



2021 IMPACT REPORT



OUR MISSION

Far Away Friends exists to equip youth in rural communities with the tools to break cycles of generational poverty forever. Working in partnership with local leaders, we invest in education and sustainable development initiatives in Amolatar District, Uganda.



OUR VISION & ETHOS

Education, School Support & Community Development

Talent is distributed equally, but opportunity is not. At Far Away Friends, we believe where you're born shouldn't determine how much you'll achieve. We envision a future where every child, in every school, in every community across the world has access to the tools, resources and opportunities to build their dreams and break cycles of generational poverty forever.

Partnership, Not Charity

Far Away Friends isn't a charity -- we're an international organization committed to "do no harm development" and indigenous leadership. We proudly work to uplift the visions of local leaders who are at the forefront of each and every project we invest in. Not only do we partner with local leaders, but also builders, engineers, teachers and other experts in development who are born and raised in the communities we serve. Our stakeholders in Uganda are the true keepers of the land, buildings, wells, and other resources Far Away Friends invests in.



OUR WHOLISTIC PROGRAMS



GLOBAL LEADERS
DAY & BOARDING
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**SCHOOLS
for
SCHOOLS**



**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
& SUSTAINABILITY**

Teacher Training

**Cross-Cultural
Connection**

**Community
Healthcare**

**Quality Primary
Education**

**Drop-Out Rate
Reduction**

Social Enterprises

Nutrition Program

**Menstrual
Hygiene Kits**

**Skills for Life
Curriculum**

**Sustainable Energy
Investments**

There are no “one size fits all” solutions to solving big societal issues like generational poverty. Building schools alone, for example, doesn’t change the fact that Teachers aren’t being paid or trained. Our approach focuses on a 3-pronged model through which each focus area positively impacts the lives of children in the communities we serve.



GLOBAL LEADERS

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

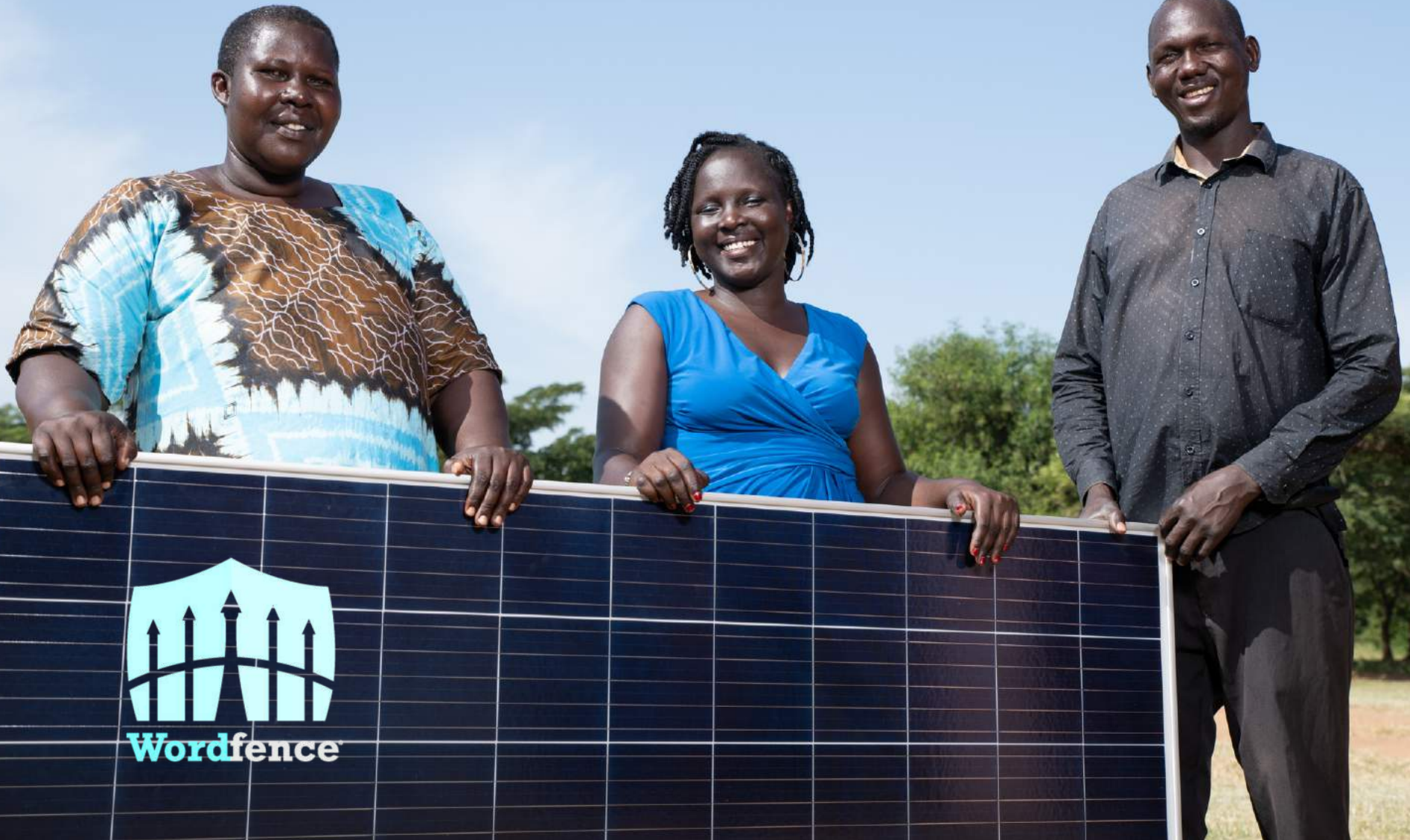
Back to school after the world's longest COVID lockdown!

