



# ANNUAL REPORT

2019





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# FROM THEM TO YOU... *thank you!*



As you scroll through the pages of this Annual Report, reading updates on projects, statistics, goals and budgets... remember that these are the faces you are impacting with your support.

They are the reason we strive for progress each year. It's all for them and their families; so they can receive basic human rights and the ability to decide what their future holds.

So thank you for reaching each one of these children, plus thousands of others, and for transforming their communities!





# A *big* year of growth and favour

By Rodney Callanan, DIAS Director

I know it often sounds like a cliché, but 2019 was the busiest for Droplets in a Stream. Thankfully, it has resulted in some of the biggest results and successes we've ever experienced!

As I reflect on this past year, I am truly thankful and grateful for your support, your sacrifice and your continued commitment. It is only as a collective team that we have been able to accomplish this. Together, we are bringing hope and the chance of a brighter future to many children in Africa.

I had the privilege of visiting our Partners three times during the year, which gave me the opportunity to strengthen our relationships and partnerships. The first visit in March was about monitoring, assessing and auditing our support of the four Partners we work with in Uganda and Kenya. We looked at the progress they are making on projects, their financial records and their strategic plans. Just as importantly, we sat down and discussed their needs, their challenges and how best DIAS can invest in and resource them.

I visited again in May to accompany an SBS Videographer who produced a [documentary for Dateline](#) on the phenomenon of witchcraft and child sacrifice. After driving across the length and breadth of Uganda, we managed to film the actual arrest of a witch doctor at 2am one morning, and were in court a few days later as he was charged and sent to jail. This documentary was aired in late-June and has brought an incredible amount of publicity and gained us some new support and donors.

The third visit was in August when I had the great honour of taking five couples and some of their children to visit our Partners. These families have been sacrificially giving for many years, so it was encouraging for them to finally meet with the Partners, families and individuals that they had supported all these years.

Besides these visits to Africa, we also had two other events that have been very powerful in promoting the cause of our work and bringing in support. The first was when Qld State Member, Dr Christian Rowan, hosted a Morning Tea with DIAS at Queensland Parliament. I also had the opportunity to attend the Voices For Justice 2019 Conference held at Parliament House in Canberra. It was a wonderful opportunity to collectively encourage and urge our politicians to increase our foreign aid budget, as well as to use it wisely and effectively to maximise its impact to reach those that are most in need.



# *Your impact in 2019*

JUST A SMALL SNAPSHOT OF WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE

400

CHILDREN IN  
LITERACY  
PROGRAMMES

519

CHILDREN  
ATTENDING  
SCHOOL

299

CHILDREN  
SPONSORED  
THROUGH SCHOOL

504

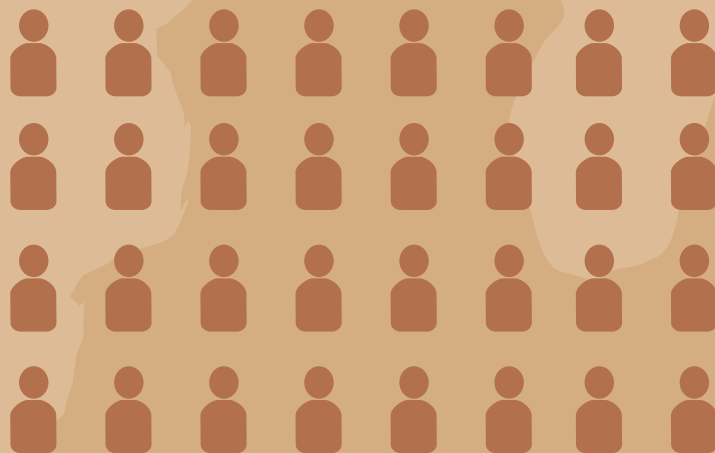
CHILDREN GIVEN MEDICAL CARE

150

CHILDREN RESCUED FROM ABUSE

28

CHILDREN CARED FOR IN REHAB CENTRE



701

CHILDREN FED DAILY



115

ADULTS IN ECONOMIC  
EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS



74

FULL-TIME ADULT  
EMPLOYMENT PROVIDED



15

FAMILIES SUPPORTED THROUGH  
SUSTAINABLE FARMING

# HOW TO CATCH A *witch doctor*

**It was the middle of the night when cars filled with policemen, investigators and a journalist drove on the bumpy dirt road.**

In some kind of scene, almost out of a movie, they were on an undercover operation to hunt down a witch doctor who had been on the run for many years.

