



*Field of Hope*  
2021 IMPACT REPORT



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# *A Message from the Executive Director*

2021. THERE WAS MUCH EXCITEMENT AND BUILT-UP MOMENTUM AS THE FIELD OF HOPE TEAM PLANNED FOR 2021. WE WERE READY TO BE BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE. WE HAD LEARNED SO MUCH IN 2020 AND LOOKED TO 2021 AS A TIME TO MAXIMIZE ON THAT NEW KNOWLEDGE AND PUSH THE ENVELOPE WITH NEW IDEAS AS WE RE-ENTERED INTO A "NORMAL" PROGRAMMING YEAR.

2021 CAME, AND 2021 WENT, AND STILL NOTHING LOOKED QUITE HOW WE EXPECTED. PSALM 34:3 WAS RECENTLY SHARED WITH ME, AND IT READS: "OH, MAGNIFY THE LORD WITH ME. AND LET US EXALT HIS NAME TOGETHER." AS THE LAST QUARTER OF 2021 PROGRESSED, THIS VERSE CONTINUOUSLY ROSE TO THE FOREFRONT OF MY MIND – "MAGNIFY THE LORD WITH ME... EXALT HIS NAME TOGETHER". AS WE REFLECT BACK ONTO A YEAR WE WERE SO HOPEFUL FOR, YET DIDN'T QUITE "MEET THE MARK" ON PAPER, I FEEL THAT WE CAN STILL SEE THE LORD MAGNIFIED AND HIS NAME EXALTED FROM WHAT WE HAVE DONE TOGETHER.

THE LORD WAS MAGNIFIED THROUGH OUR RELIEF PROGRAMS, WHERE WE SUPPORTED FARMERS AND TEACHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AS THEY FACED SOME OF THEIR HARDEST TIMES EVER. WE HEARD STORIES OF TEACHERS BEING SAVED FROM SEEKING FUNDS THROUGH PROSTITUTION DUE TO THE RELIEF FIELD OF HOPE PROVIDED – TALK ABOUT THE LORD BEING MAGNIFIED AND HIS NAME EXALTED. WE WERE ABLE TO VIRTUALLY TRAIN TEACHERS ONCE AGAIN, BUT ALSO WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY NEW PARTNERS TO ALLOW THEM ACCESS TO A GLOBAL LEARNING PLATFORM AS WELL AS TRAIN THOSE LOCAL TO OUR HOME-BASE THROUGH MODIFIED, PRACTICAL TRAININGS. THE LORD WAS AGAIN MAGNIFIED THROUGH PARTNERSHIP AND INNOVATION AND PERSISTENCE. BY OCTOBER, WE WERE FINALLY ABLE TO DEPLOY A FELLOW SUCCESSFULLY, ALTHOUGH IN THE SHORT-TERM, AND SHE CAME BACK EXALTING THE LORD'S NAME AND MAGNIFYING HIS IMPACT, ALONG WITH FIELD OF HOPE'S.

OF COURSE, I WOULD BE REMISS NOT TO MENTION THE OUTSTANDING JOB DONE BY OUR UGANDAN TEAM AS THEY NOT ONLY FACED STRUGGLES PERSONALLY BUT PROFESSIONALLY AND SHOWED UP EACH TIME, MAGNIFYING THE LORD IN THEIR WORK, THEIR ATTITUDES, AND THEIR SINCERITY. THEY FACED DISAPPOINTMENTS AND CHALLENGES AND NEVER LOST HEART. THEY FAITHFULLY LED OUR ORGANIZATION FROM THE GROUND AND KEPT THE VALUES AND PRIORITIES OF OUR WORK ALWAYS AT THE FOREFRONT, EVEN AMIDST UNCOMFORTABLE AND TRYING TIMES. WE WERE ABLE TO ADD A NEW TEAMMATE TO THE GROUP AND HAVE BEEN BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE WITH HIS KNOWLEDGE AND SERVICE. EACH INDIVIDUAL ON OUR TEAM GREW IN THEIR FAITH AND THEIR PROFESSION, FOREVER SPURRING ONE ANOTHER ON TO THINK CREATIVELY AND NEVER LOSE HOPE.

