

The LindA Project
A child has the right to be a child!

Annual Report 2025

Introduction

The LindA Project raises funds for its activities in Uganda. With the aim of improving the living conditions of the orphaned children there. Thousands of children have lost their parents due to the rebel war, AIDS and other diseases, and poverty.
The LindA Project operates in Lira district. The team consists of 3 people from the local population who receive a local salary.

Jozina van Eerdenburg is the founder of The LindA Project. She is the chairperson of the Board. She also stays in Uganda regularly.

The projects of 2025:

1. SOS Programme (Send an Orphan to School)
2. Children's rehabilitation home House of Grace

We try to help as many children as possible, by providing them with (emergency) shelter, care and education. Whenever possible we reunite the children with their relatives. In Northern Uganda there is often a big gap between generations, mostly because the parents died and the children were raised by the grandparents or other older relatives. These people are often faced with looking after many orphans, while also having to look after their own family. Money is just not there to look after everybody. This results in the orphans being neglected, having to work hard, getting no schooling, not enough food and no significant, highly needed love.

SOS Programme (Send an Orphan to School)

This programme started in 2002 and supports a large group of Orphans and Vulnerable Children, among which are the disabled, with education, from Primary to Secondary School, Technical School and even University. The programme doesn't just pay school fees, we monitor the children, guide and counsel them, pay them visits, give them the personal and educational

requirements, plus moral and medical care.
These orphans usually live with poor relatives who do not have the means to take proper care of them. If they have nowhere else to go, we will accept them in our children's home "*House of Grace*". However, basically we don't accept new orphans: the community and in particular the relatives should take care of them.

In 2025 the numbers were as follows:

Total number of children in S.O.S. programme	8
- of which in Primary School	3
- of which in Secondary or Technical School	4
- of which in University	1
- living in House of Grace	7
- handicapped	1

Secondary education in Uganda consists of 4 years O level and 2 years A level. In O level they study 10 subjects, in A level they choose 3 subjects from a given combination + 2 compulsary subjects. Subsequently they go to a university or college. After O level they can also join agricultural school, technical school, teacher's college, business school, etc. on a certificate level. This takes normally 1-2 years, after which they can join a diploma course. Everybody wants to go to A level, become a doctor or a lawyer, that brings money. But it is not a bright idea, because many of them simply do not have the qualifications. After 2 years they fail their A level and are back at square 1. In 2011 we have decided to stop supporting students after O level, exceptions notwithstanding.
We do offer technical education though.

The schools have started a new method of teaching. No more copying from the black board and then just memorizing away without understanding anything. But more the way we do it. Big change and many teachers are still reluctant.
Kiswhahili, the language spoken in Kenya and Tanzania, has also been introduced as a compulsory subject. It is still difficult to find teachers.

Children's rehabilitation home House of Grace

In our Children's rehabilitation home House of Grace children are accepted that have nowhere to go. They are either abandoned, orphaned, abused or alone through other causes. 2 of them are physically handicapped as well. In 2024 12 children found a home there. Most of the children have suffered. Some lived in camps, or on the street. Some have seen their parents killed by rebels, were abused and left to fend for themselves. Some are affected/infected by Aids. Our social worker, patron and matron try to rehabilitate these children. Since they are local people they know what these

children have gone through. A stable and secure environment helps these kids to become a child again and limits the consequences of being "*psychologically handicapped*" for the rest of their lives.
The Ugandan Government has decided that during vacations no children are to be residing in a children's home. Due to the fact that it has proven to be impossible for the children to be with distant relatives, as we experienced in 2017, the children have been guests of House of Hope during vacations. The children's home House of Grace has officially been closed.
House of Hope is large enough to accommodate the children permanently. We have stopped accepting new children for a long time, given the health situation of the chairerson. There are also fewer and fewer funds coming in. So every year there are fewer children in the program.
House of Grace can no longer be used because of the high-voltage wires. Parts have been rented out to a sewing school.

Realisation workplan 2025

Description	Realisation
Finance S.O.S. programme	Paid € 5.378
Finance Orphans rehabilitation home House of Grace	Paid € 8.239
Finance Office Lira	Paid € 3.321
Finance miscellaneous	Paid € 425

1 euro = 4100 Ush

Workplan 2026

Description	Budgetted amount needed
Finance S.O.S. programme	€ 10.098
Finance House of Hope	€ 15.610
Finance Office Lira	€ 6.363
Finance miscellaneous	€ 2.073

1 euro = 4100 Ush

This year, we went on an **excursion to the Ruwenzori Mountains** in southwest Uganda. The children loved being in the mountains and seeing snow for the first time. Quite an experience.

Concluding

To prevent misappropriation of cash money we will deal with all financial matters through the bank, with the exception of petty cash and for emergency cases (visit a hospital, for example).
Our orphans and vulnerable children are extremely happy with all the support they received from various sides. On their behalf we extend our greatest gratitude to everybody, people, organizations, businesses and churches, who appreciate what we are doing and support us with funds, time, and fundraising activities.

We trust this summarised report encourages all of you to continue supporting us!

For further information about The LindA Project, please visit our website: www.thelindaproject.uk. You can also, of course, always contact us by telephone or in writing.

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