This all came about in early-2019 after Australia's public broadcaster SBS contacted DIAS, requesting to film a story about the work of Kyampisi Childcare Ministries (KCM).

KCM is involved in fighting against and rescuing children from witchcraft. KCM tracks down these witch doctors and rescues their victims, treating injuries and helping with their psychological and emotional healing.

Fast forward a few months to May 2019, and here was a team headed to the location of a witch doctor who was responsible for attacking a young boy named Allan Sebataya. In 2009, when Allan was just seven years old, he was castrated, his neck sliced and his head savagely cut open with a machete. He was in a coma for two and a half months after the attack. Thankfully, in 2013, with DIAS' support he was able to have reconstructive surgery in Australia to repair his injuries.

The undercover operation started with the Ugandan Police working with KCM's Director, Peter, to plan the 'sting'. They studied mobile phone records and discussed the possible whereabouts with an informer.

Then, when all warrants and court orders were secured, the team set out on a seven-hour drive to the village where the man was believed to be hiding out. Unfortunately, the team arrived too late, but then set off again the next day only to be frustrated with bad intelligence and lack of resources.

Just as the team began to lose hope of an arrest, at about 11pm on the second day, they had a breakthrough and were able to locate the witch doctor. They piled into the cars and rushed out to arrest him at about 1am. He was brought back to Kampala and handed over to the police where he was officially charged and ordered to stand trial.

DIAS Director, Rodney Callanan, was on the trip and spent two weeks in Uganda with the SBS journalist, capturing Allan's story and interviewing all the people who had played a part in his incredible story of survival, treatment and ongoing care.

The Dateline documentary, which can be [viewed here](#), has now been aired in many countries and seen by thousands of people. The true horror story of witchcraft, child abuse and even murder is graphically depicted in the piece, but underlying the story is the theme of hope and justice that KCM and DIAS bring to the story.

Right now, you are helping to fund the prosecution's case against Allan's attacker. And with your help, we will not stop fighting this crime until every witch doctor is brought to justice and every child is protected. Thank you!





# KISUMU, KENYA

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The Milele Centre is a hub of support for people in Kisumu, where it hosts programs, houses a community farm, kick-starts microfinance businesses, and will soon open a house for abandoned children.



## 2019 at a glance

- More than 400 children and teens enrolled in education programs hosted by Milele
- Early Childhood Development building still in progress
- Milele Farm helping to feed 15 families
- People from four families in the community work on the farm

## Your impact

### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

More than 400 children and teens are enrolled in programs hosted by Milele, including 'HerStory' advocacy campaigns, in both Bungoma and Kisumu. These programs empower children by making them agents of action for positive change in their communities. Milele is also working with Global Girls Leading Our World, which focuses on amplifying the voices of girls through mentorship.

### MICRO ENTERPRISE BUSINESSES

Micro enterprises are growing, with new groups in Kisumu in 2019 for parents and guardians of the children who are being mentored. Small business are being supported through training and focus group discussions.

### ECD HOUSE

Through the generosity of donors, great progress has been made on the first Early Childhood Development (ECD) building. The ECD will rescue and care for neglected and abandoned children in a family environment, and will partner with adoption agencies to connect babies with loving families. ECD will cater for 21 children under five years old. The building project is still in progress; most of the electrical and plumbing fittings are in, but Milele is still raising funds for finishes and furnishings.

### MILELE FARMING

The Milele farm is supplementing the provision of food for more than 15 families in the area. People from four families in the community work on the farm, including Susan (see her story on page 8).



## Susan's Story

Susan is a widow who lives in Kisumu and she cares for a family of orphaned kids. These children are related to her but they have no parents of their own.

