



EMPOWERED CHILD
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MAY 2025 REPORT

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY— Empowered Child Ministries

May 2025 marked a pivotal month for Empowered Child Ministries (ECM) as we navigated significant transitions, milestones, and growth in our care and services for vulnerable children. The ministry commenced construction on a new permanent orphanage home, featuring essential living and administrative spaces, in response to an eviction notice that required us to vacate our rented premises by the end of May. On **31st May**, we successfully relocated to this new home, ending our reliance on rented facilities and establishing a foundation for stability, dignity, and future expansion.

Our family grew with the addition of **five new children** who joined us with challenging backgrounds, and we celebrated the birthdays of several children with cakes and gifts, reinforcing their value and identity within our community. The new children also made spiritual commitments, giving their lives to Christ during Sunday services, which remain a core aspect of our ministry.

Education and therapy continued, with special needs education provided by Teacher Sarah for four children, and physiotherapy sessions showing positive progress despite some unavoidable interruptions due to illness and the relocation process. To encourage participation, children now receive sweets after physiotherapy sessions, boosting motivation and emotional well-being.

Nutrition improved with a greater variety of fresh fruits served to the children, contributing to their health alongside timely medical care for those affected by malaria. Six children were hospitalized but have since fully recovered.

In efforts to strengthen our organizational foundation, ECM began the process of official NGO registration with the Uganda NGO Board, which will enhance our credibility, funding opportunities, and partnerships.

We also enhanced our ministry's communication capacity by upgrading our media tools, acquiring a new iPhone 16 Pro for videography and livestreaming and replacing our old Bluetooth speaker to support various activities.

Generous donations such as a sanitary box from a dear friend, Opio Judith, continue to support the children's health and dignity. Additionally, sponsorship engagement remains strong, with received letters and packages reinforcing vital emotional connections.

In summary, May 2025 was a month of **growth, transition, and hope** for Empowered Child Ministries. With God's guidance and the steadfast support of donors, sponsors, and friends, we have laid important groundwork for a stable future, continuing to nurture and transform the lives of vulnerable children.

2. MAY 2025 PROGRAM UPDATES

Welcoming New Children into the ECM Family

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries welcomed five new children into our care, each with a heartbreaking story and background that reflects the urgent need for hope, love, and restoration. The new children are:

- Grace
- Francisco and Gilbert (twin brothers)
- Daphine
- Rayan



Figure 1: We received 5 new children this month

These children joined us from vulnerable situations, carrying emotional wounds and burdens no child should have to bear. Their arrival is both a responsibility and a blessing, reminding us of our calling to be a refuge for the hurting and a home for the forgotten.

We are committed to walking with them through healing, education, and spiritual growth, and ensuring they experience the love of Christ through our daily care. Please keep these little ones in your prayers as they begin their journey of transformation with us. We now have 56 children at the orphanage.

House Plan Designed and Construction Underway

This month, Empowered Child Ministries received a comprehensive architectural house plan from a professional architect. The design includes both the current structure under construction and a future expansion plan—our dream home that will eventually accommodate all 56 children currently under our care.

The building now under construction, while a major step forward, will not be large enough to house all the children in the long term. However, it will serve as a temporary but vital solution, giving our children a place to call home as we work towards the full vision. We are deeply grateful to all our donors, sponsors, and friends who have stood with us in this journey. Because of your support, we now have a house of our own—and for the first time, we will no longer be burdened by monthly rent payments. This shift not only saves costs but also brings dignity and stability to our ministry. This is more than just a building—it's a symbol of hope, love, and a future.

Construction of Empowered Child Ministries' New Home Begins

On 3rd May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries officially began the construction of its first permanent home for the children. This new structure includes three rooms, a kitchen, a store, an office, as well as two toilets and bathrooms. This marks a major milestone in our journey towards sustainability and stability for the children under our care.

The decision to begin construction was in response to an eviction notice issued by our current landlord. In March 2025, the landlord informed us that we needed to vacate the rented premises by 30th May 2025. The reasons cited included the increased number of children, which he claimed was causing too much noise, as well as wear and tear on the property. He expressed concern that the facility was no longer suitable for our growing needs and would not renew our stay beyond 31st May 2025.

This urgent situation required immediate action. With faith, determination, and support from well-wishers, we took bold steps to secure a future for the children by starting construction on a modest but hopeful facility that we can call our own home. While the journey ahead is still long, and we are trusting God for the completion of the building, this move reflects our commitment to creating a safe, stable, and nurturing environment for all the children at Empowered Child Ministries.

