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# ANNUAL REPORT

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# OUR MISSION

Our mission is to bring real and lasting change to children, youth and young women living in poverty through holistic multidimensional programs in education, economic development and public health.



## WHERE WE WORK

Over 80% of the population where we work are dependent on low level subsistence farming which is mainly for food with no viable source of income and survive on one meal a day. This has accelerated the vicious cycle of poverty and high illiteracy rates because it is nearly impossible for these families to educate their children making it difficult for the residents to get access to services and opportunities.

### — KAYUNG

KAMULI

The villages have very poor and nadequate infrastructure with no proper school in place, limited access to clean water, Electricity, poor sanitation and hvoiene standards.

Over 50% of children do not complete primary school—and the majority of families rely on low level subsistence farming which is mainly for food with no viable source of income.

### **OUR PROGRAMS**



#### Education

Where we work, children don't have the opportunity to receive an education. Some don't have resources like books or uniforms, leaving children to fall behind without the support to catch up. Youth drop out of school to support their families and never go back. And entire school systems are understaffed, failing to provide adequate education to the children.



#### **Health & Wellness**

Children where we work live without access to basic health necessities such as clean water and sanitation. Health issues often cause children to fall behind in school, and a lack of education leads the way for drug use, early pregnancy and gang affiliation. Our programs develop children, youth & young women's knowledge and capacity to engage in positive behaviors to nurture their well-being, live healthy lives and know their rights.



#### **Child Protection**

We believe every child deserves to be protected from violence, live a full life, and have the chance to grow and learn so that they may reach their full potential. Where we work, we build a safety net of loving people to protect children, prevent harm and ensure that those who are harmed receive the help they need to recover.



### **OUR PROGRAMS**



#### Girls' Empowerment

We create programs that help girls make choices and changes in their lives. Igniting their confidence to act differently at a time that can define their future. So every girl can choose to be in control of her body, her health, her learning and livelihood.



#### Sport for Change

Ba Nga Afayo Initiative Uganda harnesses the power of sport to create positive change in the lives of disadvantaged young people in the rural and marginalized communities where we work. BaNgaAfayo's work helps to make young people and their communities healthier, safer and more successful.



#### **Child & Maternal Health**

No child should die from preventable diseases. We focus not only on the treatment of malnutrition and disease, but also on preventing them from ever occurring in the first place. We believe an investment in health care – especially maternal and child health – is vital to prevent illness and disability in children.



# IN 2022 **15,232** BENEFICIARIES

### WITH WHOM WE WORK & WHY

Working with the entire community – from teachers to parents – BaNgaAfayo empowers children & youth through education and other community development program. Our inclusive approach in all our programs cultivates knowledge-rich environments to help at-risk children thrive.

# COMMUNITY CENTER

one community center where kids get life-changing benefits, like medical care, tutoring, life skills and more.

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## AREAS OF

Programs focused on health, education, employment, sports and empowerment to break the cycle of poverty.



### **2022 HIGHLIGHTS**

### 90

Children and youth benefited from Child sponsorship program.

## 4,000+

Children and youth from poverty stricken families benefited from our annual back to school program.







### 12

Out of school children were enrolled back to formal education.

## 1,120

Children and youth participated in our sports programs, thanks to our friends at SportsWorks International..

## 50,000+

Books and other school supplies were distributed to make sure children from poor families stay in school.



### **2022 HIGHLIGHTS**

## 500+

reusable sanitary pads were distributed to adolescent girls and young women in our programs

## 300+

girls increased their understanding of health issues affecting them, their families, and their communities.







## 1,046

girls participated in mentorship activities that build their learning, skills, and behaviors that increase confidence

### 150

were given correct knowledge, and skills for preventing and reducing HIV infections among adolescents.

## 60

peer educators were trained to become change agents within their communities on issues regarding adolescent health & child abuse.





# HER VOICE FUND

In pursuit of promoting positive sexual and reproductive health outcomes among Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW), the Her Voice fund project, implemented by BaNgaAfayo, embarked on a transformative journey. AGYW possess remarkable potential to advocate for their Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), yet obstacles such as limited knowledge and negative cultural norms hinder their advocacy efforts.

The Her Voice fund project centered on challenging adverse social norms affecting SRHR outcomes in AGYW. The initiative recognized the pivotal role that young people play in advocating for SRHR, owing to their unique ability to voice their realities and challenges. To this end, the project equipped AGYW, particularly those living with HIV, with leadership skills to foster advocacy and demand accountability from local and national governments. By involving AGYW in planning for their health needs and prioritizing SRHR issues in district health budgets, the project aimed to drive tangible improvements.