Susan has become excited about the Milele Centre's work, so she volunteers her time at Milele and is also the community contact person. She administers help to orphans in the village, including giving out hygiene kits, which include items such as sanitary pads. With Susan's help, Milele has distributed 60 of these kits to teens living in urban and rural Kisumu.



# NATEETE, UGANDA

Bridge Christian Ministries (BCM) is based in Nateete Rubaga Division, a forgotten slum in Kampala. It is bustling with children who roam the streets while their parents are out looking for work in the day with an income that is barely 'hand to mouth'. BCM gives these children an education, food and clothing.



## 2019 at a glance

- More than 90 children now attend New Seasons School
- Four grades at New Seasons are fully-staffed (Primary One to Primary Four)
- The school facilities are capped out and the next step is to get additional land to build more classrooms to finish the last three grades of the primary school
- 12 women entered a new recovery program for women in the sex trade

## Your impact

### NEW SEASONS SCHOOL

New Seasons teachers and headmasters continue to be supported by our regular givers – [DIAS Pioneers](#) – and school classroom renovations have been completed. The main aim of New Seasons is to help children in the slums escape the chains of poverty and child labour by providing the right to education, life skills, values and a caring environment. New Seasons was built in 2010, but is now too small to meet the demands of the community. There are options to expand the school, including buying neighbouring land.

### SWITCH REHABILITATION HOME

The Christmas Graduation Party, which was fully sponsored by DIAS, ushered in a group of 45 street children, which saw the creation of another outreach called Switch Rehabilitation Home (SRH). SRH targets children and youth from five divisions that make up Kampala, and takes them through Identity, Rehabilitation, Training and Empowerment programs.

### FEEDING PROGRAM

BCM runs a feeding program for the children twice a month. The long-term goal is to give students breakfast before classes every day. Most of the children come from home without breakfast and no packed meals because their parents can't afford it.

### RESCUING NATEETE'S SEX WORKERS

BCM has developed a program – Turn Around Women's Initiative (TAWI) – to rehabilitate, train and empower sex workers to discover their potential and capabilities. BCM is currently working with 12 clients, six of whom have children, and all have expressed their desire to make a change. BCM's one-year recovery program has four phases: Identifying, Rehabilitation, Training and Empowerment. Those with children are encouraged to start small income generating projects.

# Weema Maternity Clinic:

## WHEN A DREAM BECOMES REALITY

BY DR GEOFF MITCHELL, DIAS PIONEER



Back in 2010, I found myself sitting next to a young man called Peter Sewakiryanga while on a plane returning from South Africa.

It was a chance meeting that really was 'meant to be' because the airline made an error and I was seated several rows apart from my wife, Anne. As a result of the airline's mistake, Peter and his family have become part of our family.

It turns out Peter was a Ugandan Pastor and leader of Kyampisi Childcare Ministries (KCM), a fledgling ministry tasked with stamping out child sacrifice in Uganda. Peter's vision was to remove this practice through the power of love. His is a many-stranded approach: bring justice to the victims, care for the survivors and their families, and transform communities torn apart by this barbarism.

The epicenter of this scourge is a village called Kyampisi, an hour from Uganda's capital. In 2008, Peter deliberately moved there. He was led to establish a church and a school. Health care was also lacking, and he had a vision to establish a clinic too.

A group from Oak Tree Community Church in Bundaberg helped the villagers to construct the shell of the Weema Clinic in 2012, and over the ensuing years, the building has taken shape from a shell to a fully completed building with running water and power. However, the funds to support permanent staffing of it with health professionals were not available. One-off clinics would bring people desperate for health care to Weema. We worked in one of these in 2015, and just based on word of mouth advertising, the clinic saw 200+ people in one day!

The building served as offices for KCM until August 2019. An anonymous donor has underwritten staffing costs for the next five years, and given a one-off donation to stock the clinic with essential resources. We are most grateful for this amazing generosity.

