



# ANNUAL REPORT 2015



# TO OUR FRIENDS

The year 2015 has been crucial for us and your support was a cornerstone to our accomplishments, hence we are excited to share our achievements with you.

This year was not only strategic for us, but also filled with breakthroughs. It was a year full of many big tasks, an abundance of work, but also full of joy and children's laughter.

In Uganda we went through changes in personnel, we sent out two new team members there. They had to cope not only with the daily operational tasks of the organization, but also with many challenges which a completely new country brings in life.

This year as with last year – with your help and with the support of two corporate sponsors, VOSS Foundation and SAP (A big 'thank you' to the hundreds of SAP employees) – we again achieved a big part of our strategic plan for the coming 5 years in Uganda during the year 2015. The plan was not only to build up a fully equipped primary school, but also to be able to manage and present the school on such a high level that it would attract more and more children and we could offer the possibility of a good quality education

to those who have a real desire for it even if some cannot afford it financially.

We have achieved that! Thanks to you we were able to set up not only a computer laboratory, but also a special room for children's development and relaxation which positively differentiates us from other schools and influences the local community in a good way.

In Myanmar, despite of the few natural disasters during the year 2015 that did not make our work in this country any easier, we were not discouraged. With gradual repairs, we continue in changing the children's center for the better and in supporting children mainly in the area of education. We want to express our admiration for your commitment towards these children and we thank you that you are participating in our effort that changes human lives!

Yours GFaH team

**THERE IS BIGGER JOY IN GIVING THAN IN RECEIVING.**

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# OUR MISSION, VISION AND PRINCIPLES

## ABOUT US

- We are an EU based foundation set up in Slovakia in 2011.
- All travel expenses are financed by volunteers, therefore **96%** of financial gifts can be used for child support. All activities are carried out by volunteers without receiving any remuneration.
- Local partners in Uganda (East Africa) and Myanmar (Asia)

## VISION

We believe that every child has the right to a good future and hope in life, regardless of the place of birth.

We seek to create physically, spiritually and emotionally well- nourishing conditions for orphans and street children in developing countries.

## MISSION

We operate internationally and offer a simple, transparent and reliable way of helping vulnerable children in developing countries.

We provide a home, food, access to healthcare and education for orphans, street children and children in need.

## TRANSPARENCY

We all take personal responsibility for financial gifts and other resources entrusted to us. We ensure that they are used efficiently and contribute to the fulfilment of our vision.

Our local partners are loyal. External accounting firms provide their services to GFaH in Slovakia, Uganda and Myanmar. Regularly we issue reports on the activities of the foundation, and we introduced control measures.

Our activities have an unequivocal purpose children in need, especially the orphaned and street children. What we do is an investment in their future and hope for a better life.

## DIRECT INFLUENCE

Our projects solve specific problems and fulfill needs such as daily food, nutrition, healthcare and education. The support is connected to and focused on specific children included in our programs.

We proceed step by step. We focus on areas where we are sure that we will see positive benefits for the children. We do not lose sight of our goals; everything we do must contribute to the fulfillment of our vision.

We set goals and implement the appropriate measures on site in order to be able to review and measure the progress.

## SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Through our activities, we support the development of the local economy. Therefore, we buy all the material, food and necessities in the local markets or from the local manufacturer if possible.

We employ local people to work in the orphanage and on the construction site.

We aim to support the local communities and help children to become independent. In this way, we want to avoid the dependence on the sponsors from abroad.

EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE FOR THESE CHILDREN - FOR A BETTER FUTURE AND HOPE!

**96%**

**OF FINANCIAL GIFTS IS USED DIRECTLY FOR CHILD SUPPORT.**

# OUR GFAH TEAM.

"To gather people and create a team is a beginning. To keep people together is a progress. To work together is a success"

Henry Ford



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# UGANDA 2015

The year 2015 has been crucial for us and your support was a cornerstone to our accomplishments, hence we are excited to share our achievements with you.

For Uganda this year was not only strategic but also full of breakthroughs:

- Changes in personnel in the local organization's leadership took place.
- We sent out 2 new GFaH team members to be based in Uganda. They ensure the organizations' local operations are run smoothly.
- We have submitted our application to become one of the accredited, governmentally approved children's home in Uganda.
- In May 2015 we opened the doors of the primary school.
- We finished the borehole for the drinking water and opened the free access to it for the whole community.



