

# KTM ANNUAL REPORT

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We thank God for 2023 at KTM. Amidst challenges, KTM continued to operate with a focus mainly on two thematic areas that is Child support and youth empowerment.

# Child Support

## 1 Food/nutritional Support

KTM continued to reach out to at least 105 vulnerable children with different modes of support including food/nutritional support, health and psychosocial support, education, spiritual development, and other basic needs provision.

Food was distributed to the children monthly to supplement their feeding at home. This goes a long way in boosting their health and nutrition status.



## Income-generating activities



The children supplemented this by cultivating their farms during holidays together with their families.

Some children also participated in small income-generating activities which enabled them to learn stewardship and responsibility from a tender age. For some it was rearing chicken at home, others vegetable farming and others still baking and vending their products.



## Educational support & Health care



Under education support, KTM has continued to pay tuition fees for over 105 children thanks to our dear partners and friends. This has enabled children to consistently attend school which has improved their performance at school. Children also received scholastic materials in form of books, school bags, pens, uniforms, and shoes. This has boosted their love for school and consequently improved their performance.

Under education support KTM has seen at least 3 children reaching the completion stage this year. These include Akidi Harriet who did a certificate in nursing, and Owacgiu Abonga who did a certificate in Motor mechanics.

Abonga who finished a certificate in 2022 who completed a certificate in agriculture uses this skill to build beehives. He has now enrolled for a diploma in agriculture. He currently earns an income from making beehives for a honey project he is working on...

At KTM the children under the sponsorship program also receive health care especially when they fall sick. Over 80 children were supported with medical care services.



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## Psychosocial support



The mentors continue to visit the children both at home and at school to encourage them. At school the mentors have an opportunity to discuss with the teachers what can be done to ensure better performance of the children. At home, mentors interact with the guardians and other family members to ensure holistic development. The mentors also do group counselling which helps the children to be emotionally strong.

The children have a center day at least once every month. All 4 centers had centre days at least once every month which the children found very refreshing.

During the centre days children learn bible stories, do character development lessons, play games and sports, and have a nutritious meal. It is also a day that mentors use to distribute basic requirements.

The children have also received basic requirements such as sanitary towel, for girls and other key important needs which has made them more consistent at school.

On one of the center days KTM held a prayer day, this was a way of teaching children to always pray and trust God. The children not only prayed but also fasted. The main prayer item was for God's provision upon KTM and its donors that they will be able to complete school. We believe that the continuous positive response of our donors is an answer to prayer.



# Youth Empowerment

## 5 Vocational school



In 2023 KTM focused its efforts towards initial works of the vocational school whose mission is to equip youth with work ready skills and empower leaders for tomorrow. The Nelson Okello Memorial Institute built in memory of the founder of KTM Pastor Nelson Okello is currently seated on a 20-acre piece of land. The school will reach out to vulnerable youth in the community by offering quality vocational education coupled with leadership skills.



This involved construction works, selection of a board of governors for the school and doing initial processes of registration especially in the district. As such a board of governors comprising of 10 members: 4 from the founding body, 2 Parents representatives, 2 local leaders both at district and local council/subcounty level. A students' representative, teachers representative, a student's representative and a member of the founding board.

At least 3 board of governors meetings were held to plan for the school's inception. A steering committee with an interim principal was also selected to enable the starting of the school. He was to be assisted by the administrator whose role was to prepare the school logistically by ensuring materials necessary for start of school are all available while the principal was to advise academically. By the end of 2023, the school was ready to open in the new academic year starting 2024.



## 6 Infrastructural development

KTM continued to make the vocational school more habitable by improving the school block and also clearing the bushes around. This included, plastering of the building, painting and screeding of the floor. By the end of 2023, the school had become habitable

In addition to this a toilet block was constructed together with a make shift kitchen and 3 temporary workshops to be used by students of carpentry and joinery, welding and fabrication and motorcycle mechanics.

In 2023, KTM embarked on registering the school with authorities. As a result, the school was visited and assessed by the District Inspector of schools in Pader district on behalf of the Ministry of Education, and gave a recommendation okaying further registration. The District Health officer also conducted a health assessment in regard to the readiness of the school: the school was found to be meeting basic health standards required for the running of a school.





## 7 Organisational development

In 2023, we had new staff joining to support the different key functions. Among these were an IT personnel to offer IT support, an administrator at the vocational school to support the school.

KTM completed renewal of registration. This was because the previous licence had expired and it is a government requirement that one renews licence before expiry.

This was successfully done although the process was now more stringent than before.

KTM is a recognised entity registered by the government of Uganda under the NGO sector.

With the passing of the previous director, there was change in signatories and bank details, which was done with board approval.

KTM successfully conducted an audit exercise of its accounts, which was successfully done. In preparation for this, the finance and administration team visited all the KTM centers earlier in the year to offer support to the teams in the field in the area of financial reporting and management. This nature of support made the external audit smooth sailing because the staff on ground had been trained on basic financial reporting skills.



## 8 Fundraising through proposal writing

In light of the limited funds, which was the major challenge KTM faced in 2023, KTM embarked on fundraising activities mainly through proposal writing. A number of proposals were written and we still wait for responses. Success stories

### Success Stories

In 2023 at least 3 students reached completion. With one girl doing certificate in nursing, another a certificate in agriculture and another a driving course. They are all actively engaging in their trade with earning income from making local beehives.

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