As a result, Weema Clinic is now open for business! The staff comprises three clinicians, one lab technician and one receptionist. A GP visits once a fortnight. The clinic mainly focuses on pregnancy and children. Just being there means expectant mothers have proper antenatal care, essential for reducing the risk of birth complications. Children get immunised and checked for illnesses. Health education is provided to the mothers. In addition, the clinic provides care for all comers.

Weema means 'Sanctuary', and the whole KCM campus in Kyampisi really is a sanctuary where people can now receive the love and respect they deserve. The village has been transformed and child sacrifice has been drastically reduced as a result. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be part of the KCM journey, particularly through the Weema clinic.



# KYAMPISI, UGANDA

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Kyampisi Childcare Ministries (KCM) is a centre of education, rescue, care and respite. It runs a school for 400+ children; a maternity clinic; a church; and a rehabilitation centre that cares for children suffering from abuse, mental trauma or physical injuries.



## *2019 at a glance*

- 420 children attending school
- 85 people in economic empowerment programs
- 200 children sponsored through school
- 31 children cared for in St Paul's Rehabilitation Centre
- 261 people were treated through the Weema Clinic, which now employs 3 clinicians, 1 lab technician, 1 receptionist and 1 GP who visits fortnightly
- 120 children rescued from abuse
- Employs 55 people across all areas

## *Your impact*

### KIDNAPPED CHILDREN RESCUED

In 2018, KCM took into their care more than 60 children who were rescued from abuse and neglect, and in 2019 they continued to counsel and care for many of them. KCM sent their staff out to each child's home to do follow-up visits and they also continue to house some of the children and treat their ongoing needs.

There have been new cases again this past year, where KCM have taken in other children and are giving them care and support. But just as importantly, staff are actively engaged in tracking down and assisting the Ugandan Police in capturing the perpetrators of these crimes.

### ST PAUL'S REHABILITATION CENTRE

The foundations of the new centre have been laid and building is underway.

### ADVOCACY

KCM is fighting for justice in local media, Ugandan Parliament, the courts and in the international arena. Peter Sewakiryanga spoke about the protection of children's rights in the Queensland Parliament in June and at the United Nations Pan African Conference on Children in Armed Conflict in October.

### EDUCATION

KCM is educating locals on protecting and standing up for innocent children. Much of rural Africa still lives in a village and community lifestyle, where young children roam the streets and paths freely without fear. Many assume adults will look out for children, but lawless and opportunistic criminals are abusing this beautiful innocent community lifestyle. Peter and his team educate these villagers of the dangers and risks, and encourage them to protect the children and/or give up the criminals if they know who they are.

# BUNGOMA, KENYA

Restoration of Hope Ministries International (ROHMI) cares for young boys who live on the streets. For many, they've either been orphaned, abused, or extreme poverty has left them no other option. But in every case, street life is never by choice.



## *2019 at a glance*

- 5 street boys no longer living on the streets but reintegrated back to their homes
- 2 boys trained as carpenters
- 5 trolleys and 3 bicycles gifted to 8 street boys, which has allowed the young men to earn a living and rent their own place to live, getting them off the streets
- 4 boys in children's home reconciled back with their relatives. ROHMI was then able to pick up 4 more boys from the streets and house them.
- Helped the boys in ROHMI's home register for their birth certificates. Every child enrolled in school must have a certificate.
- Helped many street boys (over 18 yrs) obtain a National ID card. You must have a card to open a bank account, get a job, or own a mobile phone.

## *Your impact*

### ROHMI HOUSE

The ROHMI home, located close to the city centre, provides refuge for 30 boys who previously lived on the streets. The boys that reside in the home receive a safe living environment and three meals a day, subject to them attending a local school. Several of the boys have achieved very well academically and many go on to become school prefects & attain school leadership roles. The boys are also encouraged to join a soccer team to develop their sporting talents.

### LOOKING INTO 2020

In the year ahead, ROHMI plans to continue with their existing charter and have a dream to open a 'Safe House' where boys who are living on the streets can receive medical assistance or respite from whatever hardship they are enduring.

