

## 2023 Annual Report

# **Education, Health & Livelihoods**



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# Message from our Director and Board Chair

Dear friends,

It has been years since we opened the doors to our community, with our flagship projects, the Rambia Orphanage Care School and Rambia Health Centre. We faithfully continue to serve with every limited resource at our disposal. Thank you to our faithful friends and partners who have walked with us this bumpy but inspiring journey. These friends particularly deserve our timeless recognition – Mike Wills, Jan Standards, Wereld Missie Hulp, Jacques Sauboin and Tetherdown School who sowed the first seeds for the Rambia Orphanage Primary School.

We are therefore indebted to give an update report of what we are doing as we remain steadfast in our mission with hope and optimism to step into another chapter of growth in years to come.



Bwambale Daniel (Executive Director)





Pastor Kikora Isaya (Board Chair)

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### Who we are. Our mission. Our vision

Rwenzori Mountains Baghuma Integrated Association (RAMBIA) is an indigenous non-governmental developmental and voluntary organization formed in 1993, reflecting the desire of the rural population to develop and implement strategies for improving the standard of living.

We envision a society that is "Transformed, Self-reliant and Liberated from Ignorance, Poverty and Disease". Our mission is to "Influence positive change among the rural population by building their capacities in self-help, self-advocacy and self-reliance through <u>education</u>, <u>health</u> and <u>livelihood</u> strengthening".

### Our programs

Our programs contribute to three core areas of the sustainable development goals, i.e., Health, Education and Poverty alleviation

Healthcare	Education	Livelihoods
We run a medical centre at a level of health centre 3 according the Ministry of Health categorization of healthcare providers	We operate an orphanage school with seven primary classes and 3 kindergarten classes	Our livelihood program focuses on building poor people's asset base, income sources and value addition of crops
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	4 QUALITY EDUCATION	1 NO POVERTY

### 1. Education

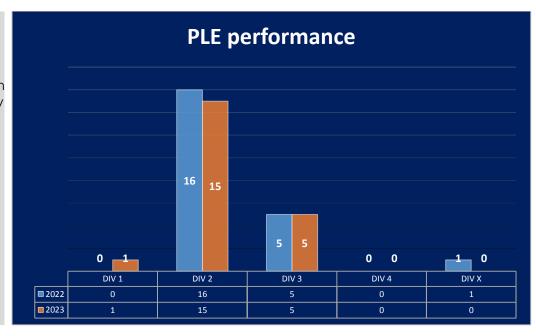
Launched in 2013 with opening enrollment 150 pupils, Rambia School at the close of 2023 had an enrollment of 420 learners. Our classes averagely accommodate 60 pupils, a manageable number of learners whom teachers can provide more personalized attention for better learning outcomes. The school so far has enrolled all the seven classes for primary and the three for kindergarten.



Rambia School provides private non-for-profit education that offers a balanced choice for vulnerable children to obtain learner-centered education. Unlike Universal Primary Education offered in public schools which are often characterized by congested classrooms, pupils that attend our school have a chance to benefit from a better learning environment. Again, through our partnership with <a href="Wereld Missie Hulp">Wereld Missie Hulp</a> our school amenities have improved to offer quality and affordable education compared to private for profit schools. Our primary leaving performance over the years testify to that.

#### Improved performance in Primary Leaving Examination

In 2023, our primary leaving performance improved with all our primary seven candidates passing in division 1 and 2, an improvement from the previous years.



#### Sharing the joy of passing final exams



16 year old Surprise Masika sat for her primary leaving exam at Rambia Orphanage Primary Schoool where she ascored aggregate 15, which is upper division two. She scored aggregates 4, 4, 2, and 5 in English, Maths, Social studies and Science respectively. She joined Rambia Orphanage in 2019 from a private school in Hima. She attributes her success to the conducive learning environment, a well-stocked library, good teachers and her determination to excel. Masika dreams of becoming a doctor.

Thanks to <u>Wereld Missie</u> Hulp for upgrading the school facility from mud and wattle to a more conducive learning environment. Children like Masika have been enabled to get back on course to attaining better education.