I THINK THE LORD WAS MOST MAGNIFIED AND UNQUESTIONABLY EXALTED AS WE SAW FUNDRAISING RECORDS BROKEN AND THE GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS POURED OUT. THE FIELD OF HOPE FAMILY ALLOWED THE WORK WE DO FOR CHRIST TO BE MAGNIFIED WHEN THEY SHOWED UP AND FAITHFULLY COMMITTED FUNDS AT EVERY EVENT AND AFTER EACH ASK. THE FAMILY WE HAVE STANDING BESIDE US ALLOWS US TO MAGNIFY AND EXALT THE LORD AT EVERY TURN. ALL OF THE GREAT WORKS SHARED ABOVE WERE ONLY MADE POSSIBLE BY THE OPENHANDEDNESS AND WILLINGNESS OF YOU, THE FAMILY MEMBER READING THESE WORDS.

IF ANYTHING HAS BEEN PROVEN OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST TWO YEARS, IT IS THAT WE ARE NEEDED WHERE WE ARE AND THAT THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING IS THAT OF THE LORD. THANK YOU FOR MAGNIFYING AND EXALTING HIM WITH US. WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE HIS PLANS FOR 2022 AND BEYOND.

OBANGA MI GUM // GOD BLESS YOU,

*Alexa Major Wilcox*





## COVID-19 RELIEF

THERE WERE **280** WOMEN FARMERS GIFTED WITH POSHO, BEANS, SOAP, AND SALT.

**2,240** FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE WOMEN FARMERS' HOUSEHOLDS WHO BENEFITTED.

*"I'm so happy today because our children are going to eat! This year we have had lots of challenges: our crops in the gardens dried up due to drought and COVID has also affected us so much that we cannot do anything. But when I saw the truck arrived, I was filled with joy and thanksgiving. Thank you so much Field of Hope for what you have done for us. May God bless you and continue protecting you and your families from the coronavirus."*

NANCY GRACE, OKWONGDUR WOMEN FARMERS' COOPERATIVE SOCIETY DOKOLO.

**134** TEACHERS GRANTED A SALARY RELIEF OF 100,000 UGX TO COMPENSATE FOR LOST INCOME AFTER SCHOOLS' CLOSURE.

THE RELIEF HELPED **1,072** PEOPLE IN TEACHER'S HOUSEHOLDS ACCESS FOOD AND OTHER URGENTLY-NEEDED BASICS.

*"Thank you for keeping us in your kind favour, at least we can smile with that relief stipend! May God bless you and add you more FOH team! You have such a loving heart for teachers of agriculture in private schools in Uganda in this moment of lockdown."*

OKWANGAN SIMON, TEACHER ST. GRACIOUS SECONDARY SCHOOL.





*"I really appreciate this innovation from Field of Hope. Always training us for free of charge! May God award you abundantly. Even I cannot wait to start. Thanks a lot."*

**LUBWAMA DENIS, TEACHER MULUSA ACADEMY.**

## YOUTH AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

THIS YEAR, **240** TEACHERS TRAINED AND EQUIPPED FROM **188** SECONDARY SCHOOLS. **82,800** STUDENTS WERE IMPACTED THROUGH IMPROVED TEACHING METHODS, AND FOH TEACHING GUIDES.

A TOTAL OF **547** FIELD OF HOPE TEACHER GUIDE AND SUPPLEMENT BOOKLETS HAVE BEEN GIFTED TO DATE (113 BOOKLETS DONATED IN 2021). **132** TEACHERS WERE TRAINED AT **2** TRAININGS CONDUCTED IN 2021 (103 THROUGH THE VIRTUAL TEACHER TRAINING & 29 THROUGH THE URBAN AGRICULTURE TRAINING).

*"The FOH teacher training is a very good course that helps in refreshment and enrichment of new knowledge. Thank you so much for the initiative, may God bless FOH."*

**MARY PATRICIA INGWARA, TEACHER IMMACULATE GIRLS' SECONDARY SCHOOL.**



THIS YEAR'S INSPIRING STUDENTS IN AGRICULTURE GRANT HAD MAJOR IMPACTS, INCLUDING **10** SCHOOL PROJECTS FUNDED SINCE 2019, **8** ON-GOING SCHOOL AGRICULTURE PROJECTS, AND **3,674** STUDENTS IMPACTED (1,464 STUDENTS FUNDED ON 2020 PROJECTS).