A New Beginning – We Moved into Our Own Home!

On 31st May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries officially relocated to our newly constructed home—marking a historic and emotional milestone for the ministry. This move came just in time as the deadline to vacate the former rented premises expired on the same day.



Figure 2: Empowered Child Ministries officially relocated to our newly constructed home—marking a historic and emotional milestone for the ministry.

The new structure was completed and ready, providing a safe and secure environment with sleeping rooms, a kitchen, store, office, bathrooms, and toilets. This new house is now our official orphanage home, a dream that is slowly becoming reality.

The impact is life-changing:

- We are now free from the burden of monthly rent, saving vital resources for child care.
- The children now live in a space that truly belongs to them, creating a deeper sense of stability, dignity, and belonging.
- The environment allows for greater freedom, outdoor play, and potential expansion in the future.

We give glory to God and express deep gratitude to every donor, sponsor, and friend who made this possible. This new home is not just a shelter—it is a foundation for love, healing, and hope for every child under our care.

Children's Day Out and Birthday Celebrations

On 1st May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries organized a special Children's Day Out at Jinja Sailing Club, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Laura from Latvia. This memorable outing was arranged in celebration of Musa's 5th birthday, creating a joyful experience not just for him but also for five other children: Denise, Samuel, Shirati, Aisha, and Kevin.

The children enjoyed a delightful day filled with fun, food, and fellowship in a beautiful outdoor setting. Moments like these are essential for the emotional and social development of the children, helping them feel celebrated, valued, and loved. We deeply appreciate Laura's heartfelt gesture, which brought smiles, laughter, and unforgettable memories to these little ones.

The May birthday celebrations also included:

- **Musasizi Emmanuel** – turned **15** on **27th May**
- **Muwanika Trevor** – turned **15** on **13th May**
- **Nsubuga Saidi** – turned **12** on **25th May**
- **Konso Halima** – turned **3** on **23rd May**

Each child was celebrated with **cake, gifts, singing, and joyful fellowship**.

These birthday moments go far beyond the physical gifts—they communicate identity, worth, and love to each child. For many of our children, this is the first time in their lives they are being celebrated, and it leaves a lasting impact on their emotional and spiritual well-being. It reminds them that they matter, they are seen, and they are part of a caring family.

We are grateful to all those who make such moments possible through your generosity and prayers.



Figure 3: On 1st May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries organized a special Children's Day Out at Jinja Sailing Club



Figure 4: Musa Mukalazi (left) made 5 years while Trevor made 15 years.



Figure 5: Musasizi Emmanuel (left) turned 15 years while Halima made 3 years



Figure 6: Nsubuga Saidi celebrates his 24th birthday

New Partitioned Plates Purchased to Improve Mealtime Hygiene and Nutrition

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries purchased 6 dozen high-quality partitioned plates. These plates are specially designed with separate compartments to keep food items and salads neatly separated during serving.



Figure 7: Empowered Child Ministries purchased 6 dozen high-quality partitioned plates

This simple but impactful investment has significantly improved the hygiene, presentation, and nutrition management of the children's meals. By separating food items, the plates prevent mixing of wet and dry foods, reduce wastage, and support balanced meal portions, especially for children with specific dietary needs.

The children are not only enjoying cleaner, better-served meals, but are also learning healthy eating habits through structured and well-organized mealtime routines. This improvement has elevated the overall dining experience, reinforcing dignity and care in our day-to-day operations.

ECM Soccer Academy – Holiday Football Fun for the Boys

During the school holidays in May, Empowered Child Ministries organized a soccer activity for 10 boys who are part of the ECM Soccer Academy. Due to tight school schedules, the team had not had the opportunity to play for an extended period. The break offered the perfect chance to reconnect through sport, and the boys made the most of it.

The players who participated included: Ali, Musa, Shadrack, Edrine, Kato, Jimmy, Timothy, Emmanuel, Victor, and Saidi.

The day was filled with energy, laughter, and teamwork, reminding us of the importance of sports in child development. Football continues to be a powerful tool for building discipline, teamwork, physical fitness, and confidence among our boys.

We remain committed to nurturing talent while balancing academics and extracurricular activities in every child's life.



Figure 8: ECM soccer academy team after a match.

Sponsor Engagement – Gifts and Letters Received

This month, we were blessed to receive a care package for Aziz from his sponsor Isabell in Germany, as well as a heartfelt letter for Shadrack from his sponsor Teresa.