#### Child sponsorship program



Over 90 percent of the pupils at Rambia Orphanage School are orphans OVC who would otherwise find it difficult to enroll in the mainstream public school system and private for profit schools. Through our appeals to people of good will, one of our vulnerable girls, Muhindo Shawin in primary five was taken-up for full sponsorship of her primary education by Valeria Siniouchkina from Belgium. Thank you Valeria for the big heart.

#### Income generating activities (IGAs) for the school

IGAs enable us to meet the daily needs of the orphanage school. With support from Jan Standaert we started a poultry project and also a tents and sits for hiring out to the community for events.

In 2023, we were able to rise Ugx. 3,000,000/= and Ugx. 1,700,000/= from the poultry and tents projects respectively. This money helps with school feeding and teachers wages.

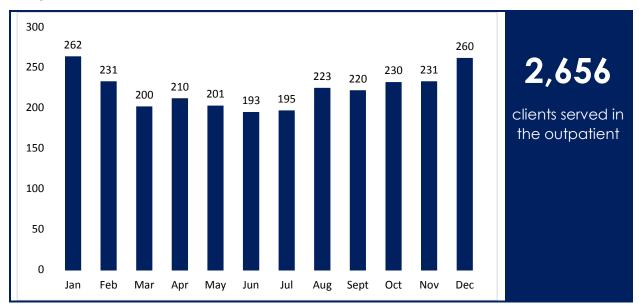


**Photo**: hiring out tents and chairs for **Photo**: Breeding poultry for meat and eggs events

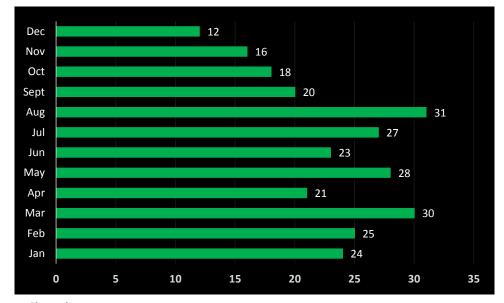
## 2. Healthcare

RAMBIA health centre started in 1996 at a level of health centre II and over the years has progressed and elevated to health centre III. Its work in progress and our goal is to continue expanding the range of quality services to the community at an affordable price. Under-financed public health sector due to liberalization reforms and a weakly regulated private sector have enabled an environment where patients and families are repeatedly exploited. That's where the private not-for-profit health sector players like RAMBIA HEALTH CENTRE come in to bridge the gap. In this report, we present to you what service we offer to alleviate the deprivation of local communities

