



PILGRIM
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A YEAR IN REVIEW

Annual Report 2020

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A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Dr. Dorothy Echodu



Who could have predicted this past year?

The board and leadership of Pilgrim Africa began 2020 with an ambitious plan to grow and build in order to serve more Ugandans, and to serve them better. Then the pandemic struck, grinding economies to a halt in the developed and developing worlds.

All the students at Beacon of Hope went home to their villages in mid-March--without computers, internet subscriptions, or online curricula. This left our teachers as well as our students with few options. Workers in Uganda have no government relief packages. With no tuition income we faced a hard decision about whether or not to continue paying our teachers. All our VHTs--frontline workers addressing childhood pneumonia, malaria and diarrhea, the three deadliest killers of children under five--were in dire need of PPE and new protocols to continue their work. Tourism in Uganda shrank to nothing and hungry people--turned-poachers laid thousands of snares in the national parks, a short term self-made relief package that threatens Uganda's future recovery. In the US, Jasiri, our large in-person fundraising event was forced online. By mid-year, the UK government canceled a large multi-year, bilateral malaria grant, leaving millions of the most vulnerable people without essential tools to prevent and treat malaria.

Immediately, the Pilgrim Africa Board formed an emergency Covid response unit and met with staff leadership weekly. We were determined to lean into this crisis, and not retreat, trusting God to provide the means. Thanks to extraordinary generosity from you, our supporters, the board, and grant-making institutions, teachers at BOH were sustained with living wages until two classes of students returned to school in October 2020. VHTs were rapidly provided Covid knowledge, new protocols, PPE, and temperature guns. They worked harder than ever before in the face of lockdowns, transport bans and health facility closures.

By the end of the year, BOH candidate students were back at school, socially distanced in a way never seen in crowded Ugandan classrooms, preparing day and night for the delayed 2020 national exams. VHT performance was at its highest level since the beginning of the Katakwi Rotary Malaria Project. The National Malaria Control Division of the Ministry of Health continues to work with Pilgrim Africa and other malaria partners to address and mitigate, where possible, the loss of a significant source of bilateral funding, as noted above.

The costs of separating students and a limit on the number who could return have severely impacted BOH's budget. Unmet malaria needs among Uganda's most vulnerable remain extraordinarily high. Food insecurity is a constant issue in our project areas. Tighter funding and increased needs have forced us to be creative in the deployment of the resources entrusted to us. It has also deepened our appreciation for each of you who continue to see and support the life changing work we pursue.

In a challenging year, I can only say thank you! You have shown the depth and strength of your compassion. You have taught Ugandan children. You have conducted research into the most effective means of eradicating malaria. You have given a cup of water to the least of these in the smallest of villages. You have given hope to the hopeless. And hope continues to be our work.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be the name of the CEO, Dr. Dorothy Echodu.

ABOUT US

Our Mission

To challenge despair, to love boldly, and to create a future of sustainable prosperity and health in Uganda. We give ourselves in service to others regardless of economic, religious, or social standing, working to empower and love others to the glory of God.

Our Values

Dignity

We demonstrate respect for essential human dignity and are willing to offer and accept true friendship. We give ourselves in services to others regardless of economic, religious, or social standing.

Bold Love

We challenge apathy and despair with courage, ingenuity, and authentic relationships.

Indigenous Investment

Founded by and for Ugandans, Pilgrim Africa today has strong African leadership throughout the organization.

Catalytic Change

Integrated, cross-sector transformation is necessary to revitalize the core aspects of African society.

Partnership

Pilgrim Africa pursues partnerships at local, national, and international levels.

292 Staff

Uganda

52 BOH Staff
4 BMC Staff
22 Office Staff
207 seasonal KRMP



U.S.



6 full-time
1 intern



PROGRAMS: Education

Beacon of Hope School

Goal:

Our vision in education is to provide young Ugandans an excellent STEAM education that makes them competitive, entrepreneurial and creative in a global, digital world. At the heart of our work is our commitment to bring Christ into every aspect of our teaching.

Beacon of Hope School Highlights:

The school is one of Pilgrim's pioneer efforts and has successfully run for fourteen years. The school started the year thriving and with big expansion plans. However with the outbreak of COVID-19 in Uganda in March, Beacon of Hope closed with all of the other schools in the country. We reopened in October to our two candidate classes. The other four levels will be returning in the spring of 2021. We have provided PPE for all faculty, staff, and students. New head of school Aaron Okelebo is working to make this reopening safe and is excited that all of the students back on campus soon. Please continue to pray for our students. This has been a hard year for them and their families.

