



# ANNUAL REPORT 2016





# TO OUR FRIENDS

Dear friends,

We would like to proudly present to you our 2016 annual report. This report is not only about taking fully transparent manipulation with provided financial resources into consideration, it's also the moment when we can share successes we achieved in 2016.

We have truly come a long way. Not only thanks to the work of our team but also thanks to your continuous support, whether it is your good will, your hearty prayers, practical help and also financial help which you gave us during the year.

Allow us to share some of the important events:

Children in Uganda surprised us again with their hard work at school. They really grab the opportunity they were given and they do it literally with both hands.

In 2016 we closely cooperated with the Ugandan government and the police authorities in investigating the background of every child, in finding the family roots and relatives. And we are very happy that in many cases we found at least some family connections. Although children are still supervised by our organization, we can start connecting them, little by little, with their extended families, which is invaluable and essential step for their future.

We succeeded in improving the infrastructure too. We expanded an children's home by building another house and thus expanding the possibilities to accommodate roughly 55 more children in our children's home. While we opened our elementary school in May 2015 with approximately 50 children, we could double the number of children in 2016 to 115 children. Our vision to offer solid and affordable education not only for children of GFaH, but also for children from the local society became a very vivid reality.

We managed to repair and stabilize access road to school and to the children's home as well. This way not only we but also all the community enjoy the road daily and everybody has the possibility to travel comfortably even during the intense rainy days. While we are talking about roads, we are glad that we could finally, with your generous support, buy two used vehicles that allow the children and our team to get home safely without worrying about

weather or conditions on the road.

There are many things that we would like to share with you and if you are interested you can follow us on Facebook where we will regularly share photos and current information.

The year 2016 is equally exciting for our activities in Myanmar.

Children are doing great and they make us proud again. Our friends Run and Grace keep doing their daily management with great care. We also rebuilt some parts of the rented house which were seriously damaged during floods and storms. We believe that we will stay in this house for few more years.

As for Run and Grace, many children have their family roots in the region of Chin in Myanmar. The Chin state is very distant and poor region in the north of the country that is off limits for the public. Even though some of the children have their relatives there, these families remain unable to provide children with education let alone living. Despite that, we keep in mind our ultimate goal which is to remove a child from any kind of child centre and unite them with their extended family even in the case when the child centre carry out their activities with all their heart and care as Run and Grace do.

Nothing of what happened in GFaH in 2016 could have happened without your support. We would like to thank you one more time for your generosity and trust in us as a team. For being by our side, even though we could sometimes do things more quickly, better and more professionally.

In 2017 we can promise: we will do everything as best as we can and together with your support we will work with even bigger enthusiasm.

Once again, thank you!

**Viera & Hannes**  
on behalf of the whole GFaH team

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# OUR MISSION, VISION AND PRINCIPLES

## ABOUT US

- We are an EU based foundation set up in Slovakia in 2011.
- 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!**

# 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 2016

2016 was another noticeable year in Uganda. We can thank for the progress mainly to our two missionaries Annamaria and Sarlota whose work is priceless and who make sure that a local organization runs smoothly. Taking into account their dedication and hard work, the Foundation decided to give them full-time employment.

In Uganda, 2016 was another remarkable year:

- During the year we closely cooperated with the Ugandan government and the police authorities in investigating the background of every child, in finding the family roots and close or distant relatives
- We bought two used vehicles that provide safe transport not only for our team but also for children from the neighborhood that attend our elementary school
- We built a new house and renovated 4 existing houses
- We built a multipurpose gazebo with a little bakery
- We started building the second water borehole
- The number of pupils in the primary school increased by 126%



## CHILDREN'S HOME

We are immensely grateful that we were able to start a new year with – for us – a “new” car. Travelling in Uganda is one of the most dangerous activities. That is why we were convinced that investment in our own car, robust and safe, is necessary. Thanks to your help in 2015 we were able to buy a used 7 seater car Toyota Landcruiser Prado manufactured in 1993 with a four-wheel drive. From now on our local team can travel more safely and they do not have to worry about adverse weather conditions during the rainy season.

We organized a football tournament on our land / estate for the first time in 2016 which was attended by several teams from local villages. Thanks to an excellent team work of our boys who proudly played in their first football jerseys and thanks to enthusiastic cheering of our girls and mothers, our team pulled off a victory at the end of the tournament.