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# 1 CHILDREN'S HOME

In the year 2011, the Foundation Good Future and Hope took over the orphanage that was founded by the married couple Christopher and Cynthia to provide a home, education and a future for the children. During the year 2015 changes occurred in the leadership of the local organization and the children's home. After careful consideration, Christopher with Cynthia decided to step back from their current position, to start a new organization and to go their own way and we wish them all the best, happiness and success.

In January and May 2015, we as a Foundation sent out our new team members to Uganda. Annamária and Šarlota work together in Uganda, where they ensure the local organization is run smoothly, meet all the needs of the children's home, the primary school and personally watch over the construction works.

We also employed a nurse that cares for the state of health of all our children in the children's home, in the primary school as well as our employees.

As part of the nutrition improvement process, we expanded the cow farm. We use cows not only for the milk supply but also as part of the education we teach children how to breed the livestock. In order to improve our level of self-sustainability, we started our own agricultural projects. We have grown & harvested the basic crops, as corn (harvest over 4 tons), potatoes (harvest nearly 1 ton), beans and other local crops. We provided the supply of the primary school with our own products and at the same time kids learnt the basic agricultural skills.

As we believe in family values & relationships, in 2015 with the cooperation of the local governmental offices and police we started the search for any family members or relatives to the children. We believe that this will be beneficial for them in the future, and to their families.





## 2 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

During the first half-year of 2015, we focused primarily on the finalization of the primary school complex. In January a separate building for school toilets was completed, in April we finalized the dormitory and pavements. We adjusted the surroundings, planted grass, bushes and other decorative plants. Also, a wooden shelter was built that temporarily serves as a kitchen.

In May we brought in electricity through the solar system into the administrative building of the primary school complex which made it possible to open a computer laboratory.

Back in 2014, we gained clean drinking water for the children's home by drilling the borehole. In the year 2015, we fitted a solar pump that enables an automatic supply of drinking water not only for all the houses in the children's home, but also we connected it to the water system of the primary school and the dormitory as well. In June 2015 we also built and opened a small water station that provides the local community with free access to clean drinking water.

In order to ensure a secure and simple access to the primary school, mainly in the rainy season, we decided to invest in the construction of the access road, starting in November 2015. The access road not only makes it easier for people from the surrounding area to get to the school, but also to reach the children's home and the drinking water station.

Together with the access road construction, we started to build a football and a volleyball playground in November 2015 too. These will not only increase the quality of the primary school but will serve for the various sporting events in the local community as well.





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## PRIMARY SCHOOL

We opened the primary school doors in May 2015 for the following levels: from the nursery to 4th grade. Although we have started the education with the limited number of pupils, the school has been building up a good name during the year that has attracted many new parents to decide to register their children in our school.

At the end of the year 2015, we employed 1 deputy headmaster, 6 teachers, 2 cleaners, and 1 cook.

In May 2015 thanks to the volunteers a computer laboratory was set up equipped with 15 Raspberry Pi computers which are water and dust proof computer accessories. We introduced 4G internet into the classroom in order to support the education and to make communication easier for the teachers. Within the volunteer project, one of the rooms was furnished as a playroom, containing various toys, children's books and various other materials to support children's development.

Because our school is considered to be one of the biggest in the surrounding area, at the end of term ceremony, we were honored by the visit and the speech of the district mayor. Not only had he publicly appreciated our efforts, but also personally handed over the awards to the most successful students.



# MYANMAR 2015

In Myanmar, despite of the few natural disasters during the year 2015 that did not make our work in this country any easier, we were not discouraged. With gradual repairs, we continue in changing the children's center for the better and in supporting children mainly in the area of education.

In 2015 we invested in the children's center renovation – we repaired the roof, painted, purchased new furniture and beds for the children and repaired the fence to improve the security.

One of the children successfully completed primary school and was admitted to a prestigious high school. Three children got trained in a variety of professions such as hairdresser, electronics repairman and a car mechanic.

We also provided extra paid tutoring for another 5 children who are attending the last 2 grades of the primary school.

