

# WORLD SHINE MINISTRIES

## ANNUAL REPORT 2021

### **Foreword by Rev Dr Medad Birungi – Founder and President World Shine Ministries**

**Overview:** The year 2021 was an unusual year to say the least. This is true for all organizations, companies and countries. The COVID - 19 pandemic impacted everyone both personally and financially. It was almost like the siege of Samaria in 2Kg 6:24-720. It brought a lockdown of schools for 2 years. The Covid-19 pandemic siege/lockdown brought starvation to many families, loss of jobs and businesses, premarital pregnancies, early marriages, prostitution, sexual abuse of children, domestic violence, trauma, sickness and death and many other challenges. We lost some of our donors, students, parents and some local supporters. The impact was huge and will be felt for years.

But on behalf of everyone at World Shine Ministries Uganda, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our donors, supporters and partners for continuing to pray, support and place their trust in us and enabling our successful and continuity as an organization during such a tough time. Tough times come and go but tough people stay.

I would also like to thank the whole WSM team for the exceptional and unwavering commitment, and the tremendous flexibility they showed during the lockdown and even after it had been lifted. Together, the WSM team ensured that despite the challenges and the restrictions that came with the Covid-19 pandemic, work was done, some targets were achieved and that they emerged from this crisis stronger than ever.

With the progressive partial lifting of the lockdown, WSM registered some achievements such as the launch of “the 24 Elders project,” buying land and buildings just adjacent to the dining hall where to put the boys dormitory, reporting of Primary Seven Candidate Class and sitting their Primary Leaving Examination where we emerged victors in the whole Ntungamo District, Completion of phase one on the girls dormitory, Construction of two (2) classroom blocks that we expect to be completed so that children can learn in a good decongested environment, there were new sponsors from both USA and Finland, Covid Relief food was given to families, gifts (that include mattresses, livestock and money) were given to supported families, Arise and Shine Microcredit project received a boost to a tune of 12 million. WSM also held mini/zonal conferences in different parts of the country preaching the gospel

and very many people have since accepted Jesus Christ as their personal friend and Saviour. We also gave 700 Bibles to families in their local languages, to comfort them during the pandemic. We reached, raised and released many people through our House of Prayer programs/home cell strategy. We also went digital and used mass media-radios, Television, Facebook, zoom, what sup, Instagram, twitter, YouTube and we also created a studio in our office where we record our programs. World Shine Ministries Hope Community Clinic celebrated its 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary and we give thanks to God for the report of clientele is promising. Hope Community Clinic provided immense medical care to the community during the prolonged lockdown. We also through In the Garden Missions constructed some fresh and clean water wells to some villages.

Regardless of the challenges, throughout the year, the main focus was to see a holistically developed child in the community and therefore, WSM management and the Board's main area of focus was to ensure that all activities are well aligned with the strategic plan.

Therefore, with the continued support from our donors, friends, stakeholders and partners, plus the strong team at WSM, the organization will continue using its community empowerment/development, education, gospel transformation; approaches to bring about a change in Rwentobo and other areas of operation and in the lives of the children within these communities.

God bless you and enjoy reading this Annual Report.

**Working amidst the COVID pandemic by Ms Connie Jolly Birungi - Administrator**

It is my pleasure to present to you World Shine Ministries' 2021 Annual Report. This has been one of the most remarkable years for WSM Uganda as we literally saw God lifting us up from the dust and we can only say 'Ebenezer, this far have you brought us Lord!' It is in 2020 that we learnt that we could work away from office and still ably achieve set targets.

Amidst the lockdown and tight restrictions, WSM determinedly put her best foot forward to continue serving beneficiary communities in the most efficient and effective ways possible.

In response to the COVID 19 pandemic and its effects, the Programmes had to undergo adaptation, to address the immediate effects of COVID 19 and at the same time proceed with implementation within the guidelines from the Ministry of Health. WSM worked closely with the staff and different partners to prevent the spread of COVID 19, all Standard Operating Procedures and guidelines by the Ministry of Health were observed. Hand washing with soap, physical distancing, the use of face masks were all enforced, as well as meeting women

and girls of Arise and Shine project, parents of World Shine Foundation School in smaller groups. Our ability as a team to re-organise ourselves and deliver services within the statutory guidelines enabled WSM to register a number of milestones as will be seen in this annual report. Amidst all the changes and challenges, our staffs were our greatest resource, and I am proud to say we have a great team that is committed to working together for the success of the organisation.

As we enter 2022, I would like to take a moment to recognize and appreciate the Board of Directors, all our funding partners, stakeholders, well-wishers, management and staff. A very special thanks to our funders who walked with us very closely and continued to trust us to do a good job even in the midst of all the uncertainties brought about by COVID 19. Together, we did an amazing job in 2021! I therefore hope that you enjoy reading this report and that it gives you more insight into WSM's work and the progress we have made as an organization in partnership with you.

Thank you all.

## **Our Programmes**

### **EDUCATION**

- (i) **Academic performance:** All the efforts have been taken to ensure quality in teaching. This being a basic programme in World Shine Ministries, there was partial lifting of the lockdown that enabled children from Primary Three to Primary Seven access education. World Shine Foundation School emerged the best school in Ntungamo Main District with Fifty Eight (58) in Grade One and Four (4) in Grade Two for 2020 Primary Leaving Results.
- (ii) **Girl's Dormitory Project:** There was completion of phase one for the girl's dormitory that was built at Rwentobo Campus, we thank you donors and supporters to make this happen.



Girl's dormitory phase1 that will accommodate 100 girls.

