



EMPOWERED CHILD
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AUGUST 2025 REPORT

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

August 2025 was both a challenging and transformative month for Empowered Child Ministries. We welcomed two new monthly donors, Ricardo and Eva-Maria, whose steady support strengthens our ability to provide food, education, and healthcare. Yet, this was also the month we faced the highest number of sick children, with cases of malaria, fever, and headaches requiring significant spending on medication, doctor's visits, and transport facilitation for medical care.

Despite these challenges, important progress was made. Physiotherapy sessions continued under Dr. Sylvester and Dr. Flavia, bringing steady improvements for children with disabilities, though equipment and space remain inadequate. Special needs education also moved forward, though limited by lack of classrooms and teaching tools. Spiritually, Sunday services and mid-week fellowships offered encouragement, despite disruptions from bad weather.

Staffing improved with the hiring of two new caretakers, Nakiirya Miria and Birungi Beatrice, and a cook, Nalongo Prossy, allowing for better care and efficiency. Household upgrades included purchasing a new saucepan, introducing a center scale to reduce food wastage, setting up a laundry area, refurbishing bunk beds, installing a plate rack, and adding a kitchen window for ventilation—all enhancing children's health, dignity, and daily living.

Education remained central as **49 children** returned with report cards at the end of term, and a holiday learning program was launched for Primary 4–7 pupils. Though we could not celebrate birthdays due to limited funds, we began the process of securing our own electricity connection, moving away from unsafe reliance on neighbors' power. Finally, our dance team received new African fabric outfits and eight pairs of shoes, boosting their confidence and cultural pride.

Overall, August revealed both struggles and resilience. While health needs and resource gaps were significant, each intervention—whether medical care, education, or home improvement—demonstrated our commitment to providing a safe, nurturing, and hopeful environment for 56 children under our care.



2. AUGUST 2025 UPDATES

1. New Donors

This month we welcomed two new monthly donor commitments: **Ricardo (USD 31.4)** and **Eva-Maria (USD 21.1)** through PayPal. These contributions may seem small in numbers, but they are a tremendous encouragement to our work. Every new donor represents a fresh stream of hope and stability for the children. Monthly giving is especially powerful because it provides predictable support that allows us to plan ahead, knowing that basic needs such as food, healthcare, and education will continue to be met.

Their generosity is more than financial—it is a reminder that our children are not forgotten. Each child feels valued when they learn that people across the world believe in their future. This also boosts our morale as caretakers and leaders, because it affirms that our work is seen, trusted, and supported. Ricardo and Eva-Maria have become part of the Empowered Child Ministries family, and their kindness will echo in every meal served, every book bought, and every smile restored.

2. Children's Health

August was perhaps the most challenging month in terms of children's health that we have faced this year. A wave of sickness struck, with many of our children suffering from fever, malaria, and persistent headaches. These illnesses required immediate response, and a substantial amount of resources went into purchasing medicine from pharmacies, paying for medical consultations, and facilitating transport for Dr. Elijah to attend to the children at the home.

The financial strain was heavy, but the impact was life-saving. Children who might have deteriorated into more severe conditions received timely care. Malaria in particular can be deadly if untreated, but with swift intervention, we were able to restore health and avert tragedy. Beyond just physical healing, the children experienced the reassurance of being cared for—that even in their weakest moments, they are not alone. This reinforces their sense of security and belonging, which is as important as the medicine itself.

3. Physiotherapy & Special Needs Care

Physiotherapy remained a crucial activity in August. **Dr. Sylvester** continued to visit every Thursday, working with boys like **Christopher, Sharif, Brighton, and Samson**. His sessions focused on improving mobility, strengthening muscles, and preventing physical deterioration. At the same time, **Dr. Flavia** continued working with special needs children from the community, offering guided exercises that stimulate movement and coordination.

The progress is gradual but visible. Children who once struggled with stiffness are beginning to show small but important improvements—sitting longer, stretching further, or gaining confidence in simple movements. For the parents of community children, these sessions bring hope that their children can grow with dignity. However, we remain limited by the lack of equipment and a proper therapy space. Even so, the dedication of these doctors and the consistency of therapy sessions are transforming lives step by step. Each stretch, each exercise, each smile is a victory worth celebrating.