These acts of kindness go a long way in strengthening the emotional bond between our children and their sponsors. Receiving gifts and letters makes the children feel seen, loved, and valued, boosting their self-esteem and giving them a sense of belonging.

We are truly grateful to sponsors like Isabell and Teresa for their consistent love and support. These connections are not just material—they build lasting memories and motivation in the hearts of our children.

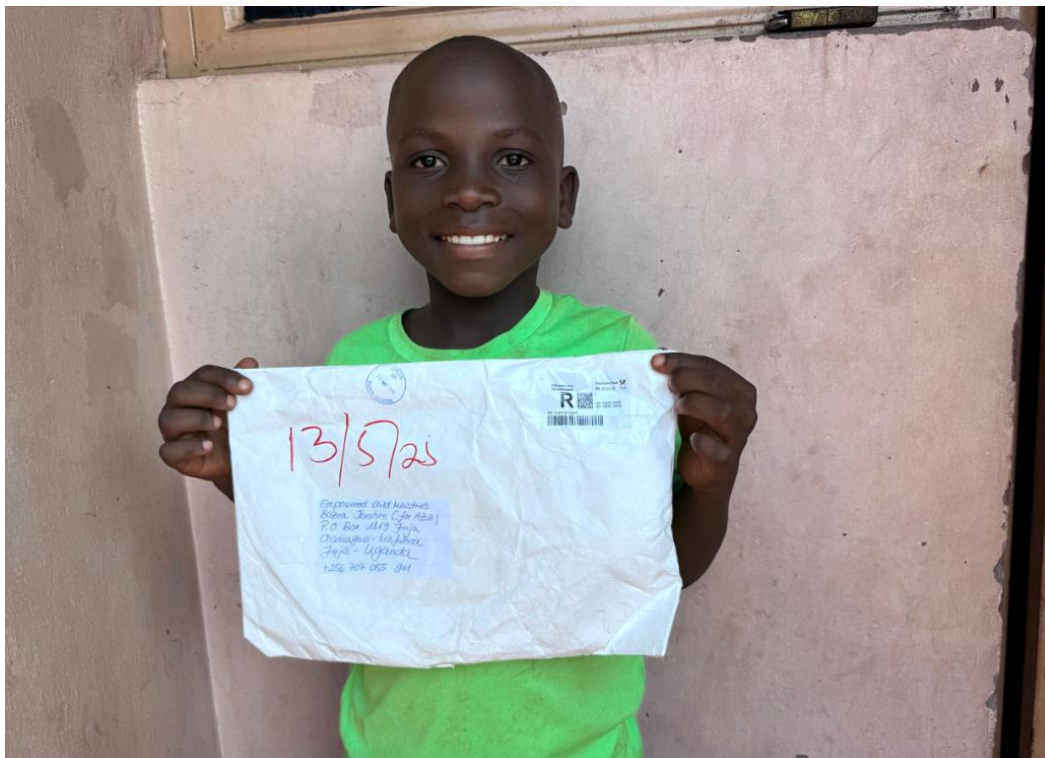


Figure 9: We were blessed to receive a care package for Aziz from his sponsor Isabell in Germany

Physiotherapy Sessions – Continued Progress and Some Challenges

Throughout May 2025, physiotherapy sessions for our children with special needs continued as planned, with encouraging progress seen in many of them. These sessions remain a vital part of our care, promoting mobility, strength, coordination, and overall well-being for our children.

However, there were a few disruptions during the month:

- Doctor Sylve missed the second week of physiotherapy due to some personal challenges.
- Several community children with special needs were severely ill and therefore missed most of the sessions during the month.

- In the last week of May, no sessions were conducted as our team was fully engaged in preparations for relocating to our new premises.

Despite these setbacks, we remain committed to ensuring consistent and professional care. We continue to pray and work toward better access and resources for all our children needing specialized therapy and support.

To encourage consistency and build a positive experience, we have introduced a simple yet effective reward system during physiotherapy sessions by giving sweets to the children after each session. This small gesture has proven to be a great motivator, helping the children look forward to their therapy with excitement and joy. It not only boosts their emotional engagement but also creates a sense of achievement and progress, especially for those undergoing difficult exercises.



Figure 10: physiotherapy sessions for our children with special needs continued as planned, with encouraging progress seen in many of them

Special Needs Education – Ongoing Support and Skill Development

Special needs education continued steadily in May 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.