*"I thank Field of Hope for all they have done for us, and I want to thank my agriculture teachers for learning opportunity they gave us. May God, bless you Field of Hope and may you continuously expand your projects and activities."*  
WAFULA KEREN, AGRICULTURE STUDENT AT IGANGA SECONDARY SCHOOL.



SOME OTHER NOTABLE **YOUTH AGRICULTURAL ADVANCEMENT** IMPACTS WERE: **6** DRIP GARDENS MAINTAINED IN UGANDA AND INDIA. **1** URBAN DEMONSTRATION GARDEN ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED AT THE FOH OFFICE IN 2021. **1** UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AND **24** AGRICULTURE TEACHERS SPONSORED TO ATTEND GLOBAL LEARNING IN AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE: GLAG-21!



# SMALLHOLDER FARMER ADVANCEMENT

IN 2021, **280** FARMERS ENROLLED IN THE WOMEN'S PROGRAM. WE HAD NEW GROUPS AND **75** NEW WOMEN FARMERS ON-BOARDED INTO THE PROGRAM. THERE IS **33,616,050** UGX (\$9,500) SAVED BY ALL THE WOMEN GROUPS IN 2020/21. THE GRANT FUND TOTAL IS **59,287,876** UGX (\$16,700) NOW, REPRESENTING 66.3% GROWTH OF THE INITIAL FOH INVESTMENT TO THE 4 GROUPS. THERE WERE **225** WOMEN FARMERS TRAINED ACROSS ALL GROUPS THIS YEAR THROUGH THE **11** DIFFERENT TRAININGS SESSIONS AND **1** DEMONSTRATION GARDEN CONDUCTED. THERE WERE ALSO **6** COMMUNITY OUTREACH TRAININGS CONDUCTED, AND **153** FARMERS TRAINED THROUGH THE PROGRAM IN 2021.



*Before joining the group started by Field of Hope, "I was not in any group and I had many problems, it was hard for me to get money but when I joined Field of Hope; we were trained on how to do proper farming, planting crops, preparing land, harvesting, proper storage, village savings and loans association (VSLA), financial literacy and animal management practices."*

ROSE ODONGO, NIYEE WOMEN'S COOPERATIVE, ALEBTONG DISTRICT.





## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

THIS YEAR, WE HAD **1** US UNIVERSITY FELLOW HOSTED IN 2021, AND NOW **13** UNIVERSITY FELLOWS TO DATE. THERE HAVE BEEN **3** SUMMER INTERNS TO DATE, AND **1** UGANDAN VOLUNTEER HOSTED IN 2021. THIS YEAR, THERE WERE **4** FULL TIME UGANDAN TEAM MEMBERS, AND **4** TEAM DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN 2021 (AIAEE CONFERENCE, GLAG-21 CONFERENCE, BIBLICAL DISC TRAINING, ECHO SYMPOSIUM).

*"In the face of covid-19, Field of Hope has had to adapt its strategies to match the objectives. The most impressive part is the creative way the board and the staff have had to deal with the shift in the paradigm. This enabled us to derive additional approaches but shoot the same target, such as provision of relief support to both teachers and farmers other than the normal programming, going virtual with some of the activities instead of in-person engagement. It also led to creation of ample time to reflect, adjust and polish our strategies to add meaning and clarity to our scope."*

*"My most fond thing is the ability of Field of Hope to provide opportunity to me to continue with education when there were many financial handicaps due to the pandemic where some students had to opt out as they couldn't match the dynamics. All these plus many more were possible due to the God-hearted donors who have stood with Field of Hope through thick and thin and blessed it generously."*

*"In Philippians 2:4, it says, 'instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what's better for others', I believe this is exactly what our donors have been exemplifying and therefore want to say thank you!"*

OKULLU WALTER, FIELD OF HOPE COUNTRY COORDINATOR