683
total students

207
sponsored students

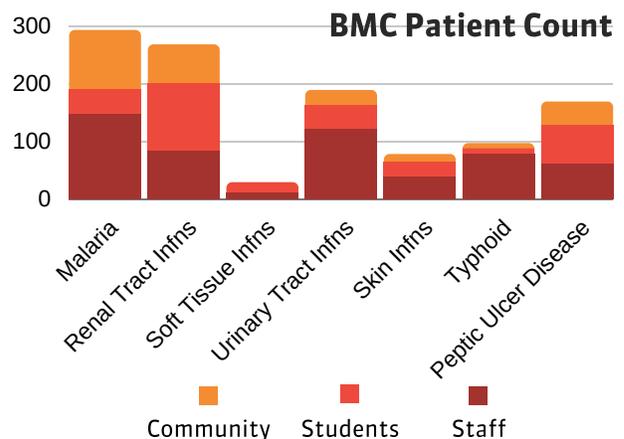
22:1
student to teacher ratio

Ranked in Top 1% of
Schools Nationally

Out of over 20,000 schools

Beacon Medical Clinic

The staff of BMC make it possible for the community of Soroti and our students at Beacon of Hope to live full and healthy lives, aiding them on their journeys toward bright futures.



PROGRAMS: Public Health

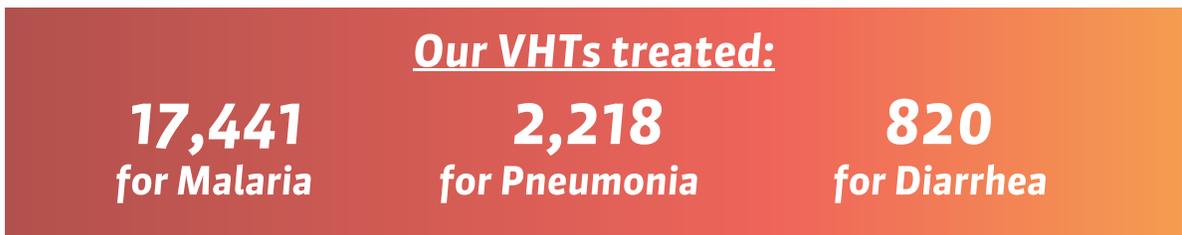
Katakwi Rotary Malaria Project

Goal:

Katakwi Rotary Malaria Project (KRMP) aims to make malaria control cheaper, faster, and more effective. We integrate community-led vector (mosquito) control and medical care to produce the largest impact, with the ultimate goal of eliminating malaria.

Project:

Phase II KRMP (August 2019-August 2021) is a research project being conducted in partnership with PMI and Malaria Partners International. This is a community-based study comparing the effectiveness of two different types of "community case management," or CCM, which combines testing and treatment for malaria with treatment for diarrhea and pneumonia. The first type of CCM provides service to children under 5 when requested by their caregivers. This is being compared with a more proactive CCM where our teams make weekly visits to each household in a community, providing care to entire families. Approximately 55,000 people in NE Uganda receive bed nets and CCM under this second program carried out by 207 of our health workers.



Highlights:

In 2020, despite challenges imposed by the pandemic, 207 health workers tested 24,752 people for malaria, and then treated 17,441 who tested positive. They cared for 2,218 cases of pneumonia, and 820 of diarrhea. Data was collected on the species and count of mosquitos at study sites with the results presented at several scientific conferences. In August we conducted a survey of 900 households (5,400 people) to help evaluate the performance of the two kinds of CCM at the half-way point of our study. Results were presented at a two-day scientific conference sponsored by Pilgrim Africa and attended by the National Malaria Control Division of Uganda, the World Health Organization, PMI, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Malaria Partners International, the Innovative Vector Control Consortium, and many academic research institutions.



PROGRAMS: Public Health and Conservation

Public Health - SURMA: Strengthening Uganda's Response to Malaria

Goal:

A key priority for this work is to help ensure a smooth transition from UK-funded malaria control to Ugandan-funded malaria control at the end of the program. As the planned withdrawal of funding from the UK carries a high risk to vulnerable populations, the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO) asked Pilgrim Africa and AIR to advise them throughout the life of the program on the best possible transition strategies to mitigate disease burden and death.

Project:

As a member of the Third Party Monitoring Group (TPMG), together with American Institutes of Research (AIR), Pilgrim Africa was asked by the UK government to monitor and evaluate their 5-year £45M investment in Ugandan malaria control from 2018 to 2022. In 2020, FCDO's investment in malaria control to Uganda comprehensively covered 27 districts (¾ of the country) containing among the poorest and hungriest citizens, and provided lifesaving commodities for malaria prevention and treatment. As such, the planned withdrawal poses a huge risk. As noted in the CEO letter, we are working hard to mitigate the impact of the loss of future FCDO malaria funding.

Conservation - Project Ranger: An Investment in Uganda's Future

COVID-19 has brought travel and tourism to a standstill in Uganda. Tourism accounted for 7% of GDP in 2019, but now faces an uncertain future. At the same time, Uganda is suffering from a recession. Endangered animals, a draw for the tourist industry, are highly vulnerable to wildlife crime during this time. Wild mountain gorillas, found only in Uganda, Rwanda and DRC, are among the most at risk. Poachers are paid well for body parts later sold in Asian markets, and are also shot by accident during game poaching. There are fewer than 1,000 mountain gorillas left on earth. Unless they are protected, a species disappears, tourists vanish, and many livelihoods are lost.