Upgraded Media Tools for Ministry Activities

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries made important upgrades to our media and communication tools to enhance our videography, livestreaming, and event engagement.

After our old Bluetooth speaker stopped working, we purchased a new speaker to support our daily activities, children's programs, and community worship sessions with better sound quality.

Additionally, we acquired a new iPhone 16 Pro through a swap deal with our Samsung S22 Ultra. This strategic upgrade was aimed at improving the quality of our video content, live streaming, and documentation of ministry activities. The iPhone's advanced camera features and performance capacity will greatly enhance how we share our story, update sponsors, and connect with our supporters online.

These investments are crucial in increasing the visibility of our mission and showcasing the impact of your support in real-time.

Moving Toward Official NGO Registration in Uganda

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries officially began the process of working on our NGO documentation and legal registration with the Uganda NGO Board. While we have been operating faithfully as a non-governmental organization for several years, we had not yet been officially registered with the board due to unmet requirements and limited resources.

Starting this registration process is a major step forward in strengthening our ministry's credibility, accountability, and sustainability. Once registered, ECM will be able to:

- Access more formal funding opportunities
- Operate with full legal recognition in Uganda
- Partner more easily with local and international organizations
- Build greater trust with donors and stakeholders

This milestone reflects our commitment to transparency, growth, and building a strong foundation for the long-term impact of the work God has entrusted to us.

We ask for continued prayer and support as we move through this important journey of becoming a fully registered and recognized NGO in Uganda.

Donation of Sanitary Box – Supporting Hygiene and Dignity

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries received a generous donation of a sanitary box from our dear friend Opio Judith. This thoughtful gift included essential sanitary supplies aimed at supporting the health and hygiene of our girls.

Access to proper sanitary materials is often a challenge for vulnerable children, especially girls. This donation not only meets a critical physical need but also helps preserve the dignity, confidence, and emotional well-being of the girls during their menstrual cycles. It reduces the risk of infections, minimizes school absenteeism, and fosters a culture of self-care and hygiene awareness.

We are deeply grateful to Judith for this act of love and compassion. Small gestures like this make a lasting impact on the lives of the children we serve.

Sunday Services – A Month of Spiritual Growth and Salvation

Our Sunday worship services continued consistently throughout May 2025, providing a space of praise, teaching, and spiritual nourishment for all the children and staff.

A truly joyous highlight this month was that the newly welcomed children—Grace, Francisco, Gilbert, Daphine, and Rayan—gave their lives to Christ. This is a powerful testimony to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit within our ministry.

The impact of this is eternal. These children, many of whom came from traumatizing and hopeless backgrounds, are now beginning a new life rooted in faith, love, and purpose. They are learning that they are not alone, that they are deeply loved by God, and that they have a new family in Christ.

We celebrate this spiritual milestone and continue to disciple them in God’s Word, helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus and walk confidently in their new identity.



Figure 11: Our Sunday worship services continued consistently throughout May 2025, providing a space of praise, teaching, and spiritual nourishment for all the children and staff

Improved Nutrition – A Variety of Fruits for the Children

In May 2025, our children enjoyed an improved and more diverse fruit diet compared to previous months. They were served nutritious fruits such as jackfruit, watermelon, bananas, and pineapples.

This increase in fruit intake has had a positive impact on their immune systems, energy levels, and overall well-being. Access to fresh fruits is vital for growing children, and we are grateful that, through your continued support, we were able to offer them better nutrition this month.

Health Update – Quick Recovery from Malaria Cases

During the month, six children—Brighton, Samson, Sharon, Shadrack, Kenth, and Daniella—were admitted to the hospital, mostly due to malaria. Thanks to timely medical intervention and God's grace, all six children recovered well and are back in good health.

Malaria remains a common challenge in our region, but with your ongoing support, we are able to access treatment quickly, reduce complications, and ensure the children are well cared for. We remain committed to safeguarding the health of every child and are working toward better preventive measures in the coming months.

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 May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries received a total of **UGX 29,029,454**, which is equivalent to approximately **USD 8,294** or **GBP 6,451**. The donations were received through various channels:

- **Bank Transfers** amounted to **UGX 1,966,864** (USD 562 / GBP 437).
- **GoFundMe** contributions totaled **UGX 810,000** (USD 231 / GBP 180).
- **Mobile Money Donations** reached **UGX 2,600,055** (USD 743 / GBP 578).
- The largest portion came from **PayPal Donations**, totaling **UGX 23,652,535** (USD 6,758 / GBP 5,256).

