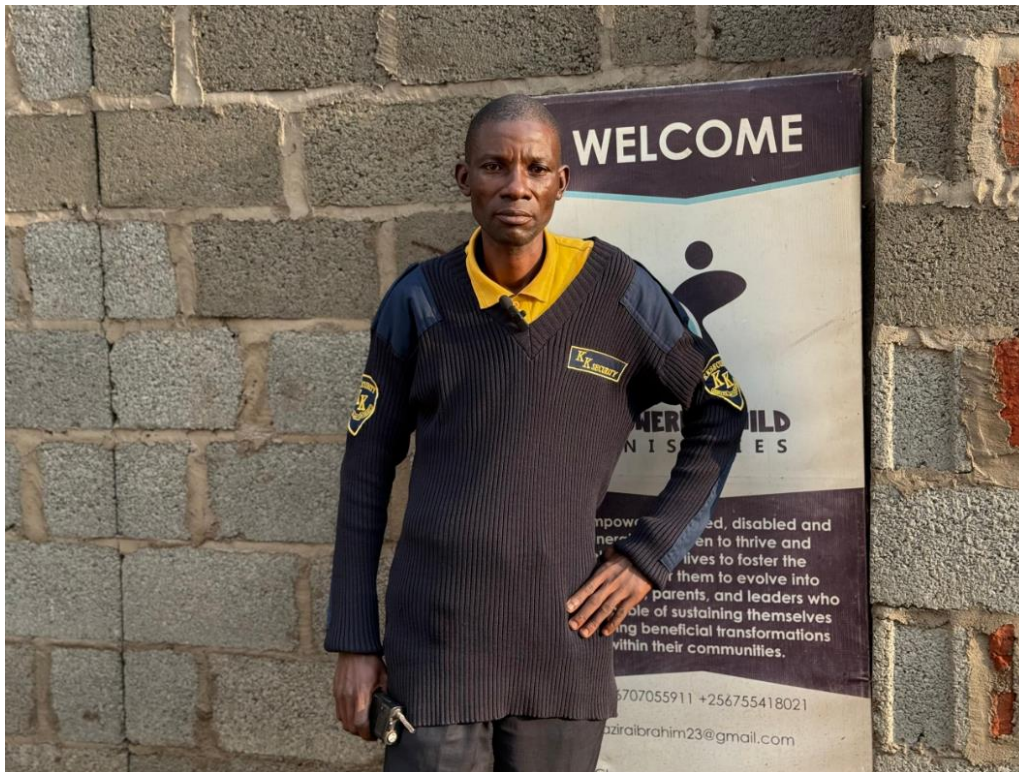


Figure 2: We also strengthened our security team by welcoming Mr. Isoba Fred as our new security guard

Sponsor Engagement – Gifts and Letters Received

In June, Empowered Child Ministries was deeply blessed to receive thoughtful care packages from generous sponsors who continue to uplift and encourage the children. Trevor McEntee from the USA sent a special care package filled with gifts and personal items, bringing joy and a strong sense of connection to the children. Additionally, Clara Julia sent a heartfelt package addressed to all the kids, further strengthening the bond between our sponsors and the children they support. These meaningful gestures not only provide tangible support but also inspire hope and a sense of belonging for every child in the ministry.

Birthday Celebrations – Honoring and Uplifting Our Children

Celebrating birthdays is an important way for us to honor each child's life and nurture their sense of worth and joy. This month, we joyfully celebrated the birthdays of several children, marking their special milestones with love and festive activities:

- **Nemwa Hellen** turned 11 on June 7th
- **Natasha Ketra** celebrated her 9th birthday on June 11th

- **Akumu Margret** marked her 15th birthday on June 16th
- **Namugaya Moreen** reached 14 years on June 20th
- **Lwanda Denise** celebrated her 10th birthday on June 22nd

Each birthday was a beautiful occasion filled with laughter, cake, and heartfelt moments. These celebrations not only bring joy but also reinforce the ministry's commitment to nurturing the children emotionally and socially, making sure they feel loved, valued, and cherished.



