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WHO WE ARE

KOMUGE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE is a Community Based NGO focusing on development, empowerment, and direct support to the vulnerable members in the communities especially the women and vulnerable children. This NGO was established to create positive impact on the ever-growing problems of vulnerable people in the hard-to-reach areas and change the narratives of widows, single mothers, women living with HIV/Aids, children and out-of-school young people.

We focus on four thematic areas; WASH, Education, Health, and Livelihood & Agriculture. These contribute to the achievement of SDG 1 – No Poverty, 2 – Zero Hunger, 3 – Good health and well-being, 4 – Quality Education, 5 – Gender Equality, 6 – Clean water & Sanitation, 10 – Reduced inequality.

KCI started its operations in 2017 when a group of like-minded young people got touched by the plight of people in Komuge village and started distributing handouts. As a result, a CBO was fully registered in 2018 with a mandate to operate in Komuge Sub- County, Bukedea District. However, three years later, due to the growing similar challenges in the neighboring areas, the organisation decided to expand operations into three more districts of Kumi, Ngora, and Serere hence transitioning into a full Non-Government Organisation in 2022.

VISION

A community of economically empowered and improved lives of women and young people.

MISSION

To promote human values & development through implementations of practical programs, for the benefit of all in view of building a sustainable and resilient community with improved standard of living.