FUKO BRIGHTON

Date of Birth: 1st April, 2018

In early June 2024, Brighton tragically lost both of his parents in a motor accident. Due to his disability, none of his relatives were willing to care for him, although his non-disabled siblings were taken in by family members. A compassionate neighbour temporarily offered him shelter while seeking a permanent solution. Through referrals, the neighbour connected with our organization, and we were able to provide Brighton with the care he needed.

Brighton suffers from cerebral palsy, which limits his mobility. However, he remains a cheerful boy who communicates, albeit not very clearly. He uses his hands to crawl around and enjoys playing with toys.

Despite his challenges, Brighton's positive attitude and joy for life are inspiring. He loves eating chicken and rice, finding comfort in his favorite foods. With support and care, Brighton now has the opportunity to thrive and build a brighter future.

4. Special Needs Education

The special needs education program continued but faced significant challenges. Without a proper classroom or enough specialized equipment, it has been difficult to run lessons effectively. Teachers and caretakers are doing their best with the little they have, improvising tools and spaces so that learning continues in some form.

Despite these challenges, the effort itself carries great meaning. Special needs education ensures that no child is written off, no matter their limitations. The children are learning basic communication, social interaction, and essential life skills that will help them integrate better in society. This program embodies our core value—that every child matters. Yet, we are deeply aware that without better facilities and tools, the children’s potential remains underdeveloped. August showed us both the progress we are capable of making and the urgent need for more investment in this area.

5. Spiritual Growth

Worship remained a central part of life in August. **Sunday services** and **Wednesday night fellowships** continued to nurture the children’s spiritual growth and community bond. Though some Sundays were disrupted by heavy rains, the moments we gathered together were filled with songs, prayers, and teachings that grounded the children in faith and hope.

The impact of these gatherings cannot be underestimated. Many of our children come from backgrounds of neglect, abandonment, or trauma. Spiritual fellowship gives them a sense of family and belonging that they may not have experienced before. They are learning not only Bible stories but also values such as love, forgiveness, resilience, and kindness. In a world that has often denied them affirmation, these spiritual sessions whisper truth into their hearts: *“You are loved. You belong. You have a purpose.”*

6. New Caretakers & Cook

In late July, we faced the challenge of letting go of two caretakers. This left a serious gap in child care, which was felt deeply by both children and staff. In August, we filled this gap by hiring **two new caretakers, Nakiirya Miria and Birungi Beatrice**. Their arrival brought renewed energy and stability, ensuring that the children once again received personalized attention, emotional support, and day-to-day guidance.

Additionally, we welcomed a new cook, **Nalongo Prossy**, whose role has already made a big impact. By taking over kitchen responsibilities, she allows caretakers to focus fully on the children’s welfare instead of splitting time between cooking and caregiving. This simple change has increased efficiency, improved meal preparation, and enhanced the overall quality of care. It reflects our philosophy that every staff member should be empowered to do what they do best for the children’s benefit.

7. Household Improvements

- **Kitchen & Cooking:** With most saucepans broken, cooking had become a challenge. In August, we managed to purchase one new saucepan, though the need for more remains urgent. We also invested in a **center scale** to measure food quantities precisely. This has already reduced waste, improved accountability, and ensured fair distribution of meals for the children.

- **Laundry Space:** We set up a dedicated laundry area where children can wash and hang their clothes. This has improved hygiene, reduced clutter, and given children a structured routine that teaches responsibility for their belongings. Clean clothes and order in daily living also restore dignity to the children.
- **Bunk Beds:** Many of our bunk beds had broken pipes, making sleep uncomfortable and unsafe. We refurbished these beds in August, giving children the gift of safe and restful nights. A strong bed is more than furniture—it is a foundation of health and emotional security. One of our children fell from the bed (3rd deck) and got fractured. He is now better.
- **Plate Rack:** The installation of a new welded plate rack has kept utensils clean and organized. This small upgrade has improved hygiene standards and reduced breakages, making meal times smoother and healthier.
- **Kitchen Ventilation:** We added another window in the kitchen to reduce smoke and darkness. This has greatly improved the cooking environment, protecting staff and children from smoke-related discomfort and creating a brighter, healthier space for meal preparation.