During the year, we put our effort into investigating the background of every child in children's home. In cooperation with the Ugandan government and the police authorities we tried to find their family roots and their close or distant relatives. We are enormously happy, that in 95% of cases we found at least some family connections. Although this process was very expensive, time-consuming and many times dangerous, we believe that it was worth every minute and every euro. Even though children will still remain in our care, from now on we can reconnect them little by little with their extended families, which are invaluable and very much needed for their future.

We also hired two new local employees, qualified social workers for our children's home. They give their help, support and counselling to children of any age group and they are especially helpful regarding the background of our children. They also play an important role in investigating the background of every child and in future reconnecting of children and their close or distant relatives.

This year we decided to celebrate our children's birthdays in a different way than in previous years and as a gift we took them to the cinema in one of the largest shopping malls in Kampala. Shocked expression on their faces when they saw an escalator amused us and the joy our day together brought them was simply priceless.





## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

In the first half of 2016 we focused on finishing the access road that we had started in November 2015. The road enables not only us but also local people to have a much easier access to the school, to children's home and to water station with drinking water. We experienced several problems and challenges during the construction particularly because of unexpected rainy season that made the construction considerably more complicated. One advantage was that we could have troubleshot drainage system that makes it possible for water to flow away and not to ruin the road and the surroundings of our land during the rainy season.

Besides the road we worked on building the football pitch, where we finished the first phase of the construction together with a terrace for the spectators. The second phase of the construction has been postponed due to the lack of financial resources to 2017 / 2018.

In 2016 we also renovated all of the 4 existing houses, which included repairing the floors, painting and other minor adjustments. We expanded the capacity of our children's home by building another, the fifth, house and thus making it possible to accommodate 55 children which allows us to accept new children in 2017.

We also wired up electricity in a dormitory building which delighted not only children but also our missionaries who lived on the upper floor of the building.

During the year we started the construction of the second water borehole as well, where the unpleasant surprise awaited us in a form of the discovery that the only place with sufficient water supply and the adequate water pressure is in the vicinity of the first water borehole. Searching for a new water source on our existing plots will continue in 2017 in order to provide sufficient water supply not only for the children's home and school but also for the local community that uses our public water station daily.

In summer 2016 we decided to expand children's home complex by multipurpose gazebo with a built-in oven. Our mini-bakery allows us not only to bake our own bread and pastry but also enriches the children's home's meals and develops our mothers' culinary skills.





## PRIMARY SCHOOL

The year 2016 was a turning point for our elementary school – it was the year of growth. In 2016 we started teaching in very humble numbers, mainly with children from our children's home. Throughout 2015 the local community became familiar with our cause and thanks to that we started the year 2016 with 60 children. To our big surprise and thanks to our teachers' raising the awareness, we managed to finish 2016 with 115 pupils which was nearly 100% increase.

By the end of 2016 we employed 1 deputy headmaster, 8 teachers, 2 cleaning ladies, 2 cooks and 1 driver.

This year we also celebrated the graduation of our youngest pupils who finished the last year of kindergarten and left with pride for holiday that they will be joining the children at elementary school next year.

Besides the addition in a form of a car for the children's home we could, with your help, buy the school minibus – Toyota Hiace manufactured in 1992 with a four-wheel drive. Thanks to this minibus we can enable even the children from distant villages who had to walk to schools several kilometers to study.

Apart from the school minibus we bought 400 pieces of school uniforms as well.







## MYANMAR 2016

2016 was exciting for our activities in Myanmar as well.

Children make great progress. Many of them are getting closer to the final exams before transition to the higher education which requires their full attention and extra classes, We are helping them with that too.

Our friends Run and Grace keep doing their daily management with great care. In 2016 we had to reconstruct some parts of the rented house that had been damaged during floods and storms in monsoon season. We hope we will stay in this house for few more years. We bought new furniture for dining room and new tables and chairs for children to make their studying easier.

As for Run and Grace, many children have their family roots in the region of Chin. The Chin state is very distant and poor region in the north of the country that is off limits for the public. Run tries to visit this region as often as possible in order to stay in close touch with the family and relatives. Although some of the children have their relatives there, these families remain unable to provide children with education let alone living. Despite that, we keep in mind our ultimate goal which is to remove a child from any kind of child centre and unite them with their family.

In 2016 we did not start another stage of expanding the property by building our own infrastructure on the parcel we had bought in 2014 because current settings still serve the purpose and make it easier for children to access the school.