VALUES

Dignity, Creativity,
Inclusivity, Diversity



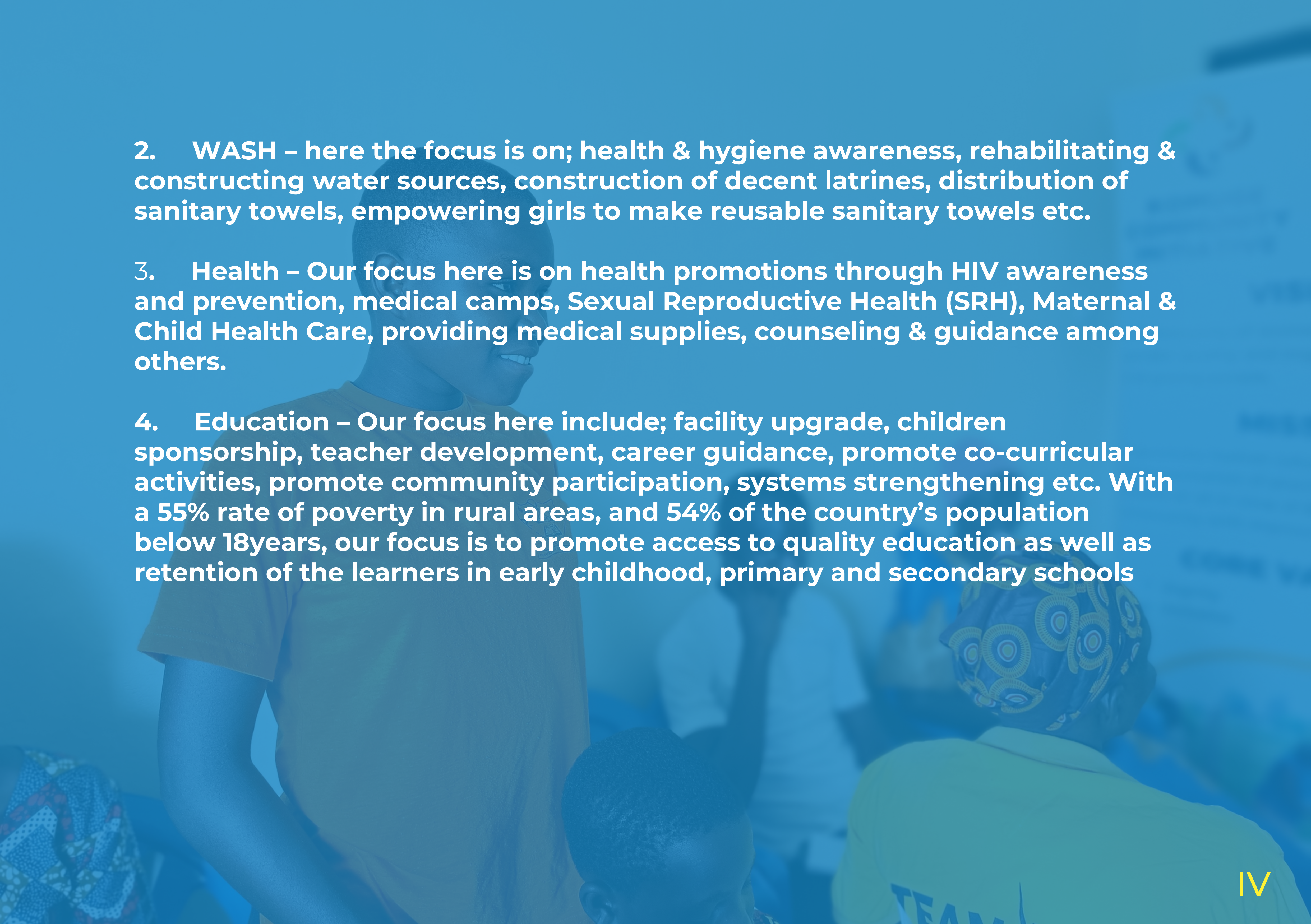
OUR PROGRAM AREAS

1. Livelihood & Agriculture; to implement this, we offer the following activities;

i)Vocational skilling – the objective is to offer a wide range of skilling options including; hair dressing & styling, tailoring, carpentry, welding, bricklaying, Knitting, Handcraft production, Bakery, Art and craft etc. but our current capacity only offers tailoring. These are structured hands-on training that all our trainees undergo so as to have practical, knowledgeable and skills in areas of their choice.

ii)ii) Microfinancing & Economic Empowerment – we run Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) based on the CARE model. Through these families are able to set up income generation activities. In addition, we extend business trainings that help them run their businesses.

iii)Agriculture – we distribute farm inputs, and basic equipment. In addition, we also train, link the farmers to market opportunities, and promote their products. These are smallholder farmers involved in different farming activities ranging vegetables, poultry, and livestock farming at different stages.

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2. **WASH** – here the focus is on; health & hygiene awareness, rehabilitating & constructing water sources, construction of decent latrines, distribution of sanitary towels, empowering girls to make reusable sanitary towels etc.
 3. **Health** – Our focus here is on health promotions through HIV awareness and prevention, medical camps, Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH), Maternal & Child Health Care, providing medical supplies, counseling & guidance among others.
 4. **Education** – Our focus here include; facility upgrade, children sponsorship, teacher development, career guidance, promote co-curricular activities, promote community participation, systems strengthening etc. With a 55% rate of poverty in rural areas, and 54% of the country's population below 18years, our focus is to promote access to quality education as well as retention of the learners in early childhood, primary and secondary schools

MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Partners, Beneficiaries, and Supporters,

As we reflect on another year of progress and achievement, I am filled with immense gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to our shared mission. Together, we have made a significant impact on the lives of people Bukedea, Kumi, Ngora and Serere Districts in Eastern Uganda.

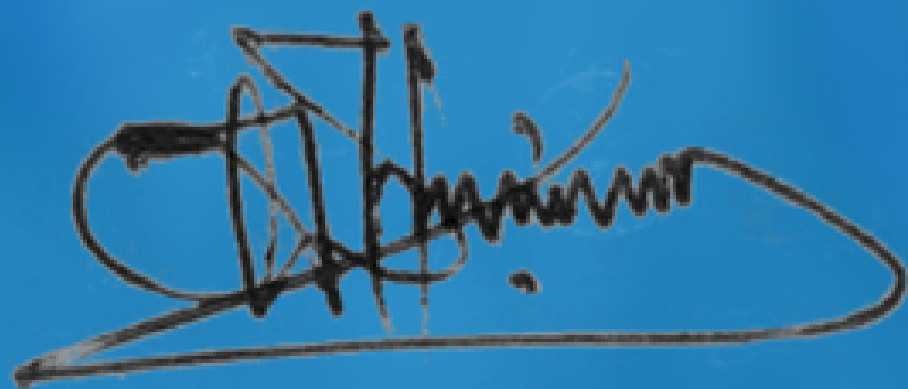
Additional VSLAs created, water sources constructed, school children supported, community hygiene sensitisations carried out, the farmer support offered, and the girls skilled among others. Partnership efforts made with HummingBird Foundation, Komuge Rock Farmers, Street Business School among others are all an indication that steady strides are being made. But in all these, we have learnt that community needs are dynamic and extensive, and that there's need to stay focussed and flexible but always have a defined plan.

Our success would not have been possible without the generous contributions of our partners, the resilience and determination of our beneficiaries, and the unwavering support of our supporters. Your belief in our work has fuelled our efforts and inspired us to strive for even greater impact.