8. Education

Education remained a priority in August. On **August 20th**, the second term ended and 34 children returned home with report cards. Some of them struggled with performance due to the transition into new schools and different teaching environments. However, after engaging with school heads, we are confident that the children will adapt and improve in the next term.

Meanwhile, children in **Primary 4–7** began a **holiday learning program on August 25th**, designed to keep their minds engaged and prepare them for the third term starting September 15th. This extra effort reflects our belief that education is the surest path to empowerment. Even when challenges arise, we remain proactive in keeping learning alive so that our children's future remains bright.



9. Birthdays

Sadly, in August we could not celebrate children's birthdays due to lack of funds for cakes and gifts. These celebrations may seem small, but for our children, they mean the world. A birthday party is often the only time in their lives they feel singled out for joy and celebration. The absence of this tradition this month was deeply felt, and we pray that in future months we can restore this vital source of affirmation and happiness.

10. Electricity

For years, we have depended on our neighbour's electricity, which has not only been unsafe but also illegal. In August, we took the bold step of beginning the process of acquiring **our own official power connection**. This marks a milestone in our journey toward independence, safety, and dignity. With our own power, we will be able to provide consistent lighting, safe cooking, and a secure environment for the children—especially during nights and study sessions.

11. Dance & Talent Development

August ended on a bright note for our talented dance team. The children received **new African fabric outfits** and **eight pairs of shoes**. The joy and excitement this brought cannot be overstated. Not only do the children look stunning in their new attire, but their confidence has soared. When they perform, they now feel dignified, proud, and united as a team.

Dance is more than just performance—it is therapy, cultural pride, and self-expression. For children who have faced hardship, dancing in beautiful outfits reminds them of their worth and beauty. It opens doors to new opportunities, while also keeping them active and disciplined. August showed us once again that investing in talent development brings joy, resilience, and hope.

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial report of Empowered Child Ministries demonstrates accountable and transparent use of resources, highlighting budget allocations, expenditures, and funding sources. Primary income came from individual donations, partner grants, and fundraising efforts, sustaining the **56 children under our care**.

Spending focused on child welfare—ensuring food, clothing, and shelter—while education programs provided learning materials and specialized support for both school-going and disabled children. Healthcare expenses covered medical treatments, emergency care, and therapies for those with special needs.

Operational costs such as administration, utilities, and facility maintenance were carefully managed, supporting smooth daily operations. This included upkeep of the children’s home, caretaker allowances, and vital services like electricity and water.

3.1 Collected Donations

During this reporting period, Empowered Child Ministries received a total of **UGX 26,550,280**, equivalent to **USD 7,585.79** and **GBP 5,900.06**. 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	2,886,142	824.61	641.36
GoFundMe Donations	1,611,000	460.29	358.00
Mobile Money Donations	3,015,113	861.46	670.03
Paypal Donations	17,382,225	4,966.35	3,862.72
Western Union Donations	1,655,800	473.09	367.96
Grand Total	26,550,280	7,585.79	5,900.06

3.2 Expenditure

In July 2025, **direct expenses totalled UGX 26,670,413 (USD 7,620.12/ GBP 5,926.76)**. 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.

Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Administrative Expenses	4,331,613	1,237.60	962.58
Other Operational Expenses	672,500	192.14	149.44
Program Costs	21,078,300	6,022.37	4,684.07
Utility Bills	588,000	168.00	130.67
Grand Total	26,670,413	7,620.12	5,926.76

3.3 Detailed Category Expenditure

3.3.1 Administrative Expenses

In August 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

Empowered Child Ministries spent UGX 210,782,300 (USD 6,022 / GBP 4,684) on meals, clinic care, education, health, household needs, and orphanage construction. These investments improved children's nutrition, healthcare, learning, safety, and wellbeing, creating lasting impact in their daily lives and future.