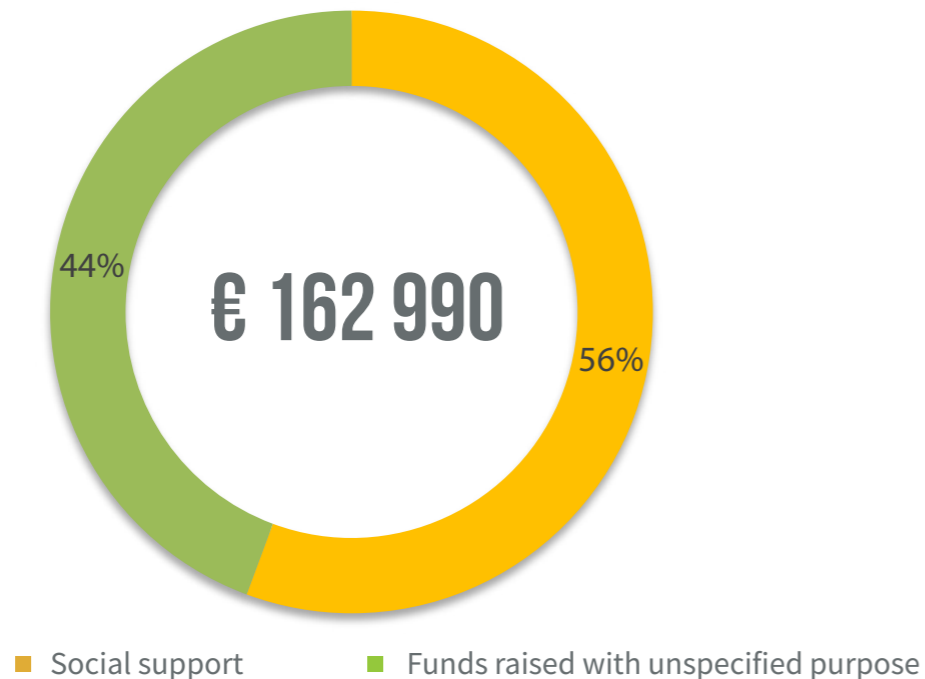
In November 2016 we invited children for a trip to zoo that made them really happy. Name tags in case we got lost by accident are indispensable for such a big group, opportunity to wear their best clothes, to dress up and to enjoy the day full of joy. Naturally, singing accompanied us all the way as a complement to a lovely day full of fun and good food.



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

**€ 162.9**  
 The amount of the funds raised stated in thousands.

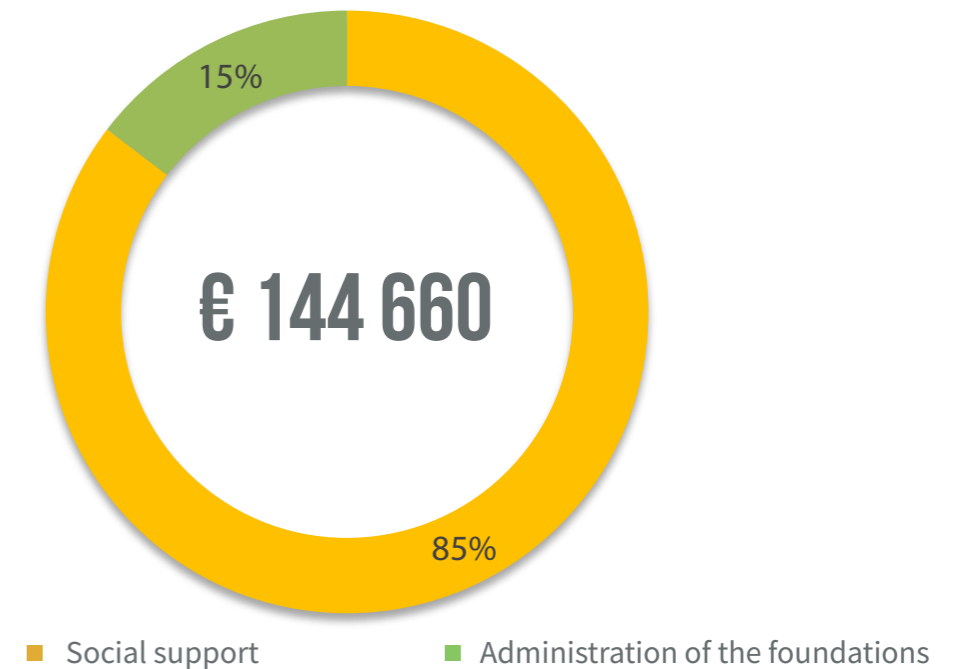
FUNDS RAISED



Funds raised according to purpose of use

<b>Social support</b>	<b>90,718</b>
<i>Virtual adoption</i>	34,626
<i>Construction</i>	56,092
<b>Unspecified purpose</b>	<b>72,272</b>
<b>SPOLU:</b>	<b>162,990</b>