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THE SUNSHINE PROJECT

During the Spring of 2021, Far Away Friends had the opportunity to share our vision for improving access to equitable education for children across rural Uganda with our friends at [Wordfence](#), a Seattle-based cybersecurity firm. In partnership, the Wordfence team helped us source local solar engineers in Uganda and funded the installation of a campus-wide solar system which is now providing power to all of our classrooms, dorms & teacher's housing!



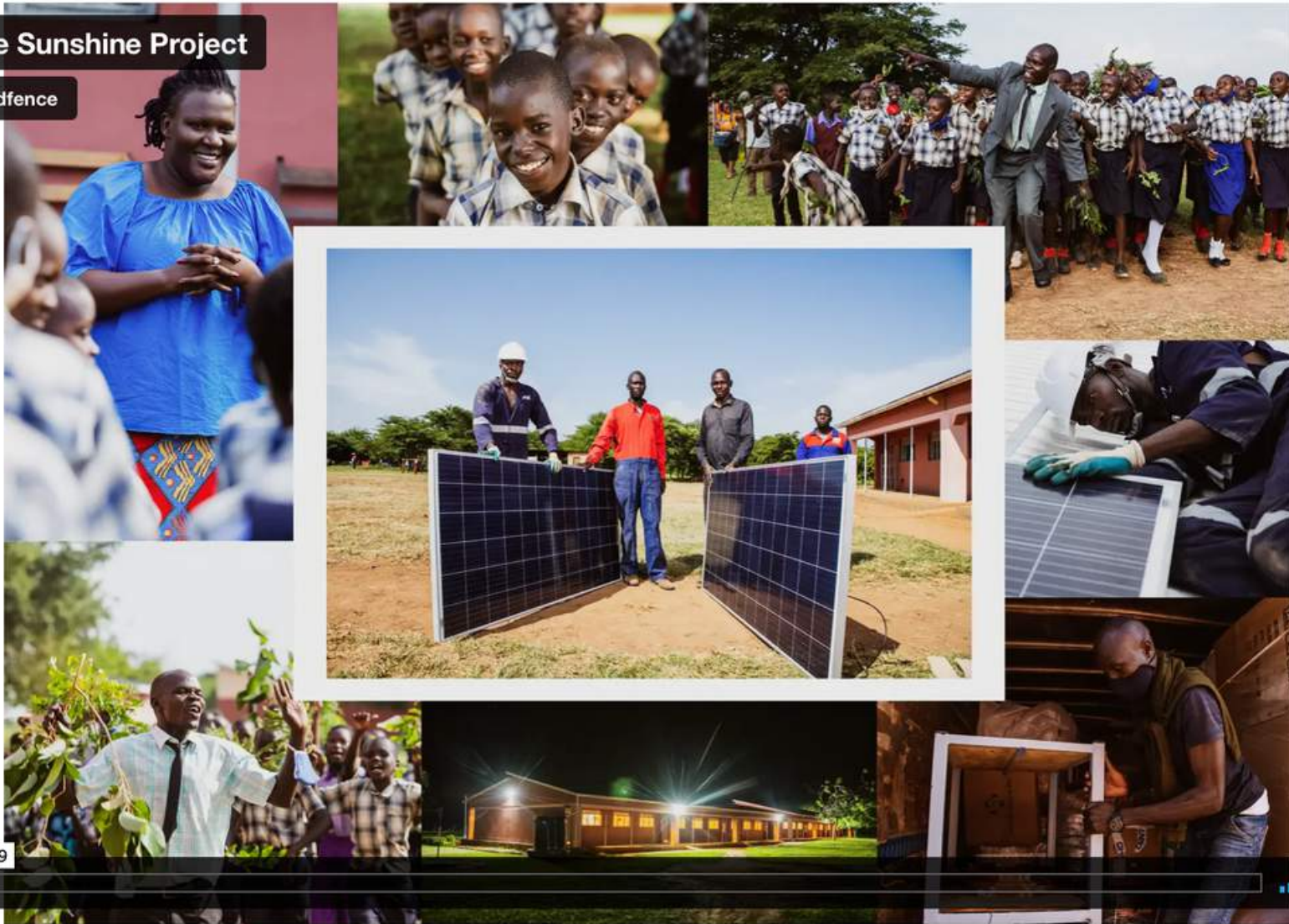


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Wordfence



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Click the video above to learn more about The Sunshine Project in partnership with Wordfence!



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IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

250
STUDENTS
RETURNED
TO SCHOOL

44
PRIMARY 7
GRADUATES

FULL
BUILDING
RENOVATIONS

50 NEW
LOCALLY BUILT
CLASSROOM
DESKS

27 UGANDAN
TEACHERS &
STAFF
GAINFULLY
EMPLOYED

INSTALLATION
OF CAMPUS
WIDE SOLAR
POWER

ON-CAMPUS
CLINIC
FINISHED

NEW
ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE
COMPLETED

GLP RANKED
#2 BEST
SCHOOL IN
DISTRICT



SCHOOLS *for* SCHOOLS

264 AfriPad Kits Delivered

Ending period poverty across our partner schools network in Amolatar



In Q2 of 2021, our Ugandan team was able to host our annual Mentorship, Menstrual Hygiene & Empowerment Training, reaching 264 girls at our partner schools across Namasale. This annual workshop brings girls together to call out the struggles faced by young women in rural communities and provide real-world tools to address them, including the distribution of menstrual hygiene kits from our friends at AfriPads.

