



FIELD OF HOPE

2020

Impact Report





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PROGRESS DESPITE THE PIVOTS

Sitting down to write a note of reflection on our activities in 2020, I took a look at the letter I wrote last year around this time where I talked about “looking ahead in 2020”. I expected to have a sense of disappointment seeing plans that didn’t come to fruition and was challenged with how exactly that would make for a positive message to our donors. As I sit and stare at the words I wrote exactly a year ago, though, I find strong senses of accomplishment, thankfulness and peace.

In 2019, I wrote that we expected our numbers of teachers and students impacted through our Youth Agricultural Education pillar to double. I also wrote, and I quote, “we are looking for new intentional and innovative ways to get involved in our schools”. Our numbers did double and we had a talented and innovative team who helped us launch not only one, but TWO new modes of teacher training and engagement through our TeacherTalk and Virtual Teacher Training sessions. Last year’s text mentions improvements within our Community Outreach program and growth within our Women’s Program, all of which came to pass in 2020, along with impactful COVID relief materials. In 2019, we saw a spike of interest in internship and volunteer positions, and in 2020, we had our busiest volunteer and intern year yet! Also, as we planned, we’ve added capable and skilled members to our Board of Directors.

Perhaps the best pivot of 2020 was the role of our Ugandan team. It has always been the intention of Field of Hope to develop capacity of others in the local areas of our programs to ensure sustainability. We have been so richly blessed to have inspiring, dedicated, and capable staff on our team, as was proven time and time again over the course of the last year. The team took on every responsibility thrust upon them and over-delivered each and every time. They pushed the boundaries of our current programs to ensure the effectiveness in such a strange time and have continued to do so as we plan for 2021. Nothing makes me more excited nor proud than to see them rise to the occasion.

None of this would have been possible if not for our Field of Hope Family seeing us through every challenge and every transition. In a year where many struggled, the collective support for our mission never wavered. For that, I say thank you. This year was different than what we envisioned before, but different is no less impactful or valuable. Our mission was still achieved, and growth still ensued. Agricultural knowledge was still dispersed, and alongside it, so was love. Thank you for standing with us!

*Obanga mĩ gum // God bless you,
Alexa Major Wilcox*

COVID19 RELIEF

224

farmers gifted with soap, seeds and salt.

1,792

family members impacted.

"I am totally delighted for the support our group is receiving...the salt and soap were very helpful as my kids were able to always wash their hands and keep safe from Covid-19. The salt helped us in curing our food. The knowledge I received from the training helped me to spray my crops."

~Rojina Awino, Field of Hope Women's Group on the COVID-19 Soap-Seed-Salt Relief package. The relief given helped her keep her family food secure for six months.

181

teachers granted salary relief.

1,200+

family members impacted.

We really appreciate the relief from FOH in this hard economic time. This is a sign of real love and care. We pray that the almighty God bless the Board of Directors of FOH, staff and the whole family. Make them yield more fruits in all of Africa and the world at large.

~Jonah N. Musiimenta, Field of Hope Teacher, on the COVID-19 Salary Support.



YOUTH AG EDUCATION



234

teachers trained.

40,665

S1, S2, & S3 (Grade 9-11) students impacted by Field of Hope booklets.

63,205

students benefitting from improved teachers' practices.

6

drip gardens installed in Uganda and India.

500+

students exposed to drip garden practices.

\$5,000

granted to 5 Ugandan schools impacting 3,884 students.

1

Ugandan university scholarship recipient.

SMALLHOLDER FARMER ADVANCEMENT



224

farmers enrolled in our Women's Program.

\$5,817.30

total amount saved by all Women's Groups in 2019.

1

Community Outreach Training.

36

farmers trained through our Community Outreach Program.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



3

2020 University Fellows.

12

University Fellows to-date.

3

2020 University Summer Interns.

3

full-time Ugandan team members.

2

Ugandan team development activities.

24

2020 Volunteers.

34

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139

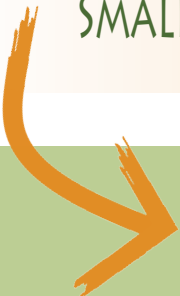
Volunteers to date.

AG DEVELOPMENT STAGES


as we see it!

- 1 *Subsistence Farming with Local Knowledge*
Farmers, mostly women, hoe their gardens in no uniform fashion, casting seeds and waiting for harvest. Seventy percent of the Ugandan population is employed in agriculture, yet 56.9% of smallholder farmers admit that they are unable to provide enough food for their families.

SMALLHOLDER FARMER ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

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- 2 *Improved Practices and Access to Financial Resources*
Farmers at this stage are able to send their children to school and have a community of other farmers to rely on for knowledge-sharing and emotional support. Their culture shifts from a spending mindset to a saving one, and they are able to begin long-term planning.

YOUTH AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

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- 3 *Profitable Livelihoods in Agriculture*
Farmers and students are able to operate their agricultural enterprises as a business, understanding finances, improved inputs, advanced farming practices and valuable marketing. The youth are energized to pursue a career in agriculture and provide innovative solutions to common problems.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

2021 AND BEYOND

We are excited to funnel all of the lessons and revelations of 2020 into continued progress in 2021. As we focus on our active programs and look at the delivery of our activities in new and creative ways, we are eager to continue inspiring agricultural enthusiasm and knowledge among all ages around the world. To do that, we look to establish new partnerships, strengthen old partnerships, execute new delivery approaches and continue growing the capacity of those we work with.

With a strong Board of Directors and a committed donor family like you, standing on the foundation of God's love and provision, we know that all things are possible in 2021. We truly are *better together*, and we appreciate your dedication to the cause of changing lives and loving our neighbors through agriculture. We look forward to all that the new year has to bring!



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