Figure 3: Natasha Ketra celebrated her 9th birthday on June 11th



Figure 4: Akumu Margret marked her 15th birthday on June 16th



Figure 5: Namugaya Moreen and Hellen Nemwa turned 14 and 11 years respectively.

Homecoming and Restoration – Welcoming Back Magero Sylvia

We were overjoyed to welcome Magero Sylvia back to the orphanage this June after spending nearly a year away. Sylvia had been living with relatives during a challenging season marked by instability and strained relationships. Her return is a testament to the love and safe environment that Empowered Child Ministries provides, and we are committed to walking with her on her journey of healing and restoration. The children and staff warmly received her back, and she has quickly reintegrated into the family with joy and resilience.

Infrastructure Improvements – Creating a More Organized Living Space

To continue improving our living and care environment, we installed shelves in the children's rooms, creating additional storage space for their personal belongings. This has helped bring more order and accessibility to their spaces. We also fitted shelves in the kitchen area to properly organize utensils and cooking supplies. These improvements have greatly enhanced our ability to maintain a clean, functional, and child-friendly environment that supports everyday life at the ministry.

Sponsor Support – Celebrating Birthdays in a Special Way

We are incredibly grateful to Sponsor Nicola, who generously funded birthday celebrations for the children who marked their special days in June. As part of the celebration, the birthday children were taken for a memorable supermarket shopping trip, where they chose personal items and enjoyed the rare delight of shopping for themselves.

Nicola also sent thoughtful gifts and presents to each birthday child, making their day feel extra special and loved. These moments are not only joyful but also deeply affirming for the children, reminding them that they are seen, valued, and celebrated.



Did You Know?

Empowered Child Ministries now supports **57 children**—including **4 children with disabilities** and **1 child with special learning needs**. We're committed to giving *every child*, regardless of their abilities, the care, education, and love they deserve to thrive. Every child matters—and every sponsor helps make this possible!

In Uganda, over **2 million children live with a disability**, and many face severe challenges in accessing education, health care, and emotional support. Thousands more suffer from poverty, malnutrition, and neglect. Empowered Child Ministries stands in the gap to restore hope—one child at a time.

Figure 6: June 2025 birthday children were taken for a memorable supermarket shopping trip

Physiotherapy Progress – Supporting Children with Special Needs

Physiotherapy sessions for our children with special needs continued steadily throughout June, bringing encouraging signs of progress in many of them. These sessions remain a **cornerstone of our holistic care**, aimed at improving **mobility, strength, coordination**, and the **overall physical well-being** of each child.

We are grateful to **Doctor Sylve and Flavia**, who have continued to provide dedicated and compassionate therapy. Their professionalism and understanding of the children's needs have greatly contributed to the positive strides we are seeing. Several children are showing marked improvements in movement and balance, which translates to better participation in daily activities and greater independence.

However, we did face **some challenges** this month. Our therapy sessions are still **limited by space constraints**, which sometimes affects the consistency of care. We recognize the urgent need for a **more spacious and equipped area** to properly accommodate physiotherapy activities and ensure the comfort and safety of both the therapists and the children.

Despite these challenges, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing **consistent and professional therapy services**. We continue to **pray and actively seek support** for improved infrastructure and resources that will enhance the therapy experience for all our children in need of specialized care.

To foster **enthusiasm and consistency** during therapy, we have introduced a small yet impactful **reward system** — each child now receives a sweet treat after completing their session. This simple gesture has made a noticeable difference, as it brings joy, **builds motivation**, and helps the children associate therapy with a **sense of accomplishment**. The excitement of receiving a treat encourages their participation and transforms what can be difficult exercises into a more **positive and enjoyable experience**.

Special Needs Education – Ongoing Support and Skill Development

Special needs education continued steadily in June 2025 under the care and guidance of Teacher Sarah, who worked with four of our children with special needs. These sessions focused on basic education, personal development, and life skills, and have played a vital role in helping the children grow in confidence and ability.