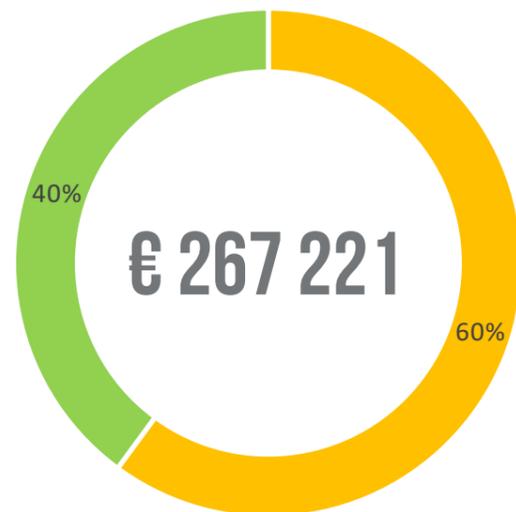


# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

€ 267.2

The amount of the funds raised stated in thousands.

## FUNDS RAISED



■ Social support ■ Funds raised with unspecified purpose

## USE OF FUNDS RAISED



■ Social support ■ Administration of the foundations

Higher costs than revenue in 2015 were covered by the profit of the financial year 2014, which we concluded with the profit of 44 469 EUR.

Funds raised according to: purpose of use	
<b>Social support</b>	<b>160,566</b>
Virtual adoption	83,222
Construction	63,655
Other – unspecified purpose	13,690
<b>Funds raised with unspecified purpose</b>	<b>106,655</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>267,221</b>

Use of Funds Raised:	
SOCIAL SUPPORT	
UGANDA	265,774
MYANMAR	15,281
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>281,055</b>

Use of Funds Raised:	
ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOUNDATION	
Travel expenses	5,184
Web site	135
Accounting, audit	1,900
Exchange rate differences	357
Banking and administration fees	3,226
Other	449
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>11,251</b>

## FUNDS PROVIDED



■ UGANDA ■ MYANMAR

### UGANDA

<b>Virtual Adoption</b>	<b>67,170</b>
Living costs	36,483
Education	13,840
Administration fees and other	15,451
Agriculture	1,396
<b>Construction</b>	<b>188,727</b>
House - surroundings and pavements	3,273
House - construction of the house	4,472
House - solar panels	1,910
School - construction of classrooms	14,310
School - furniture	4,826
School - dormitory part	25,248
School - others	4,038
School - toilets	5,844
School - solar panels	17,926
Water borehole and water system	64,545
Access road and football pitch	33,982
Miscellaneous	8,353
<b>Primary School</b>	<b>9,467</b>
Operating costs	8,424
Marketing and advertising	1,043
<b>Banking and administration fees</b>	<b>410</b>

**TOTAL: 265,774**

### MYANMAR

<b>Virtual Adoption</b>	<b>15,279</b>
Living costs	7,956
Education	3,904
Renovation	3,419
<b>Banking and administration fees</b>	<b>2</b>

**TOTAL: 15,281**



# OUR **PLANS** FOR THE YEAR 2016

## UGANDA

- Completion of the first circle of 9 houses will help us save roughly 35 more children. The completion of the construction of 5 more houses from the foundations up to the roof / required budget: 5 x 25,000 EUR = 125,000 EUR /
- Purchase of a used off-road vehicle for the local team (1st quarter of 2016) / required budget: 25,000 EUR /
- Increasing the security by fencing around the area where houses and school are built / required budget: 30,000 EUR /
- Completion of the construction of the good quality access road to the school and children's home / required budget: 20,000 EUR /
- Completion of the football pitch / required budget: 10,000 EUR /
- Extension of the primary school complex / required budget: 80,000 EUR for the teachers' houses, 100,000 EUR for the additional dormitory, 60,000 EUR for the construction of the classrooms for grades P5-P7, 60,000 EUR for the fully equipped school kitchen and dining room /

## MYANMAR

- Building classrooms from bamboo structures, which will serve as our own training center / required budget: 50,000 EUR /
- Give the children in our program the best possible chance of passing the final exams successfully in the 11th grade through the paid tutoring in the afternoon sessions
- Extension of the sponsorship program by adding contributions that will ensure that older children after the completion of 11th grade will get a vocational training with a specific focus, which will pave the way for them to become self-employed or financially independent.
- Review additional options how to ensure that children from vulnerable and remote areas such as Chin and Kachin have access to education.

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to all our donors, virtual adoption sponsors, construction and water system sponsors, volunteers, supporting organizations, mentors, all those people who pray for us, all those who spread information about the activities of the foundation, friends, who make it possible for the Good Future and Hope foundation to help orphans and children in need, so that together we can create all the conditions for their good future and hope.

Thank you to our local implementation partners for their devoted hearts and perseverance in the fight to save the most vulnerable.

Thank you to all our children in Uganda and Myanmar for the love and joy they spread around themselves.

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