Program Costs	UGX	USD	GBP
Children's Meals	7,842,500	2,240.71	1,742.78
Drop-in-Clinic	1,296,000	370.29	288.00
Education Program	7,443,000	2,126.57	1,654.00
Health & Welfare Program	493,800	141.09	109.73
Household Items & Equipment	2,343,000	669.43	520.67
Orphanage Home Construction	1,660,000	474.29	368.89
Grand Total	21,078,2300	6,022.37	4,684.07

i. Education Program

Education Program expenses amounted to **UGX 7,443,000 (USD 2126.57/ GBP 1,654.00)**, 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	449,000	128.29	99.78
Special Needs Education	164,000	46.86	36.44
Stationery Items	30,000	8.57	6.67
Sunday Church Services	150,000	42.86	33.33
Tuition Fees - Primary Education	6,100,000	1742.86	1355.56
Tuition Fees - Secondary Education	550,000	157.14	122.22
Grand Total	7,443,000	2,126.57	1,654.00

ii. Health and Welfare Program

The health and welfare program expenses totalled UGX 493,800 (USD 141.09, GBP 109.73), covering gifts, toys, hairdressing, and medical services. These efforts enriched children's wellbeing at Empowered Child Ministries, fostering joy, self-esteem, and improved health in their daily lives.

Health & Welfare Program	UGX	USD	GBP
Children Gifts, Toys	74,000	21.14	16.44
Hairdressings & Assorted Items	60,000	17.14	13.33
Medical Services	359,800	102.80	79.96
Grand Total	493,800	141.09	109.73

iii. Household Activities

Household items and equipment expenses totalled UGX 2,343,000 (USD 669.43, GBP 520.67), covering clothing, toiletries, kitchen items, and maintenance. These purchases strengthened daily living conditions at Empowered Child Ministries, promoting hygiene, comfort, and dignity for the children under its care.

Household Items & Equipment	UGX	USD	GBP
Barber	246,000	70.29	54.67
Clothing	650,000	185.71	144.44
Diapers	80,000	22.86	17.78
Home Equipment & Items	252,000	72.00	56.00
Household Maintenance	27,000	7.71	6.00
Kitchen Items	327,000	93.43	72.67
Liquid Soap	56,000	16.00	12.44
Sponges & Bathing Items	23,000	6.57	5.11
Toilet Articles	54,000	15.43	12.00
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes	54,000	15.43	12.00
Washing Bar Soap/Powder	574,000	164.00	127.56
Grand Total	2,343,000	669.43	520.67

iv. Children's Meals

Children's meals expenses amounted to UGX 7,842,500 (USD 2,240.71, GBP 1,742.78), covering essentials like beans, beef, maize flour, rice, vegetables, fruits, and firewood. This spending sustained Empowered Child Ministries' feeding program, ensuring children's nutrition, health, and energy for daily growth.

Children's Meals	UGX	USD	GBP
Beans	495,000	141.43	110.00
Beef & Offal	698,000	199.43	155.11
Bread	108,000	30.86	24.00
Cooking Oil	260,000	74.29	57.78
Firewood	525,000	150.00	116.67
Fruits	324,000	92.57	72.00
Ground Nuts	324,000	92.57	72.00
Maize/corn Flour	404,000	115.43	89.78
Matooke (Bananas)	490,000	140.00	108.89

Other Food Stuff	1,637,000	467.71	363.78
Rice	930,000	265.71	206.67
Salt	60,000	17.14	13.33
Soya Beans	125,000	35.71	27.78
Sugar	494,500	141.29	109.89
Vegetables	968,000	276.57	215.11
Grand Total	7,842,500	2,240.71	1,742.78

v. Drop-In-Clinic

The drop-in clinic expenses totaled UGX 1,296,000 (USD 370.29, GBP 288.00), covering caretaker support, medication, physiotherapy, and equipment repairs. These investments strengthened Empowered Child Ministries' healthcare services, improving disabled children's treatment, mobility, and overall quality of life within the program.

Drop-in-Clinic	UGX	USD	GBP
Donations to Caretakers	300,000	85.71	66.67
Medication for Disabled Children	42,000	12.00	9.33
Physiotherapy Sessions	704,000	201.14	156.44
Repairs for Therapy Equipment & Wheel Chairs	250,000	71.43	55.56
Grand Total	1,296,000	370.29	288.00

vi. Orphanage Home Construction

Empowered Child Ministries spent UGX 1,660,000 (USD 474 / GBP 369) on orphanage home construction for cement, labor, materials, and welding. This investment strengthened shelter, safety, and comfort for vulnerable children, ensuring better living conditions and a secure environment.