However, we continue to face key challenges:

- We lack sufficient special needs materials and equipment, which limits the full potential of the learning process.
- The space available for teaching is insufficient, making it hard to create an optimal environment for learning.

With the construction of our new home, we are hopeful about utilizing the larger outdoor space as a temporary learning area for our special needs children while we work toward more permanent solutions.

Additionally, the children engaged in practical activities such as cooking and juice making, which are not only therapeutic but also help them develop useful life skills.

Please note that special needs sessions were paused during the last week of May due to preparations for our relocation.

We remain committed to providing inclusive education tailored to the unique needs of every child, and we continue to seek support for expanding our capacity.

Sunday Services – A Month of Spiritual Growth Amid Challenges

This month, our Sunday services were affected by **unpredictable weather conditions**, which led to fewer sessions than usual. Despite this, the times we gathered were deeply meaningful and impactful. The children participated in worship, prayer, and Bible teachings that nurtured their **spiritual growth**, encouraged **personal reflection**, and reminded them of God's love and faithfulness.

We believe that **spiritual nourishment is just as essential as physical care**. Although the weather disrupted some of our gatherings, we remain committed to providing regular worship opportunities that **build character, instill hope, and foster a sense of community** among the children. We are also exploring ways to create **a more weather-resilient space** so that spiritual programs can continue uninterrupted in the future.

Nutrition and Meals – A Need for Improvement

This month, we faced **significant challenges in providing balanced and nutritious meals** due to limited funding. While we ensured the children received daily meals, the **nutritional quality was compromised**, which can affect their overall health, concentration in school, and physical development.

Proper nutrition is especially crucial for children with **special needs and medical conditions**, as well as those recovering from illness or undergoing therapy. We continue to pray for and seek partners who can support our food program so we can provide **diverse, nutrient-rich meals** that promote strong growth and sustained energy for learning, play, and healing.

Medical Support – A Step Forward in Healthcare Access

We are grateful to report that we now have a **doctor who visits regularly** to check on the children's health, treat minor ailments, and provide professional medical advice. This development is a **significant milestone** for Empowered Child Ministries, as it ensures **quicker response to illnesses, early diagnosis, and reduced reliance on costly external clinics**.

Having access to on-site or visiting medical care helps us **cut down on transport and treatment expenses**, improves **health monitoring**, and ensures **the well-being of our children is safeguarded more consistently**. It's a major step forward in our efforts to build a more **self-sustaining and responsive care environment**.



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

In June 2025, Empowered Child Ministries received a total of **UGX 26,714,184**, equivalent to approximately **USD 7,632.62** or **GBP 5,936.49**, in donations. These contributions were vital in sustaining the ministry's operations and supporting the children under its care.

The largest share came through **PayPal donations**, totaling UGX 19,715,115 (USD 5,632.89 / GBP 4,381.14). Additional support included **mobile money donations** amounting to UGX 3,078,000 (USD 879.43 / GBP 684.00), **bank transfers** of UGX 1,981,222 (USD 566.06 / GBP 440.27), and **GoFundMe donations** totaling UGX 1,444,000 (USD 412.57 / GBP 320.89). The ministry also received **Western Union donations** worth UGX 495,847 (USD 141.67 / GBP 110.19).

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	1,981,222	566.06	440.27
GoFundMe Donations	1,444,000	412.57	320.89
Mobile Money Donations	3,078,000	879.43	684.00
Paypal Donations	19,715,115	5,632.89	4,381.14
Western Union Donations	495,847	141.67	110.19
Grand Total	26,714,184	7,632.62	5,936.49

3.2 Expenditure

In June 2025, Empowered Child Ministries incurred a total of **UGX 24,996,666**, equivalent to approximately **USD 7,141.90** or **GBP 5,554.80**, in direct expenses supporting various aspects of its ministry operations.