USE OF FUNDS RAISED



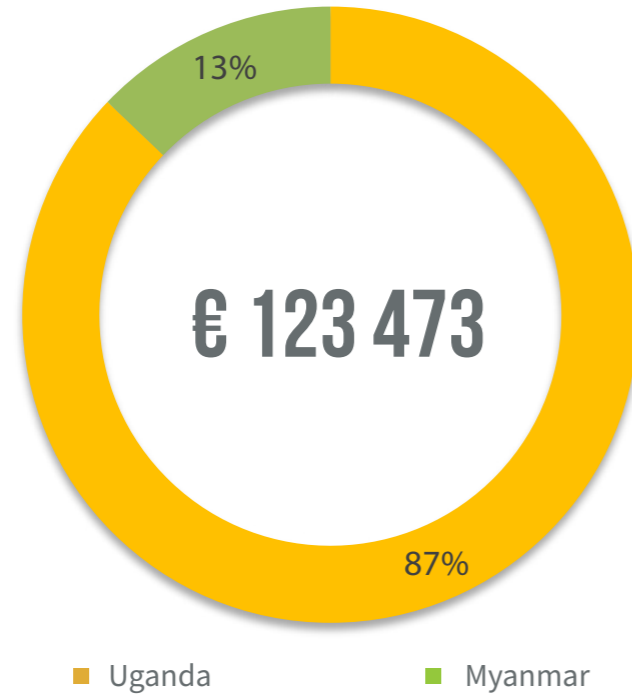
Use of funds raised

SOCIAL SUPPORT	
Uganda	107,585
Myanmar	15,889
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>123,473</b>

Use of funds raised

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOUNDATION	
Travel expenses	6,067
Salaries and taxes	7,795
Banking and administration fees	3,055
Accounting and audit	2,044
Exchange rate differences	416
Expenses to set up GFaH in Germany	1,263
Website	137
Others (Microsoft Office and other small item)	411
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>21,187</b>

## FUNDS PROVIDED



### UGANDA

<b>Virtual Adoption</b>	<b>42,962</b>
Living costs	17,169
Living costs (2% share of the income tax)	906
Education	16,115
Other investments	8,772
<b>Construction</b>	<b>29,631</b>
House - construction of the house	11,745
House - electricity	7,744
Access road	5,665
Football pitch	3,385
Water borehole	748
Agriculture	345
<b>Primary school</b>	<b>26,128</b>
Operating cost	24,482
Marketing and advertising	1,647
<b>Others (Tax advisory and audit of the local organization)</b>	<b>8,863</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>107,585</b>

### MYANMAR

<b>Virtual Adoption</b>	<b>15,889</b>
Living costs	9,427
Education	4,969
Other investments	1,493
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>15,889</b>



# OUR PLANS FOR THE YEAR 2017

## UGANDA

- Completion of the first circle of 9 houses will help us save roughly 35 more children. The completion of the construction of 4 more houses from the foundations up to the roof / required budget: 4 x 25.000 EUR = 100.000 EUR /
- Increasing the security by fencing around the area where houses and school are built / required budget: 30,000 EUR /
- Extension of the primary school complex / required budget: 60.000 EUR for the construction of the class- rooms for grades P5-P7, 77.000 EUR for the fully equipped school kitchen and dining room, 112.000 EUR for two dormitory buildings,/
- Completion of the football pitch / required budget: 25.000 EUR /
- Second phase of road construction within school and children's home / required budget: 15.000 EUR /
- Drain system for school and children's home / required budget: 5.000 EUR /
- Rain collector system / required budget: 10.000 EUR /
- Purchase of a used school bus with capacity of 30 seats / required budget: 35.000 EUR /

## MYANMAR

- 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.

## ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOUNDATION

- website / 5.000 EUR/
- operations and administration of the foundation / 9.000 EUR /
- salaries and taxes for two employees / 18.000 EUR /
- travel expenses for two employees / 6.500 EUR /

# 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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