To lead this workshop, we had the privilege of bringing Rachael Okuja to our partner schools as a special guest speaker. Having grown up in Amolatar herself, Rachael -- a Community Engagement & Training expert -- deeply understands the struggles faced by girls in rural Uganda. During her time in Namasale, Rachael spoke to girls from Global Leaders Primary and Agwinigiri Girls School about a range of topics from sexual health & consent, managing your period while in school and having the confidence to chase your biggest dreams. We are so proud to have had the opportunity to work with her as a mentor and visionary for young women in Amolatar District who can see themselves represented in strong women like Rachael and Collines!

This workshop & sanitary pad distribution was made possible by the efforts of the Rancho Bernardo High School Far Away Friends Club (@farawayfriendsrbhs) in collaboration with That's On Period (@thatsonperiodpusd) -- who, in their LAST MONTH of school, raised over \$1,000 to ensure 100 girls in our school networks wouldn't miss a day of school due to her period!





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**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
& SUSTAINABILITY**

Social Enterprise: Breaking ground on the "Global Millers Maize Mill"

In the summer of 2021, our community came together once again for our annual 5k fundraiser (sponsored in part by Jordan Stearns & The Young Living Foundation) to fuel the construction of a maize mill in Amolatar. The impact of this project will be two-fold: first, it keeps local dollars in local hands by allowing merchants and farmers to grind their maize in the community, rather than paying to do so in a nearby city. Second, this will serve as an income generating project for Global Leaders Primary School and Far Away Friends Uganda, bringing us one step closer to long-term sustainability.