The majority of the expenditure went toward **program costs**, totaling UGX 17,859,000 (USD 5,102.60 / GBP 3,968.70), which covered essential services such as education, healthcare, child welfare, and

nutrition. **Administrative expenses** amounted to UGX 5,532,066 (USD 1,580.60 / GBP 1,229.30), supporting staff allowances, office operations, and professional services. **Other operational expenses** reached UGX 1,341,000 (USD 383.10 / GBP 298.00), while **utility bills** for services like water, electricity, and sanitation came to UGX 264,600 (USD 75.60 / GBP 58.80).

These expenditures reflect the ministry's commitment to providing consistent, quality care and support to the children and families it serves.

Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Administrative Expenses	5,532,066	1,580.6	1,229.3
Other Operational Expenses	1,341,000	383.1	298.0
Program Costs	17,859,000	5,102.6	3,968.7
Utility Bills	264,600	75.6	58.8
Grand Total	24,996,666	7,141.9	5,554.8

3.3 Detailed Category Expenditure

3.3.1 Administrative Expenses

In June 2025, Empowered Child Ministries spent **UGX 5,532,066** (approximately **USD 1,580.59 / GBP 1,229.35**) on administrative expenses to support the effective running of the ministry.

Key expenses included **allowances for caretakers** at UGX 1,625,000, **PayPal transaction charges** amounting to UGX 1,720,566, and **GoFundMe fees** totaling UGX 643,999. The ministry also covered **professional services and consultations** (UGX 700,000), **internet bundles** (UGX 235,000), and **withdrawal charges** (UGX 387,500). Other administrative costs included **office equipment and supplies**, **website maintenance**, **security guard** and **administrative work allowances**, each contributing to the overall efficiency and continuity of operations. These expenses were essential to maintaining structure, communication, and service delivery across the ministry.

Administrative Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Administration Work Allowances	60,000	17.14	13.33
Allowances for Caretakers	1,625,000	464.29	361.11
Gofundme Fees 5.45%	643,999	184.00	143.11
Internet Bundles	235,000	67.14	52.22
Office Equipment & Supplies	50,000	14.29	11.11
Paypal Charges 3.98%	1,720,566	491.59	382.35
Professional Services & Consultations	700,000	200.00	155.56
Security Guard Allowances	60,000	17.14	13.33
Website Maintenance & Repairs	50,000	14.29	11.11
Withdraw Charges & Fees	387,500	110.71	86.11
Grand Total	5,532,066	1,580.59	1,229.35

3.3.2 Program Costs

In June 2025, Empowered Child Ministries spent **UGX 17,859,000** (approximately **USD 5,102.60 / GBP 3,968.70**) on program-related expenses that directly benefited the children and supported ongoing ministry initiatives.

The largest allocation went toward the **education program**, totaling UGX 6,205,000, followed by **children's meals** at UGX 5,656,500, ensuring daily nourishment. Additional program support included **household items and equipment** (UGX 2,842,500), **drop-in-clinic services** (UGX 1,255,000), and **health and welfare services** (UGX 466,000). ECM also continued its **orphanage home construction**, contributing UGX 1,434,000 to this ongoing project. These investments were crucial in meeting the physical, educational, and healthcare needs of the children under the ministry's care.

Program Costs	UGX	USD	GBP
Children's Meals	5,656,500	1,616.1	1,257.0
Drop-in-Clinic	1,255,000	358.6	278.9
Education Program	6,205,000	1,772.9	1,378.9
Health & Welfare Program	466,000	133.1	103.6
Household Items & Equipment	2,842,500	812.1	631.7
Orphanage Home Construction	1,434,000	409.7	318.7
Grand Total	17,859,000	5,102.6	3,968.7

i. Education Program

In June 2025, Empowered Child Ministries invested **UGX 6,205,000** (approximately **USD 1,772.90 / GBP 1,378.90**) in its education program to support the academic and spiritual development of the children.