### IMPACT AND OUTCOMES

The project yielded significant impact and outcomes, affirming the potential for positive change when AGYW are empowered to lead.

#### PEER EDUCATOR TRAINING

Through rigorous training, 50 AGYW emerged as empowered peer educators. They became advocates, supporting their peers and amplifying advocacy efforts for AGYW's SRHR needs. **80** AGYW TRAINED

50 PEER EDUCATORS SELECTED

#### ENHANCED WELL-BEING & LEADERSHIP

Empowered AGYW exhibited improved overall health and well-being. Moreover, increased representation of AGYW in leadership and decision-making positions demonstrated their potential to drive positive change.



### REDUCED TEENAGE PREGNANCY

The project contributed to reduced rates of teenage pregnancy and maternal mortality. Empowered AGYW exercised agency over their SRHR, leading to healthier outcomes.

#### MITIGATION OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

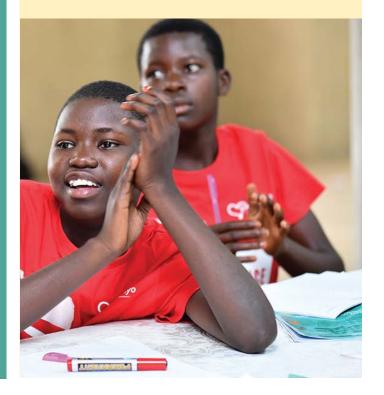
The project successfully reduced gender-based violence and discrimination against AGYW. By building self-esteem, self-efficacy, and decision-making abilities.

### 90%

INCREASE IN AGYW'S KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS OF SRHR

140

AGYW PARTICIPATING IN ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES



# MAGICAL CLASSROOMS

Quality early childhood education is crucial for children's overall development and success in primary school and beyond. Our Magical Classrooms Program, addresses the lack of access to preschool education in Kayunga District, Uganda. Through innovative approaches, we've been able to prepare over 50 children for school, improve their literacy and numeracy outcomes, and enhance school retention rates.

In Kayunga District, impoverished children faced challenges such as repeating grades and leaving primary school without basic literacy and numeracy skills. This is primarily due to lack of Early Childhood Development (ECD) centers, resulting in varying learning levels and inadequate attention for struggling students.

To tackle these issues, we identified young women with leadership qualities and a commitment to community development, training them comprehensively in areas including early childhood care, education, health, and nutrition. These trained facilitators established informal home-based ECD centers, referred to as "Magical Classrooms," within households.



#### IMPACT AND OUTCOMES

The program continues to address the lack of access to preschool education in rural communities of Kayunga District, making significant strides in improving educational outcomes.

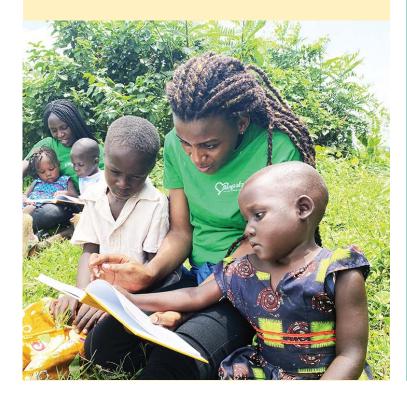
#### SCHOOL READINESS

The program focused on ensuring that children were academically, socially, and emotionally ready for the transition to primary school. Children developed essential skills such as language proficiency, problem-solving abilities, and social interaction skills, which were vital for success in the primary school environment. 50 PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

05 HOME LEARNING CENTERS ESTABLISHED

#### LITERACY & NUMERACY OUTCOMES

The Program employed evidence-based instructional strategies and materials to promote literacy and numeracy development among children. Through play-based learning activities, children not only acquired basic literacy and numeracy skills but also developed a deeper understanding of concepts and principles.



### HOUSEHOLD IMPACT

The impact of the Magical Classrooms program extended beyond the classroom to positively influence households and communities. By empowering parents and caregivers with knowledge and resources, the program fostered a culture of learning and development within the home environment.

### 90%

OF HOUSEHOLDS SAW IMPROVEMENTS IN CHILDREN DEVEOPMET

### 100%

OF PARTICPATING FAMILIES ADOPTED POSITIVE HEALTH AND NUTRITION PRACTICES

### SCHOOL RETENTION RATES

Through its emphasis on early intervention and support, the program contributed to improved school retention rates among participating children by nurturing a love for learning and providing a solid foundation of academic skills.