These contributions have played a crucial role in supporting the ministry's operations, including construction, nutrition, education, and healthcare for the children. We are deeply grateful to every donor for their faithful and generous giving.

Donations	UGX	USD	GBP
Bank Transfer Donations	1,966,864	562	437
GoFundMe Donations	810,000	231	180
Mobile Money Donations	2,600,055	743	578
Paypal Donations	23,652,535	6,758	5,256
Grand Total	29,029,454	8,294	6,451

3.2 Expenditure

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries incurred a total of **UGX 74,190,245**, equivalent to approximately **USD 21,197.20** or **GBP 16,486.70**, in direct expenses that supported essential areas of ministry operations.

- **Administrative Expenses:** UGX 7,591,145 (USD 2,168.90 / GBP 1,686.90)
- **Other Operational Expenses:** UGX 1,730,000 (USD 494.30 / GBP 384.40)

- **Program Costs:** UGX 64,531,500 (USD 18,437.60 / GBP 14,340.30), covering critical activities including education, healthcare, nutrition, and child welfare
- **Utility Bills:** UGX 337,600 (USD 96.50 / GBP 75.00)

Direct Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Administrative Expenses	7,591,145	2,168.9	1,686.9
Other Operational Expenses	1,730,000	494.3	384.4
Program Costs	64,531,500	18,437.6	14,340.3
Utility Bills	337,600	96.5	75.0
Grand Total	74,190,245	21,197.2	16,486.7

3.3 Detailed Category Expenditure

3.3.1 Administrative Expenses

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries spent a total of **UGX 7,591,145**, equivalent to **USD 2,168.90** or **GBP 1,686.90**, on administrative expenses. These covered key operational needs including **caretaker allowances** (UGX 1,225,000), **GoFundMe transaction fees** (UGX 44,145), and **internet bundles** (UGX 235,000). Significant investments were made in **office equipment and supplies** (UGX 3,052,000), **professional services and consultations** (UGX 1,250,000), and **rent and lease fees** (UGX 1,000,000). Additional costs included **website maintenance and repairs** (UGX 150,000) and **withdrawal charges and transaction fees** (UGX 635,000). These expenses ensured effective ministry administration and smooth operation of all support functions.

Administrative Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Allowances for Caretakers	1,225,000	350.0	272.2
Gofundme Fees 5.45%	44,145	12.6	9.8
Internet Bundles	235,000	67.1	52.2
Office Equipment & Supplies	3,052,000	872.0	678.2
Professional Services & Consultations	1,250,000	357.1	277.8
Rent & Lease Fees	1,000,000	285.7	222.2
Website Maintenance & Repairs	150,000	42.9	33.3
Withdraw Charges & Fees	635,000	181.4	141.1
Grand Total	7,591,145	2,168.9	1,686.9

3.3.2 Program Costs

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries allocated **UGX 64,531,500** (approximately **USD 18,437.60 / GBP 14,340.30**) toward program-related expenses that directly supported children's well-being and long-term development. The largest portion went to **orphanage home construction**, amounting to UGX 53,854,000, followed by essential provisions for **children's meals** (UGX 6,070,500). Additional support included **health and welfare services** (UGX 637,000), **drop-in clinic care** (UGX 1,244,000), and **education program needs** (UGX 1,377,000). The ministry also invested in **household items and equipment** (UGX 1,187,000) and promoted growth through **co-curricular activities and sports** (UGX 162,000). These costs were vital in enhancing the physical, educational, and emotional support provided to children in the ministry's care.

Program Costs	UGX	USD	GBP
Children's Meals	6,070,500	1,734.4	1,349.0
Co-Curricular Activities & Sports	162,000	46.3	36.0
Drop-in-Clinic	1,244,000	355.4	276.4
Education Program	1,377,000	393.4	306.0
Health & Welfare Program	637,000	182.0	141.6
Household Items & Equipment	1,187,000	339.1	263.8
Orphanage Home Construction	53,854,000	15,386.9	11,967.6
Grand Total	64,531,500	18,437.6	14,340.3

a) Education Program

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries allocated a total of **UGX 1,377,000** to the **Education Program**, which is approximately **USD 393.40** or **GBP 306.00**. These funds supported a range of educational and spiritual development activities. **Dancing classes** received **UGX 407,000** (USD 116.30 / GBP 90.40), contributing to the children's physical coordination, confidence, and creative expression. We also covered **UGX 470,000** (USD 134.30 / GBP 104.40) for the services of a **probation officer**, ensuring legal and child protection support for the children under our care.