As we look ahead to the new year, we remain committed to promote human values & development through implementations of practical programs, for the benefit of all in view of building a sustainable and resilient community with improved standard of living. We will continue to empower women and girls through VSLAs and skilling, improve health and hygiene of students and communities, enhance our education support, and increase access to clean water. Your continued support is essential to our success.

Thank you once again for your partnership, your generosity, and your belief in our mission.

100,000 blessings,



Okiria Emmanuel



HIGHLIGHTS



KCI became a partner with Street Business School (SBS)

7 children supported in school

6

additional VSLAs created and supported financially and skilled on financial literacy

15

girls trained in tailoring

7

additional tailoring machines acquired

2

water sources were rehabilitated benefiting over 3,000 people

2,000

pcs of HIV/AIDS IEC materials distributed

5,000

trees planted in partnership with Trees for Life in 5 schools in Bukedea District



6,000 +

LIVES IMPACTED

Securing Partnerships for Bigger impact

Collaboration is key to achieving significant impact. By partnering with SBS, a leading organization in localized entrepreneurial skills training, we've been able to integrate their curriculum into our own programs. This effective curriculum, designed with a goal to combat poverty and its related challenges, to over one million rural women globally through entrepreneurship training. This unique livelihood training equips women living in poverty with the tools necessary to start and grow successful microbusinesses.

OUR NEW PARTNERSHIP



Last laps towards the finish line

It's such a joy to report that one of our sponsored children is taking his final exam this coming November 2024. We call upon you, our partners, to join us in praying for his success in his exams. The rest of the children are progressing well in their studies. The one-on-one sessions we had with parents and their sponsored children were eye-opening for most parents, providing deeper insights on how to support their children beyond the schoolwork.

Greening our future

In collaboration with Trees for Life, we successfully planted 5,000 trees across five schools: Komuge Primary School, Kawo Primary School, St. Joseph Secondary School, Ongara Primary School, and Kakira Primary School. This initiative aimed to address climate change by raising environmental awareness, promoting education, and fostering community involvement. By planting trees, we sought to create a sense of ownership and pride in the local environment.



A Fresh Start for Our Waterways

Access to clean water remains a significant challenge due to its distance and the surrounding environment. To address this issue, KCI rehabilitated two spring wells during this financial year, benefiting over 3,000 community members. These improvements enhanced hygiene, made the springs more accessible and secure, and protected locals from water contamination by animals.



Women's Economic Empowerment: A Catalyst for Change

Empowering women empowers communities. With 30 members each, our Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) provide seed funding, training, and market linkages to women entrepreneurs. This year, we established six VSLAs in Tokori, Bukedea Town Council, and Kidongole Subcounty. Several groups engaged in farming and received agricultural inputs. Additionally, we acquired seven more tailoring machines and successfully trained 15 girls. These young women are now poised to start their own tailoring businesses. Given Eastern Uganda's ranking as the second most food-insecure region in Uganda, increased support for farmer groups is crucial to enhancing food production.

Transforming Lives: The Community Impact of HIV/AIDS Initiatives

It's crucial to acknowledge the progress made throughout the year in combating the AIDS pandemic. While the prevalence rate has decreased, we're still witnessing an increase among young people. In response, KCI has taken significant steps to raise awareness and educate young people, particularly in schools. This effort involved distributing over 2,000 pieces of information, education, and communication (IEC) materials. Next year, we'll prioritize further awareness campaigns and expanding access to treatment.



Executive Staff

Okiria Emmanuel - Executive Director

Richard Young Owere – Programs Manager

Phiona Nankumba – Finance & Admin

Mark Ssenoga – Communication Officer

Alexander Mackay Ikidit – Advocacy

Fred Ochom - Field Officer

Volunteers

Achiro Kevin – Project Coordinator Educ

Amutosi Patricia - Project Coordinator Health

Amongin Sarah - Project Coordinator Livelihood

Achola Susan - Project Coordinator Agric

Aguti Aggrey - Field Officer

Nakato Judith - Field Officer

Ochola Patrick – Field Officer

Opio Tobias - Field Officer

Akello Sharon - Field Officer

Anyait Faith - Field Officer

Board

Akello Agness – Board Chair

Okiria Emmanuel – Secretary to Board

Nakiria Christine – Member

Atede Sarah – Member

Akol Oliver – Member

Amoding Esther – Member

Sandra Mukonde – Member

OUR PARTNERS

Vibrant Village Foundation (VVF)