Project Ranger fills a critical gap in the wildlife monitoring, surveying, and anti poaching operations of wildlife monitors, rangers and anti-poaching personnel who work to protect threatened wildlife resources. A \$100,000 grant from Pilgrim Africa, made possible by the Clarence & Anne Dillon Dunwalke Trust, provided support to 150 Uganda Wildlife Authority rangers working in Bwindi Impenetrable and Mgahinga Gorilla National Parks, providing protection for the Mountain Gorillas for a period of ten (10) months from July 17, 2020 to May 16, 2021.



OUR PARTNERS

Working together to end malaria in areas where the disease is widespread, and to bring an excellent STEAM education to rural Ugandan youth.

Thank you for helping to create a lasting hope!

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Your generosity impacted thousands of children, families, and communities in some of the more difficult areas of eastern Africa.

Thank you for creating hope in Africa!

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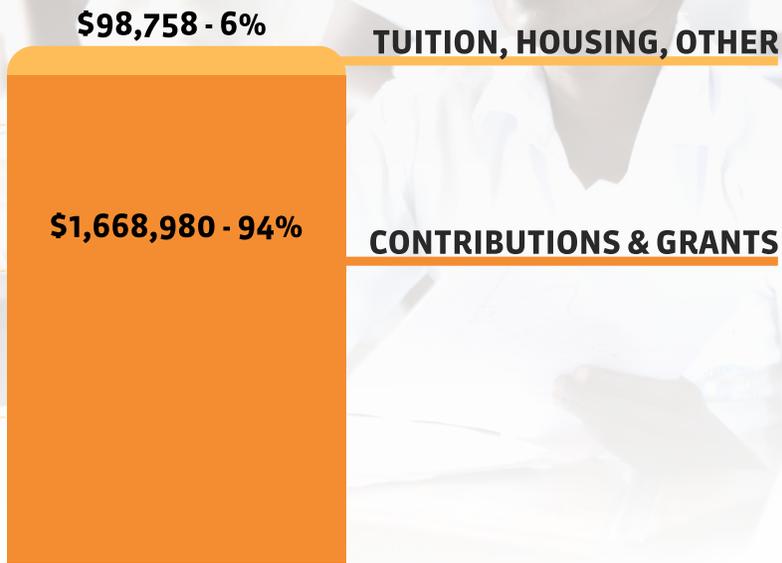
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Executive Circle donors have given at least \$2,500 . Many give much more.

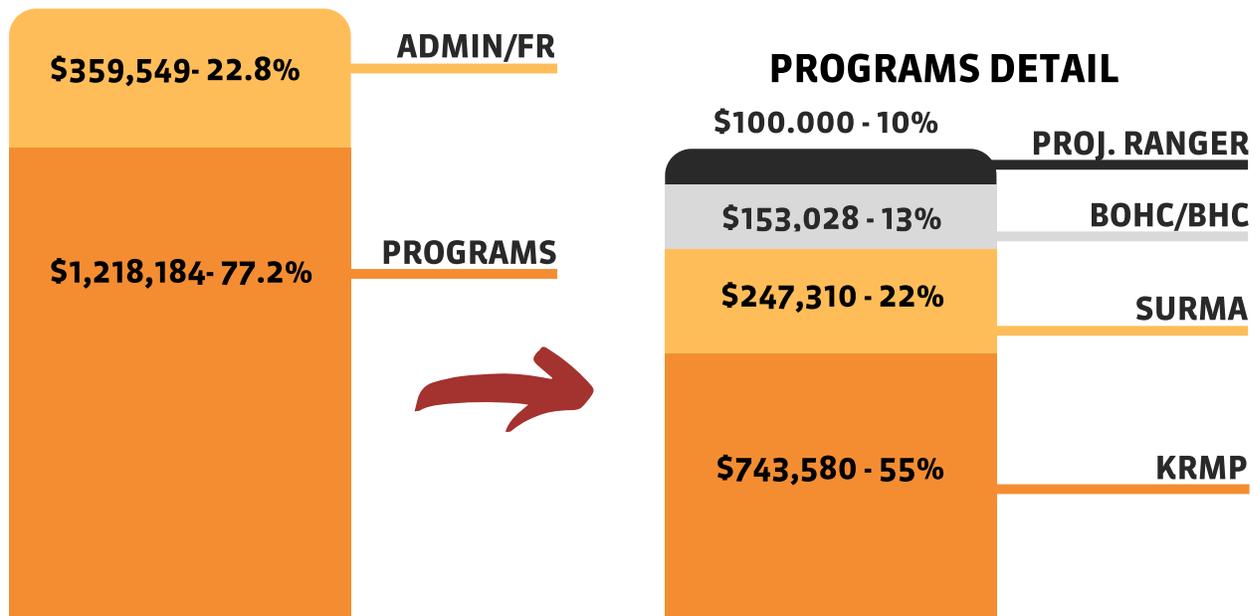


FINANCIALS

Income



Expenses



GOVERNANCE

CEO

Dr. Dorothy Echodu

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