Key expenses included **tuition fees** for both **primary** (UGX 2,150,000) and **secondary education** (UGX 1,100,000), ensuring continued access to formal schooling. The ministry also provided **scholastic materials** (UGX 1,938,000) and catered for **special needs education** (UGX 200,000) to support inclusive learning. In addition, children benefited from **dancing classes** (UGX 592,000) as part of their co-curricular development and attended **Sunday church services** (UGX 225,000), which nurtured their spiritual growth. These investments reflect ECM's holistic approach to education, addressing both academic and character development.

Education Program	UGX	USD	GBP
Dancing Classes	592,000	169.1	131.6
Scholastic Materials	1,938,000	553.7	430.7
Special Needs Education	200,000	57.1	44.4
Sunday Church Services	225,000	64.3	50.0
Tuition Fees - Primary Education	2,150,000	614.3	477.8
Tuition Fees - Secondary Education	1,100,000	314.3	244.4
Grand Total	6,205,000	1,772.9	1,378.9

ii. Health and Welfare Program

In June 2025, Empowered Child Ministries allocated **UGX 466,000** (approximately **USD 133.10 / GBP 103.60**) to its **Health & Welfare Program**, focusing on the personal well-being and care of the children.

This included **medical services** at UGX 315,000 to address health needs, along with **children's gifts and toys** (UGX 81,000) to support emotional well-being and play. Additionally, **hairstyling and assorted**

personal care items were provided at a cost of UGX 70,000. These efforts contributed to the children's holistic care, ensuring their physical health, personal hygiene, and emotional comfort.

Health & Welfare Program	UGX	USD	GBP
Children Gifts, Toys	81,000	23.1	18.0
Hairdressings & Assorted Items	70,000	20.0	15.6
Medical Services	315,000	90.0	70.0
Grand Total	466,000	133.1	103.6

iii. Household Activities

In June 2025, Empowered Child Ministries spent **UGX 2,842,500** (approximately **USD 812.10 / GBP 631.70**) on household items and equipment to maintain a clean, safe, and comfortable living environment for the children.

Major expenses included **household maintenance** at UGX 1,426,000 and **home equipment and items** at UGX 465,500. Other essential purchases covered **washing soap and powder** (UGX 353,000), **barber services** (UGX 240,000), and **diapers** (UGX 100,000). The ministry also provided **toothpaste and toothbrushes**, **liquid soap**, **sponges and bathing items**, **sanitary towels**, **kitchen items**, and **clothing** to meet the children's personal hygiene and daily needs. These supplies played a vital role in promoting dignity, cleanliness, and overall well-being.

Household Items & Equipment	UGX	USD	GBP
Barber	240,000	68.6	53.3
Clothings	30,000	8.6	6.7
Diapers	100,000	28.6	22.2
Home Equipment & Items	465,500	133.0	103.4
Household Maintenance	1,426,000	407.4	316.9
Kitchen Items	40,000	11.4	8.9
Liquid Soap	48,000	13.7	10.7
Sanitary Towels / Pads	36,000	10.3	8.0
Sponges & Bathing Items	32,000	9.1	7.1
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes	72,000	20.6	16.0
Washing Bar Soap/Powder	353,000	100.9	78.4
Grand Total	2,842,500	812.1	631.7

iv. Children's Meals

In June 2025, Empowered Child Ministries allocated **UGX 5,656,500** (approximately **USD 1,616.10 / GBP 1,257.00**) toward providing nutritious meals for the children under its care.

Key food items included **maize flour** (UGX 625,000), **rice** (UGX 800,000), and **beans** (UGX 603,000), forming the staple components of daily meals. The ministry also invested in **vegetables** (UGX 573,000), **sugar** (UGX 401,000), **other food items** (UGX 1,812,500), **cooking oil** (UGX 199,000), and **fruits** (UGX 223,000), ensuring a balanced and varied diet. Additionally, **firewood** (UGX 360,000) and **salt** (UGX 60,000) supported food preparation needs. These provisions were vital in promoting the health, growth, and overall well-being of the children.