Orphanage Home Construction	UGX	USD	GBP
Cement	30,000	8.57	6.67
Construction Labor	400,000	114.29	88.89
Other Construction Materials	553,000	158.00	122.89
Welding Work	677,000	193.43	150.44
Grand Total	1,660,000	474.29	368.89

3.3.3 Utility Bills

The utility expenses comprised garbage collection, electricity, and water bills, totaling UGX 588,000 (USD 168.00, GBP 130.67). These expenditures enabled Empowered Child Ministries to maintain a clean, safe, and well-functioning environment, directly supporting children's wellbeing and daily program operations.

Utility Bills	UGX	USD	GBP
Garbage Collections	30,000	8.57	6.67
Power/electricity Bills	232,000	66.29	51.56
Water Bills	326,000	93.14	72.44
Grand Total	588,000	168.00	130.67

3.4.3 Operational Expenses

The operational expenses comprised food item transport, general item transportation, and facilitation costs. These totaled UGX 672,500 (USD 192.14, GBP 149.44). The expenditure supported Empowered Child Ministries' activities, ensuring essential supplies reached children and sustaining its programs effectively.

Other Operational Expenses	UGX	USD	GBP
Transportation for Food Items	138,500	39.57	30.78
Transportation of Items	95,000	27.14	21.11
Transport Facilitation	439,000	125.43	97.56
Grand Total	672,500	192.14	149.44

4. FUNDING NEEDS

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

Category	Item / Description	USD	GBP
Power & Energy	Solar panels (sustainable power)	2,200	1,700
Infrastructure	Complete office construction	2,850	2,100
Infrastructure	Drainage & compound with sitting area	1,300	960
Infrastructure	Painting works	1,200	900
Infrastructure	Construction of storey building	84,000	63,000
Expansion	Purchase of additional land (larger space for children)	22,000	17,000
Transparency & Media	DSLR camera (documentation & donor updates)	1,300	950
Nutrition	Deep freezer (food storage)	500	370
Health & Safety	Mosquito nets	440	320

One of our most urgent needs is **reliable power**. Frequent outages leave children in darkness, disrupting evening studies and endangering safety. **Installing solar panels** will ensure sustainable energy and uninterrupted learning.

We face critical **infrastructure challenges**. **Our office remains incomplete, drainage and compound works are unfinished, and painting is still required**. Most urgently, we must expand space. Currently, 30 children share one room, while authorities require no more than 10. Without compliance, we risk closure. **Purchasing additional land and constructing a storey building** would reduce congestion, improve safety, and secure long-term stability for the home.

The health and wellbeing of our children require consistent medical check-ups, urgent treatments, and physiotherapy. Gaps in care threaten their progress and quality of life.

We are also committed to skills development through projects like liquid soap-making, which build confidence and create future income opportunities.

To improve transparency and communication, we need a **DSLR camera** to document children's progress and share their stories with supporters.

Children with disabilities need specialized education tools such as sensory toys, tablets, block letters, and picture cards, while nutrition support requires a deep freezer for safe food storage, a blender for soft diets, and mosquito nets to protect against malaria.

Finally, with numbers rising, we urgently need more caregivers, teachers, and therapists, alongside structured caretaker training to reduce mistakes and improve care quality.

Your support will help us secure power, expand facilities, improve healthcare, strengthen nutrition, and empower staff—giving every child the chance to grow in safety, dignity, and hope.

Additional Priorities (No Fixed Cost Yet)

Healthcare & Therapies: Children require routine check-ups, urgent treatments, and ongoing physiotherapy to maintain progress and quality of life.

Skills Development: Projects like liquid soap-making build confidence, teach practical skills, and open pathways to future income.

Special Needs Education: Adaptive tools—sensory toys, tablets, block letters, and picture cards—are essential for inclusive, effective learning.

Nutrition Support: A blender is needed to prepare fresh juices and soft diets for children with special needs, complementing daily balanced meals.

Human Resources: More caregivers, teachers, and therapists are required to ensure personalized attention and consistent care.