### CHANGING MINDSETS

There's been progress in changing the local community's opinion of the street children, which in the past were seen as a nuisance. This has been done by attending local government meetings to educate local leaders on how many of the children are forced to live on the streets due to child abuse or abandonment. ROHMI's message is starting to make its way into the broader community. Local television media have recently interviewed Joseph and some of the boys, informing people of the incredible work ROHMI is doing.



# A SCHOOL THAT IS *changing* A VILLAGE

BY ANNE MITCHELL, DIAS PIONEER

The story of Rock Hill School is one of miracle after miracle.

From chance meetings on planes, to the generosity of sponsors, the school now stands with 400+ students. It's a story of slow but steady progress that has completely changed a village.

Kyampisi is a very poor village. In Uganda, children only go to school if their parents can pay the fees. There were many children for whom education was unattainable, and who spent their days wandering the streets. They were easy targets for unscrupulous witch doctors.

An accountant and pastor, Peter Sewakiryanga, saw the need to get these children off the streets and into school. So he set up a school with volunteer teachers. At the same time, the teachers obtained education training, so that they learned on the job! The school's income comprised entirely of student sponsorship from overseas supporters – about 20 children were sponsored.

My husband, Geoff, and I visited the school in 2014 and 2015. We had met Peter during a chance meeting on a flight from South Africa back in 2010, and our meeting was just meant to be. We developed a relationship and Peter has become part of our family.

The first time we visited, the school had 229 pupils, and the classrooms were in a hut with a dirt floor and a room in the church. More sponsors came along and others helped fund the skeleton of a new class block. It needed a lot of finishing off and we helped with the cost of those works.

We returned in 2019 and the contrast could not have been greater. DIAS has enabled the



classroom block to be completed and house six rooms. The hut was still there but the floor was concrete. There were 400 students, 60 of whom were fee paying boarding students! The kitchen is a much more sturdy structure, with wood stoves, ovens and spacious preparation areas.

Peter felt that the new school wing should be dedicated to my mother, who loved teaching and helping children to read and write. My mother was born in 1923 and lived a long and fruitful life. She was born in Scotland but grew up in Australia and, after finishing school, became a teacher. We unveiled a plaque in honour of Gladys Davidson McGiffin on the last day of our visit there.

Another amazing meeting on a plane with Bruce Campbell, owner of a large business coaching enterprise, has led to more than 130 students being sponsored, and the running costs of the school being secure.

Kyampisi is a completely different place due to KCM's ministry there, and child sacrifice in that part of Uganda is almost gone. We are proud to be a part of this incredible journey and can't wait to see what lies ahead for KCM and Rock Hill School.



# FINANCIALS

	2019	2018	2017
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$681,209</b>	<b>\$430,500</b>	<b>\$316,439</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$680,072</b>	<b>\$452,846</b>	<b>\$342,642</b>
<b>PARTNER SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$27,688</b>	<b>\$30,203</b>	<b>\$23,487</b>
<b>PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$311,685</b>	<b>\$147,840</b>	<b>\$59,167</b>
BRING THEM TO AUSTRALIA	-	\$5,315	\$10,246
BALANCE	-	\$2,000	\$15,032
SCHOOLS (KCM, BCM)	\$23,450	-	-
ST PAULS REHABILITATION	\$214,858	\$20,713	-
WEEMA MEDICAL CLINIC	\$26,150	-	\$7,530
MAIZE MILL	\$5,000	\$9,261	\$35,400
MILELE ECD BUILDING	\$13,227	\$21,318	-
BALANCE	\$11,250	-	-
COURT TRIALS	\$24,000	\$40,000	-
RESCUED CHILDREN	\$5,000	\$51,233	\$5,991
BALANCE	-	\$7,500	-
<b>ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$322,156</b>	<b>\$262,198</b>	<b>\$230,625</b>
EDUCATION	\$24,545	\$37,421	\$32,934
HEALTH & WELFARE	\$97,169	\$65,333	\$42,675
CHILD SUPPORT	\$200,442	\$159,444	\$155,016

A more detailed financial report can be obtained by contacting the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission.  
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