Children's Meals	UGX	USD	GBP
Beans	603,000	172.3	134.0

Cooking Oil	199,000	56.9	44.2
Firewood	360,000	102.9	80.0
Fruits	223,000	63.7	49.6
Maize/corn Flour	625,000	178.6	138.9
Other Food Stuff	1,812,500	517.9	402.8
Rice	800,000	228.6	177.8
Salt	60,000	17.1	13.3
Sugar	401,000	114.6	89.1
Vegetables	573,000	163.7	127.3
Grand Total	5,656,500	1,616.1	1,257.0

v. Drop-In-Clinic

In June 2025, Empowered Child Ministries allocated **UGX 1,255,000** (approximately **USD 358.60 / GBP 278.90**) to its Drop-in Clinic services.

This included **donations to caretakers** amounting to UGX 375,000 and **physiotherapy sessions** valued at UGX 880,000. These funds supported essential healthcare services, ensuring the children received the medical attention and physical therapy they needed for improved well-being.

Drop-in-Clinic	UGX	USD	GBP
Donations to Caretakers	375,000	107.1	83.3
Physiotherapy Sessions	880,000	251.4	195.6
Grand Total	1,255,000	358.6	278.9

vi. Orphanage Home Construction

In June 2025, Empowered Child Ministries invested **UGX 1,434,000** (approximately **USD 409.70 / GBP 318.70**) in ongoing **orphanage home construction**.

Key expenses included **timber works** at UGX 669,000, **construction labor** costing UGX 400,000, and **iron sheets and roofing materials** valued at UGX 125,000. Additional costs covered **electricity works** (UGX 73,000), **cement** (UGX 60,000), **other construction materials** (UGX 72,000), and **transport of materials** (UGX 35,000). These investments contributed toward building a safe and nurturing home environment for the children supported by the ministry.

Orphanage Home Construction	UGX	USD	GBP
Cement	60,000	17.1	13.3
Construction Labor	400,000	114.3	88.9
Electricity Works	73,000	20.9	16.2
Iron Sheets & Roofing Items	125,000	35.7	27.8
Other Construction Materials	72,000	20.6	16.0
Timber Works	669,000	191.1	148.7
Transport of Construction Materials	35,000	10.0	7.8
Grand Total	1,434,000	409.7	318.7

3.3.3 Utility Bills

In June 2025, Empowered Child Ministries incurred **UGX 264,600** (approximately **USD 75.60 / GBP 58.80**) in utility bills to support the daily functioning of the ministry.

These costs included **water bills** at UGX 217,000, **TV subscriptions** totaling UGX 37,600, and **garbage collection services** at UGX 10,000. These utilities ensured a clean, comfortable, and well-maintained environment for the children and staff.

Utility Bills	UGX	USD	GBP
Garbage Collections	10,000	2.86	2.22
TV Subscriptions	37,600	10.74	8.36
Water Bills	217,000	62.00	48.22
Grand Total	264,600	75.60	58.80

3.4.3 Operational Expenses

In June 2025, Empowered Child Ministries spent **UGX 1,341,000** (approximately **USD 383.10 / GBP 298.00**) on other operational expenses supporting various logistical and celebratory activities.

This included **children's birthday parties** costing UGX 560,000, **transportation for food items** (UGX 99,000), and **general transportation of other items** at UGX 368,000. The ministry also covered **transport facilitation** expenses amounting to UGX 300,000 and **clearance and handling of packages** for UGX 14,000. These costs were essential in ensuring smooth operations and fostering a joyful environment for the children.

Other Operational Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Children Birthday Parties	560,000	160.0	124.4
Clearance of Packages & Handling	14,000	4.0	3.1
Transportation for Food Items	99,000	28.3	22.0
Transportation of Items	368,000	105.1	81.8
Transport Facilitation	300,000	85.7	66.7
Grand Total	1,341,000	383.1	298.0

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.

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 faced numerous challenges throughout the month of June, many of which impacted our ability to provide consistent care, education, and emotional support to the children.