Special needs education was supported with **UGX 160,000** (USD 45.70 / GBP 35.60), while **stationery items** such as books and learning materials cost **UGX 40,000** (USD 11.40 / GBP 8.90). Additionally, we spent **UGX 300,000** (USD 85.70 / GBP 66.70) to facilitate **Sunday church services**, reinforcing the children's spiritual growth and Christian foundation.

These investments are essential to providing a **holistic learning environment**, blending academics, life skills, and faith development to shape well-rounded children prepared for a better future.

Education Program	UGX	USD	GBP
Dancing Classes	407,000	116.3	90.4
Probation Officer	470,000	134.3	104.4
Special Needs Education	160,000	45.7	35.6
Stationery Items	40,000	11.4	8.9
Sunday Church Services	300,000	85.7	66.7
Grand Total	1,377,000	393.4	306.0

b) Health and Welfare Program

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries spent a total of **UGX 637,000** on the **Health & Welfare Program**, which is equivalent to approximately **USD 182.00** or **GBP 141.60**. These expenses contributed to the overall well-being and hygiene of the children. **Medical services**, including treatment for illnesses such as malaria, accounted for **UGX 517,000** (USD 147.70 / GBP 114.90), ensuring timely healthcare for affected children. Additionally, **UGX 120,000** (USD 34.30 / GBP 26.70) was used for **hairstyling and assorted personal care items**, promoting cleanliness, confidence, and dignity among the children.

These welfare services are an essential part of our mission to provide **holistic care**, addressing both the physical health and personal grooming needs of every child under our care.

Health & Welfare Program	UGX	USD	GBP
Hairdressings & Assorted Items	120,000	34.3	26.7
Medical Services	517,000	147.7	114.9
Grand Total	637,000	182.0	141.6

c) Household Activities

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries spent a total of **UGX 1,187,000** on **Household Items and Equipment**, equivalent to approximately **USD 339.10** or **GBP 263.80**. These purchases supported daily living and hygiene needs within the orphanage. **Barber services** for the children amounted to **UGX 232,000** (USD 66.30 / GBP 51.60), while **clothing** was provided at a cost of **UGX 290,000** (USD 82.90 / GBP 64.40). **Diapers** for our younger children cost **UGX 60,000** (USD 17.10 / GBP 13.30), and **household maintenance** expenses came to **UGX 41,000** (USD 11.70 / GBP 9.10).

Additional essential supplies included **kitchen items** at **UGX 150,000** (USD 42.90 / GBP 33.30), **liquid soap** at **UGX 48,000** (USD 13.70 / GBP 10.70), and **toothpaste and toothbrushes** for **UGX 36,000** (USD 10.30 / GBP 8.00). Lastly, **washing bar soap and powder** were purchased at a cost of **UGX 330,000** (USD 94.30 / GBP 73.30).

These items played a crucial role in maintaining **cleanliness, hygiene, and comfort** within the home, ensuring a healthy and dignified living environment for all the children.

Household Items & Equipment	UGX	USD	GBP
Barber	232,000	66.3	51.6
Clothing	290,000	82.9	64.4
Diapers	60,000	17.1	13.3
Household Maintenance	41,000	11.7	9.1
Kitchen Items	150,000	42.9	33.3
Liquid Soap	48,000	13.7	10.7
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes	36,000	10.3	8.0
Washing Bar Soap/Powder	330,000	94.3	73.3
Grand Total	1,187,000	339.1	263.8

d) Children's Meals

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries spent a total of **UGX 6,070,500** on **children's meals**, equivalent to approximately **USD 1,734.40** or **GBP 1,349.00**. This ensured that all children under our care received **nutritious and balanced meals** every day. Key expenditures included **UGX 645,000** (USD 184.30 / GBP 143.30) on **maize/corn flour**, **UGX 900,000** (USD 257.10 / GBP 200.00) on **rice**, and **UGX 2,281,500** (USD 651.90 / GBP 507.00) on **other foodstuffs**, forming the bulk of our daily meal provisions.