Caretaker Training: Structured training will reduce mistakes by new staff and lift overall care quality across the home.

5. CHALLENGES

August 2025 was a month filled with significant challenges at Empowered Child Ministries. While many positive strides were made, several pressing issues emerged that highlighted the urgent need for better systems, resources, and protections for the children under our care.

1. Loss of Property and Theft Concerns

During August, we experienced troubling losses of small but essential property items including bicycle accessories, a grass-carpet, and even children's shoes. These repeated disappearances were deeply concerning and caused unnecessary stress on already limited resources. The alleged involvement of our security guard, Fred, in these losses has raised serious questions about trust and safety within the home. Such theft not only drains resources but also compromises the sense of security the children need. This incident has highlighted the urgent need for reliable security measures, including dismissal of untrustworthy personnel and the installation of CCTV cameras for accountability and monitoring.

2. Frequent Sickness Among Children

August also marked one of the worst months in terms of children's health. Many fell sick with malaria, fevers, and strong headaches, forcing us to spend heavily on medical care, transportation for doctors, and medications from pharmacies. While we are grateful for the services of Dr. Elijah, the recurring nature of these illnesses points to deeper structural issues. The lack of mosquito nets leaves children vulnerable to malaria, while stagnant water around the home provides breeding grounds for mosquitoes. These preventable conditions are not only costly but dangerous to children's lives and futures.

3. Limited Facilities for Special Needs Programs

Our physiotherapy and special needs education programs continued but remain heavily constrained. Sessions with Dr. Sylvester and Dr. Flavia are yielding progress, but we still lack essential equipment and an adequate space where children can safely carry out these exercises. Similarly, special needs education is being delivered by Teacher Sarah, but without a proper classroom or specialized learning materials, the impact is limited. These gaps threaten to slow down the developmental progress of the children who need the most support.

4. Household and Kitchen Challenges

Basic household challenges also continued in August. Most of our saucepans were spoiled, forcing us to purchase only one new one despite needing more. Poor food measurement practices led to wastage, prompting us to invest in a center scale to control portions better. In addition, the kitchen remained smoky and dark, making cooking unsafe and uncomfortable until a new window was added for ventilation. While these steps improved conditions, the recurring wear and tear of household items requires a more sustainable approach.

5. Staffing Gaps and Risks of Mistreatment

After dismissing two caretakers in July for child mistreatment, we faced a gap in caregiving which was only addressed after hiring two new caretakers in August. Though this improved care, the incident highlighted the dangers of child abuse and the importance of close supervision. Staff misconduct is a serious threat to the mission of providing a safe, loving environment.

6. Lack of Funds for Child Celebrations and Extras

August also saw the painful reality of uncelebrated birthdays due to lack of funds. These moments, though seemingly small, are crucial in giving children a sense of love, identity, and belonging. The inability to provide cakes or gifts left some children disappointed, underscoring the need for a dedicated fund for child celebrations.

6. RECOMMENDATION

Security Improvements – Immediately terminate untrustworthy staff like the current security guard and replace with vetted, reliable personnel. Install CCTV cameras to monitor movements within the home and deter theft.

Health & Sanitation Measures – Urgently acquire mosquito nets for all children to reduce malaria cases. Improve drainage systems around the home to eliminate stagnant water. Establish a routine spraying program to keep mosquito breeding low.

Special Needs Infrastructure – Build or partition a dedicated space for physiotherapy and special needs education. Partner with organizations or donors to acquire essential physiotherapy and educational equipment.

Household Management – Develop a replacement plan for spoilt kitchen items such as saucepans, and establish a preventive maintenance system for household tools and furniture. Continue using the center scale to reduce food wastage and improve budgeting.

Staff Training & Child Protection – Invest in continuous training for caretakers on child rights, discipline, and trauma-informed care. Develop a strict monitoring system to prevent mistreatment, and provide support to staff to avoid burnout.

Child Celebrations Fund – Set up a small but dedicated fund for children's birthdays and celebrations. Even modest celebrations with cake and shared meals can make a powerful emotional impact on children's well-being.

Sustainable Partnerships – Seek more monthly donors and local partnerships to create a predictable income stream that can cover recurring costs like health, nutrition, security, and child care needs.

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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