Special thanks to The Young Living Foundation's "Passion in You" program for helping to fund this project



GLOBAL MILLERS GRAIN & MAIZE MILL

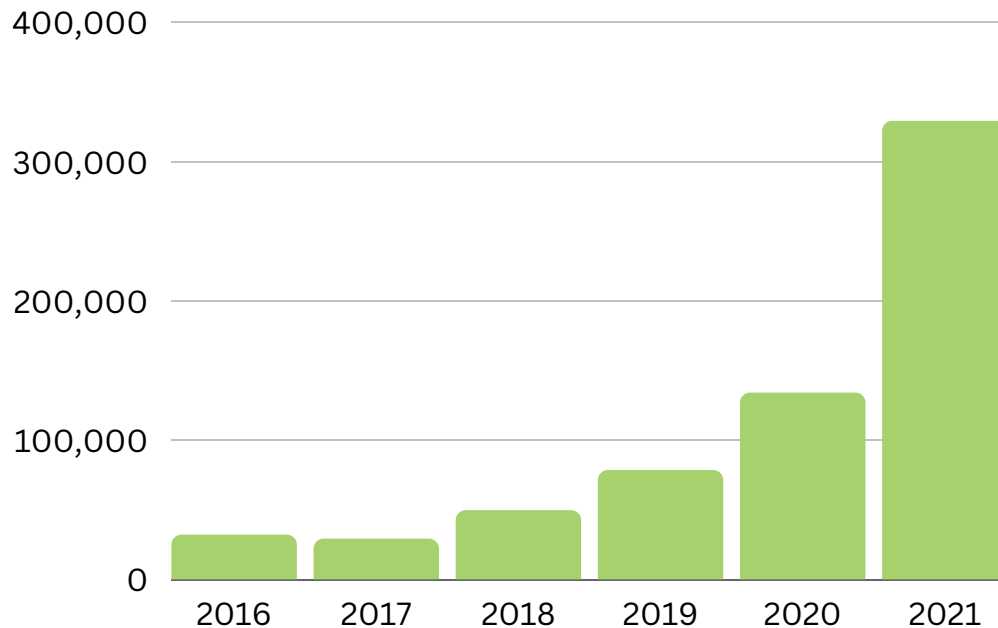
opening late 2022

Special thanks to The Sommers Family, Jordan Stearns & all who participated in our 2021 Annual 5k Fun Run to help make this build possible!

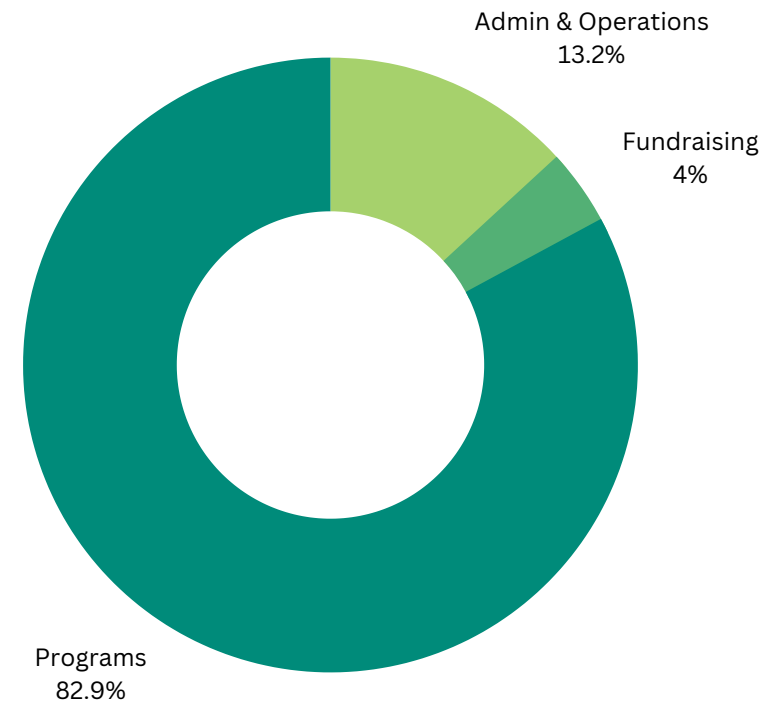
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

In 2021 we experienced tremendous growth thanks to the support of new monthly Advocates, the expansion of our USA Schools for Schools program, and a few generous corporate partners who helped make the impossible, possible. This year, Far Away Friends raised nearly **\$330,000, 83% of which directly fueled Uganda programs!**

TOTAL REVENUE 2016 - 2021



TOTAL 2021 EXPENDITURES



OUR TEAM & PARTNERS

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BOARD MEMBER

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BOARD MEMBER

RACHELMARIE ASARO

BOARD MEMBER

THANK YOU TO OUR 25+ UGANDA
TEACHERS & STAFF WHOSE NAMES
ARE NOT LISTED HERE



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