We also invested in **vegetables** at **UGX 612,000** (USD 174.90 / GBP 136.00), **fruits** at **UGX 330,000** (USD 94.30 / GBP 73.30), and **beans** at **UGX 312,000** (USD 89.10 / GBP 69.30). Additional essential items included **firewood** for cooking at **UGX 350,000** (USD 100.00 / GBP 77.80), **sugar** at **UGX 396,000** (USD 113.10 / GBP 88.00), and **cooking oil** at **UGX 120,000** (USD 34.30 / GBP 26.70). **Salt** was purchased for **UGX 40,000** (USD 11.40 / GBP 8.90), and **special meals for disabled children** cost **UGX 84,000** (USD 24.00 / GBP 18.70).

This investment in daily nutrition has had a direct impact on the **health, energy, and growth** of the children, contributing to their academic concentration, physical strength, and overall well-being.

Children's Meals	UGX	USD	GBP
Beans	312,000	89.1	69.3
Cooking Oil	120,000	34.3	26.7
Firewood	350,000	100.0	77.8
Fruits	330,000	94.3	73.3
Maize/corn Flour	645,000	184.3	143.3
Other Food Stuff	2,281,500	651.9	507.0
Rice	900,000	257.1	200.0
Salt	40,000	11.4	8.9
Special Meals for Disabled Children	84,000	24.0	18.7
Sugar	396,000	113.1	88.0
Vegetables	612,000	174.9	136.0
Grand Total	6,070,500	1,734.4	1,349.0

e) Drop-In-Clinic

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries spent a total of **UGX 1,244,000** on the **Drop-in Clinic**, which is approximately **USD 355.43** or **GBP 276.44**. This budget supported various health-related needs, including **UGX 704,000** (USD 201.14 / GBP 156.44) for **physiotherapy sessions** for children with special needs. These sessions are vital for improving physical function, mobility, and confidence among the children.

We also provided **UGX 300,000** (USD 85.71 / GBP 66.67) in **donations to caretakers**, acknowledging their critical role in supporting the children's recovery and daily care. Additionally, **UGX 240,000** (USD 68.57 / GBP 53.33) was spent on **medication for disabled children**, ensuring they received the necessary treatment and support.

These health interventions have significantly contributed to the children's **recovery, comfort, and long-term development**, aligning with our mission to provide holistic care.

Drop-in-Clinic	UGX	USD	GBP
Donations to Caretakers	300,000	85.71	66.67
Medication for Disabled Children	240,000	68.57	53.33
Physiotherapy Sessions	704,000	201.14	156.44
Grand Total	1,244,000	355.43	276.44

f) Co-Curricular Activities & Sports

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries invested **UGX 162,000** in **co-curricular activities and sports**, equivalent to approximately **USD 46.30** or **GBP 36.00**. This supported the children's physical development and team-building skills through soccer. The expenses included **UGX 70,000** (USD 20.00 / GBP 15.60) for **football pitch hires**, **UGX 12,000** (USD 3.40 / GBP 2.70) for **refreshments for the football team**, and **UGX 80,000** (USD 22.90 / GBP 17.80) to cover **transportation costs** for the soccer team.

These activities provide the children with valuable opportunities for **physical exercise, recreation, and social interaction**, which are essential for their overall growth and well-being.

Co-Curricular Activities & Sports	UGX	USD	GBP
Football Pitch Hires	70,000	20.0	15.6
Football Team Refreshments	12,000	3.4	2.7
Transport for Soccer Team	80,000	22.9	17.8
Grand Total	162,000	46.3	36.0

g) Orphanage Home Construction

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries invested **UGX 53,854,000** (approximately **USD 15,386.90 / GBP 11,967.60**) in the construction of a new orphanage home, marking a significant milestone in improving housing and care facilities for vulnerable children. Major construction costs included **cement** (UGX 4,740,000), **blocks** (UGX 4,317,500), **sand** (UGX 4,950,000), and **construction labor** (UGX 5,592,000). Additional investments went into **plumbing** (UGX 5,131,000), **electricity works** (UGX 1,986,000), **roofing materials** such as iron sheets (UGX 3,368,500), **tiles** (UGX 2,440,000), **timber works** (UGX 3,015,000), and **welding** (UGX 4,000,000). The ministry also covered costs for **transport of materials** (UGX 914,000), **miscellaneous expenses** (UGX 1,463,000), **painting** (UGX 1,429,000), **workers' meals** (UGX 1,322,000), and other essential construction materials (UGX 5,856,000). This project demonstrates ECM's commitment to providing a safe, dignified, and nurturing environment for the children it serves.