Sure Power Supplies

Individual Donors (prefer to remain Anonymous)

Legacy Logistics Associates

Bukedea District Local government



Financials

2023 Revenue (USD)

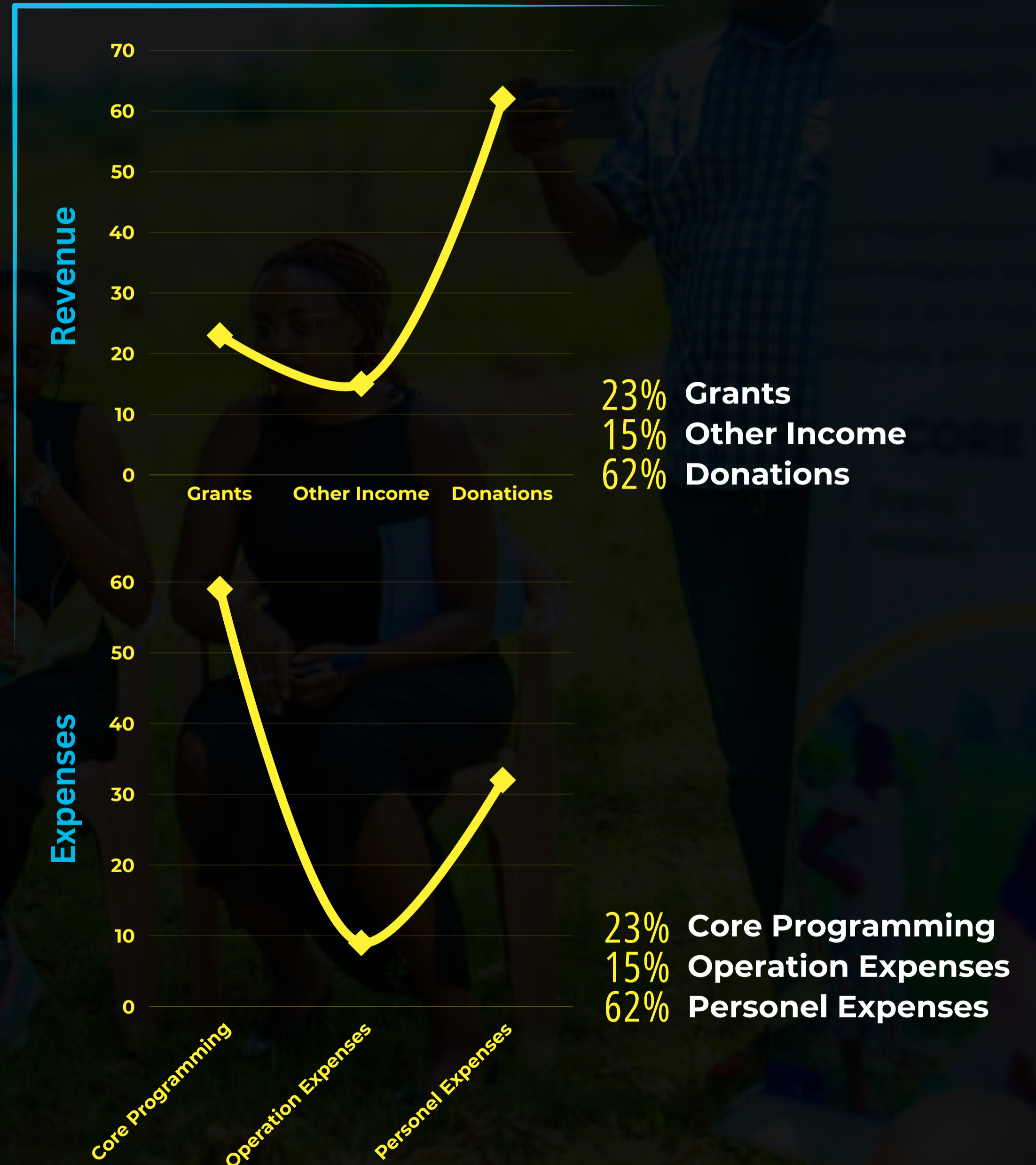
Grants: \$32,269
Other Income: \$21,045
Donations: \$86,986

Total: \$140,300

Expenses 2023 (USD)

Core programming: \$81,788
Operation Expenses: \$12,476
Personel Expenses: \$44,359

Total: \$138,623



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