- **Missed Birthday Celebrations:** Unfortunately, due to lack of funds, we were unable to celebrate the birthday of *Denise*. These moments are important for the children's emotional well-being and sense of belonging, and we hope to restore this tradition in the coming months.
- **Delayed School Reopening:** The transition to our new home resulted in a three-week delay in children returning to school. This move, coupled with logistical difficulties and the failure of our June education fundraiser to reach its target, meant children did not receive the necessary scholastic materials on time, impacting their academic progress.
- **Insufficient Education Support for Children with Disabilities:** Financial constraints led to the loss of one of our specialized educators. Currently, only one teacher is supporting all children with disabilities, stretching our capacity and affecting the quality of individualized attention and care these children require.
- **Limited Physiotherapy Services:** Access to essential therapy services was also reduced due to lack of funding. Several children missed their scheduled physiotherapy sessions, impacting their developmental progress and recovery.
- **Inconsistent Financial Support:** The ministry continues to struggle with unstable and unpredictable funding. This affects our ability to provide regular meals, purchase medications, and cover operational costs. Several children fell ill this month, and we were unable to meet all their medical needs.
- **High Sponsorship Gap:** At present, 34 children remain unsponsored. This poses a serious challenge in securing their school fees, healthcare, and daily living necessities. Without committed sponsors, it is difficult to plan or provide consistent services.
- **Food and Basic Supply Shortages:** Our food reserves and essential household supplies are critically low. We are in urgent need of cooking stoves and new saucepans to make our kitchen safer and more efficient. Without intervention, we risk compromising the health and nutrition of the children.
- **Lack of Emotional and Mental Health Support:** Many of our children have endured trauma and need consistent emotional support. However, we currently lack the financial resources to hire professional counselors or therapists.
- **Mobility Equipment in Disrepair:** Several wheelchairs used by our children with disabilities are in poor condition and in urgent need of repair or replacement. These devices are crucial for the children's mobility, participation in daily activities, and access to therapy and schooling.

These challenges are significant, yet they underscore the importance of our mission and the need for strengthened donor partnerships. With consistent support, we can overcome these limitations and continue to offer every child a safe, nurturing, and empowering environment.

6. RECOMMENDATION

In response to the reduced access to physiotherapy and special needs education, **ECM is seeking partnerships with hospitals, clinics, and universities to bring in volunteer therapists and interns.** At the same time, caregivers and support staff are being trained in basic therapy techniques to ensure that children with disabilities continue receiving consistent care. Applications for grants that support inclusive education and disability programming are also being submitted to secure long-term funding for specialized staff and resources.

To tackle the issue of inconsistent financial support, **ECM is developing a monthly giving program that encourages sustained contributions from donors.** The organization is diversifying its fundraising approach by expanding into online crowdfunding, organizing community events, and forging international partnerships with churches and schools. In order to strengthen donor engagement, ECM is preparing to provide regular updates and impact reports, showcasing how contributions directly benefit the children.

As part of efforts to ensure that every child receives consistent care, **ECM is intensifying its “Sponsor a Child” campaign to help find sponsors for the 34 children currently without one.** This includes creating emotional stories and visual content that highlight the unique needs and potential of each child. ECM is also encouraging collective sponsorship models where church groups, families, or small organizations can co-sponsor a child, while introducing tiered sponsorship options for individuals with varying financial capacities.

Recognizing the critical importance of emotional and mental health, **ECM is working to build partnerships with universities and organizations that can provide volunteer counselors and social workers.** Efforts are being made to train staff in trauma-informed care and basic emotional support techniques. Additionally, ECM is creating peer mentoring groups among older children, guided by staff, to help nurture resilience and emotional well-being across the home.

Lastly, **ECM is responding to the urgent need for wheelchair repairs and mobility support for children with disabilities.** The team is reaching out to disability support organizations and medical equipment providers for donations and refurbishment assistance. Fundraising efforts focused on mobility needs are being planned, and ECM is also engaging local technicians and vocational schools to assist with affordable repair services.

Through these ongoing efforts, ECM remains committed to ensuring that every child in its care receives not only the basic necessities but also the love, support, and specialized services needed to thrive.

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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