Orphanage Home Construction	UGX	USD	GBP
Blocks	4,317,500	1,233.6	959.4
Bricks	2,970,000	848.6	660.0
Cement	4,740,000	1,354.3	1,053.3
Concrete Stones	360,000	102.9	80.0
Construction Labor	5,592,000	1,597.7	1,242.7
Electricity Works	1,986,000	567.4	441.3
Iron Sheets & Roofing Items	3,368,500	962.4	748.6
Miscellaneous Construction Expenses	1,463,000	418.0	325.1
Other Construction Materials	5,856,000	1,673.1	1,301.3
Painting	1,429,000	408.3	317.6
Plumbing	5,131,000	1,466.0	1,140.2
Sand	4,950,000	1,414.3	1,100.0
Tiles	2,440,000	697.1	542.2
Timber Works	3,015,000	861.4	670.0
Transport of Construction Materials	914,000	261.1	203.1
Welding Work	4,000,000	1,142.9	888.9
Workers Meals	1,322,000	377.7	293.8
Grand Total	53,854,000	15,386.9	11,967.6

3.3.3 Utility Bills

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries spent **UGX 337,600** (approximately **USD 96.50 / GBP 75.00**) on utility bills to support the daily operations of the ministry. This included **water bills** totaling UGX 212,000, **power/electricity charges** amounting to UGX 78,000, **TV subscriptions** at UGX 37,600, and **garbage collection services** at UGX 10,000. These essential services ensured a clean, functional, and comfortable living environment for the children and staff.

Utility Bills	UGX	USD	GBP
Garbage Collections	10,000	2.9	2.2
Power/electricity Bills	78,000	22.3	17.3
TV Subscriptions	37,600	10.7	8.4
Water Bills	212,000	60.6	47.1
Grand Total	337,600	96.5	75.0

3.4.3 Operational Expenses

In May 2025, Empowered Child Ministries incurred a total of **UGX 1,730,000** in other operational expenses, equivalent to approximately **USD 494.30** or **GBP 384.40**. These expenses supported various activities essential to the smooth functioning of the ministry. **Children's birthday parties** accounted for the largest portion, with **UGX 725,000** (USD 207.10 / GBP 161.10) spent on celebrations that foster joy, belonging, and emotional well-being among the children.

Other costs included **UGX 7,000** (USD 2.00 / GBP 1.60) for **clearance and handling of packages**, ensuring timely receipt of donated goods. Transportation expenses covered the movement of food items (**UGX 60,000** / USD 17.10 / GBP 13.30), other supplies (**UGX 169,000** / USD 48.30 / GBP 37.60), and general transport facilitation (**UGX 769,000** / USD 219.70 / GBP 170.90), all critical for maintaining effective operations and logistics.

These operational costs directly contribute to the ministry's ability to provide comprehensive care and meet the daily needs of the children.

Other Operational Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Children Birthday Parties	725,000	207.1	161.1
Clearance of Packages & Handling	7,000	2.0	1.6
Transport for Food Items	60,000	17.1	13.3
Transportation of Items	169,000	48.3	37.6
Transport Facilitation	769,000	219.7	170.9
Grand Total	1,730,000	494.3	384.4

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 (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:

During May, we faced some challenges that impacted our ability to fully support all the children in our care. Notably, we were unable to provide diapers to the community special needs children due to limited resources. Additionally, Halima experienced a persistent skin rash, and we are making arrangements to take her to a specialized skin hospital in June for proper diagnosis and treatment.

Moreover, some of the microphones used during church services, along with other accessories, require repair or replacement to ensure smooth and effective worship sessions. We remain committed to addressing these challenges promptly to maintain the health, comfort, and spiritual growth of all our children.

In addition, **financial constraints have severely limited access to physiotherapy and special needs education**. We had to let go of one of our specialized educators, leaving only one teacher to serve all children with disabilities, which has compromised the quality of care.

Moreover, ECM struggles with **inconsistent financial support**, which affects essential services such as education, medical care, and daily operations. For instance, we were unable to meet all the medical needs of the children this month, and **many children fell ill**. Compounding these issues, **34 children currently lack sponsors**, which strains our ability to provide for their school fees, healthcare, and meals. Our **food and basic supplies are running low**, making it increasingly difficult to provide consistent, nutritious meals.

Additionally, **emotional and mental health support is lacking**, as we do not have the resources to hire professional counselors despite many children having experienced trauma. At the heart of these challenges is the **urgent need for repairs and refurbishment of wheelchairs** for our children with disabilities, which are vital for their mobility and participation in daily activities.

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.

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