- (iii) **Classroom Construction** With an initiative of school management committee to lobby for more classrooms, Two (2) classroom blocks were constructed and roofed, though not yet completed.



- (iv) **Teaching staff:** Teachers were equipped with skills in special needs teaching as well as skills in how to handle children while at school as they have stayed long in the lockdown. They were also trained and now have capacity to identify special cases and offer necessary support. We kept paying our staff, gave them food packages and we have maintained all our staff except two who got married and left. Our staff are coming back on 10 January when schools reopen.
- (v) **The 24 Elder's Project:** We thank the 24 Elders of World Shine Ministries for the land and buildings they bought for the school, the said land and building is just adjacent to the multipurpose/dining hall, the house was renovated to suit the standards to host missionaries of the ministry as the site plan is adjusted so that a boy's dormitory can be built there when funds after completing the girl's dormitory.
- (vi) **Child Sponsors:** We give thanks to the Living Lord for has kept sponsors and sponsored children alive; there was a tremendous



increase in number of sponsored children and the year 2022 will be a great one.

- (vii) **Home Visits:** Home visits were conducted to make sure the children are updated for the both the benefit of the sponsor and sponsored child.
- (viii) Gifts like livestock (goats and chicken), food, mattresses, land and money were given to sponsored children as well as their guardians.



## GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

(i). **Reach:** We did continue our partnership with various institutions, dioceses, churches, in this year too, irrespective of the pandemic situation. We continue to cherish our partnerships with South Ankole Diocese, Karamoja Diocese, Rwenzori Diocese, North Kigezi Diocese and other dioceses, Pentecostal churches, Catholic charismatics, Episcopal Charismatic churches, Baptist Churches, Lutheran Churches and other evangelical churches. Our partnership with other institutions like schools, Universities, Prisons, medical, judicial and other work-based fellowships has been great. Through mini-conventions/conferences, the gospel has been preached; people have received Jesus Christ as their personal friend and savior.

(ii). **Raise:** Men's and Women's seminars/conferences have been held and thank the Lord for that. Spiritual boot camps were held to help people read, learn and understand the bible and to be free and stay free. Bibles were given to most people who attended conferences. Social media platforms of both the ministry and personal kept friends and supporters in close communication since it was the only medium of communication at some stage during the total lockdown of the country, video scripts were shared, online preaching and healing and deliverances were conducted. Guidance and counseling were conducted and emotional support, emergency shelter given to victims to help them begin to rebuild their lives. We had a mini-International Mission



### (iii). **Mission Team Trips**

We welcomed the In the Garden Missions USA in both Kampala and Rwentobo, women and girls were empowered. The gospel was preached to different groups

and churches. Covid relief food, livestock were given to families to support them increase their household income.

**(iv). Release: Community Development/Empowerment: Arise and Shine Project**

The community empowerment for the wellbeing of women and girl-victims of domestic violence in Rwentobo, Ntungamo District was in its seventh year of implementation as well as vulnerable children and their guardians were catered for in this year 2021. The overall outcome of the programme is:

- ✓ Most of vulnerable women and girls are in active businesses.
- ✓ 50 were actively participating in sharing experiences, ideas, giving support to each other in activities such as digging, harvesting maize, beans, groundnuts etc. In times of sickness and death they have always supported one another. (households)
- ✓ 60 women and girls of Arise and Shine Microcredit Scheme out of the targeted 100 were saving, borrowing and repaying loans in the scheme. Members had identified profitable areas which earned them daily income that enabled them save and pay back loans monthly.
- ✓ 10 women and girls received sewing machines to help them increase income in their households.
- ✓ 100 vulnerable children families received Covid relief to help them beat hunger in their households.
- ✓ 10 families received livestock that include goats and chicken to provide steady flow of income in their households.
- ✓ Increased numbers of clinic outreaches and increased numbers of clientele at Hope Community Clinic. The Clinic as well received immunizations kits and a new nurse to help immunize children.
- ✓ Youth-adult partnerships came up in the community unlike before as reported by the youth and other stake holders which greatly supported the youth in the day to day group functions in order to beat an idle mind.
- ✓ There was a gradual attitude change in the community towards the youth initiatives which was attributed to their involvement in proposing solutions to the existing community problems.





**Evas Kiconco** in her charcoal business, after training in income generating activities as well as acquiring a loan from Arise and Shine Microcredit Scheme.



**Joventia Kirabo's** shop



**Joniva** on her business, she deals in charcoal and other assorted items.



**Jackline** standing next to her piggery project that was started after training and acquiring a loan from microcredit scheme.



Part of the Covid relief food that was distributed to 670 vulnerable families





Women and girls that received sewing machines from the Mordecai project USA.

(iv). **Prayer needs:** Due to Covid-19 pandemic, some of the planned activities were affected and needs more prayers and support more especially on the:

- ✓ Number of school-going children that never attained their levels of education.
- ✓ Number of vulnerable children to be recruited in the sponsorship programme.
- ✓ Lack of strong child protection systems; as most children were left to do domestic work that was so hectic at their age and others were sexually abused, premarital pregnancies, married early etc.
- ✓ Lack of funds to the 40 women and girl-victims of violence to help them establish their businesses and income for their families.
- ✓ Delay on fundraising for the girl's dormitory which needs to be completed in 2022.
- ✓ Lack of funds to completed the two (2) classroom blocks.
- ✓ 2021 Healing for the Nations International Convention, and international convention that always take place every year that never took place. Planned for May 2022.
- ✓ Lack of the camera has interfered on getting clear pictures to make good reports.