# SPORT FOR CHANGE

BaNgaAfayo firmly believes that sport possesses the unique ability to enact life-altering change, fostering growth and expanding aspirations. Recognizing its capacity to instill essential life skills like teamwork, self-discipline, and understanding, sport acts as a unifying force that transcends social boundaries. BaNgaAfayo harnesses the power of sport to empower young individuals, igniting a ripple effect of positive transformation within entire communities.

At the heart of BaNgaAfayo's mission lies the conviction that sport can be a light of hope for children and youth. Through our sport programs, over 500 young individuals, including adolescent girls and young women (AGYW), have experienced remarkable benefits. These programs have not only led to improved educational outcomes and enhanced health and wellbeing but have also sparked discussions around sexual health, promoted gender equality, and fortified essential life skills.



Meet Harriet (Pictured above), a bright and determined 15-year-old girl from one of the rural communities in Kayunga district. Engaging in sports traditionally dominated by boys, Harriet found herself breaking societal norms and defying stereotypes. Through her participation, she not only honed her net-ball abilities but also experienced an incredible boost in self-esteem. Harriet's journey illustrates the profound impact that sport can have on individual empowerment. Through her involvement in activities she was once discouraged from pursuing, Harriet learned to assert herself and discovered her ability to excel in any field she chose. Her story resonates as a testament to the potential sport holds in challenging preconceptions and fostering self-belief. BaNgaAfayo's commitment to utilizing sport as a catalyst for change is evident through the transformative power of our programs. By leveraging sport's ability to shape character, unite communities, and empower individuals, BaNgaAfayo continues to pave the way for a future where barriers are broken, ambitions are broadened, and positive change reverberates far and wide.

## PARTNERSHIP TO EDUCATE ALL KIDS (PEAK)

Ba Nga Afayo Initiative Uganda proudly stands as a vital participant in the Partnership to Educate All Kids (PEAK) initiative. This collaborative effort, in conjunction with the esteemed Global Fund For Children, showcases an unwavering commitment to addressing the pressing challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. With a focus on 66 community-based organizations, this initiative has successfully extended financial support and capacity development to reach 100,000 children globally, propelling them past barriers to educational success.

At its core, the PEAK initiative serves to ensure children aged 6 to 12 can access education, irrespective of their circumstances. By offering financial backing and support, it has enabled local organizations, including BaNgaAfayo, to expand their outreach. The aim is to usher children back into classrooms, bridging learning gaps, and providing essential services such as literacy programs, after-school tutoring, and digital classrooms. Furthermore, the initiative recognizes the emotional and social well-being of these children, advocating for those who have been excluded from the education system.



A key feature of the PEAK initiative revolves around introducing play-based learning methodologies into educational activities. By integrating the power of play, children are encouraged to engage in a form of learning that not only sparks creativity but also nurtures a genuine love for education. This innovative approach ensures that education becomes an inspiring journey rather than a mere task. In addition to its direct impact on children's education, the PEAK initiative champions the importance of networks. By fostering connections between community-based organizations, the initiative facilitates the exchange of knowledge, learnings, and innovations. The result is a cohesive and informed network, enabling each participant to further enhance their impact and outreach. 1000+ CHILDREN REACHED

#### **06** COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ENGAGED

### FINANCIAL REPORT

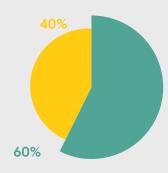
#### **2022 TOTAL REVENUE**

# **422.3M UGX** 111,084 USD

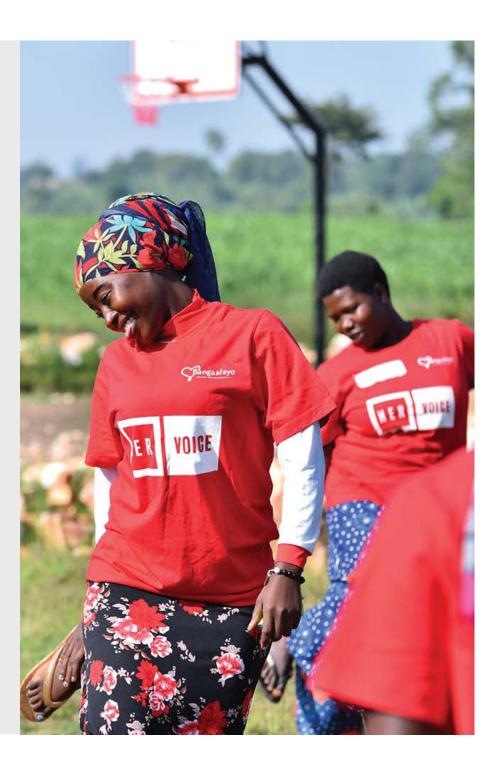
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