#### **Outpatient utilization**

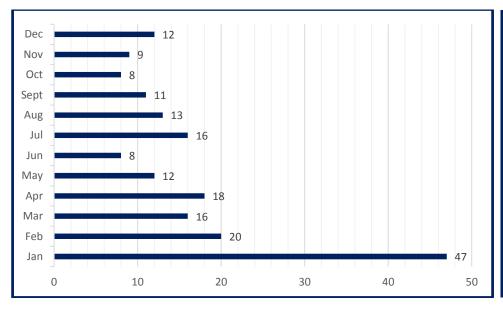


#### **Admissions**



275
Clinical Admissions

#### **Deliveries**

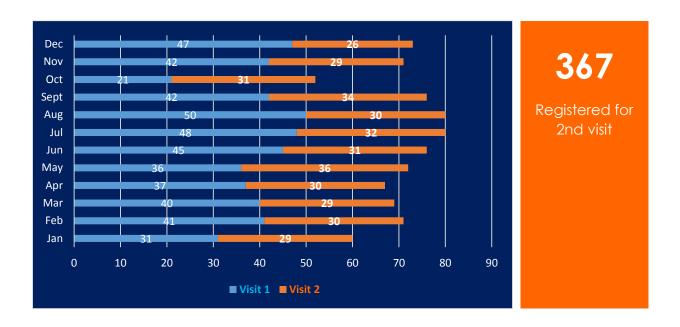


190 Babies delivered

#### **Antenatal**

480

Registered for the 1st visit



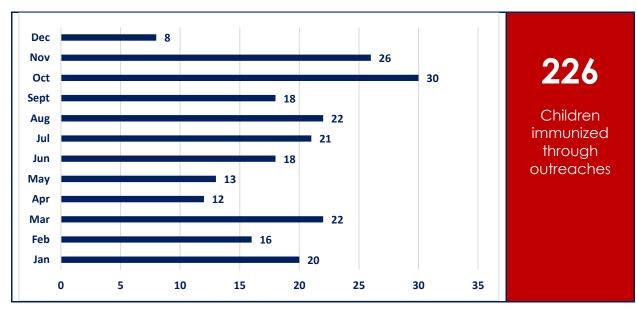
#### **Immunization - Static**



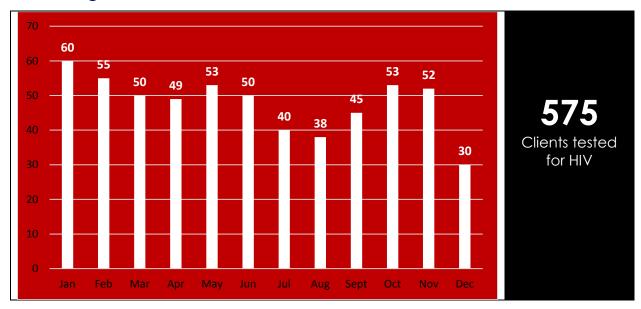


Photo: Children undergo immunisation at Rambia Health Centre

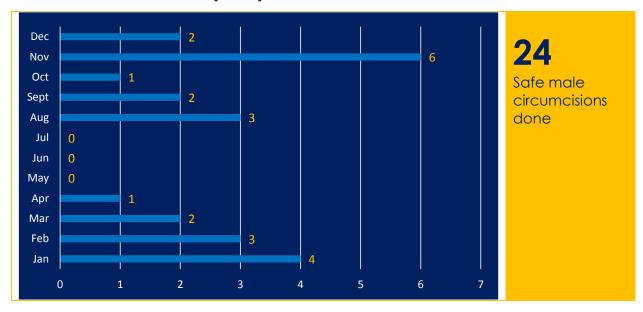
#### **Immunization - outreaches**



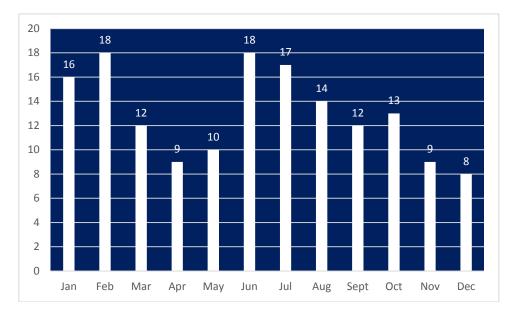
### **HIV** testing



### Safe male circumcision (SMG)

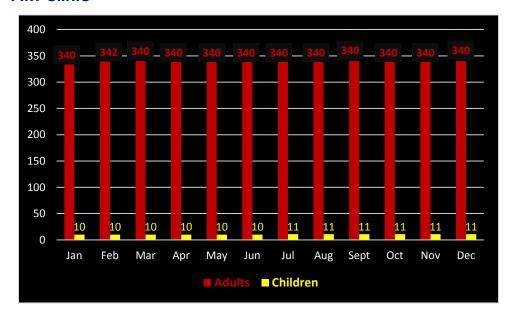


#### **Dental** care



**156**Clients treated for dental cases

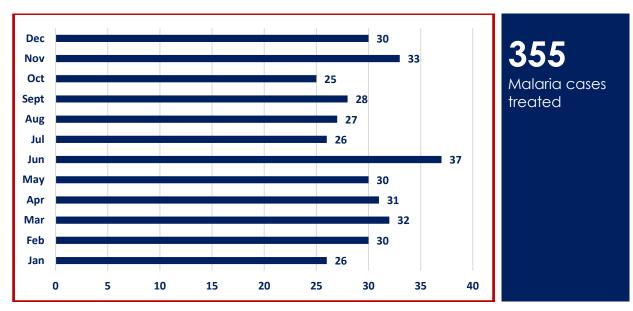
#### **ART clinic**



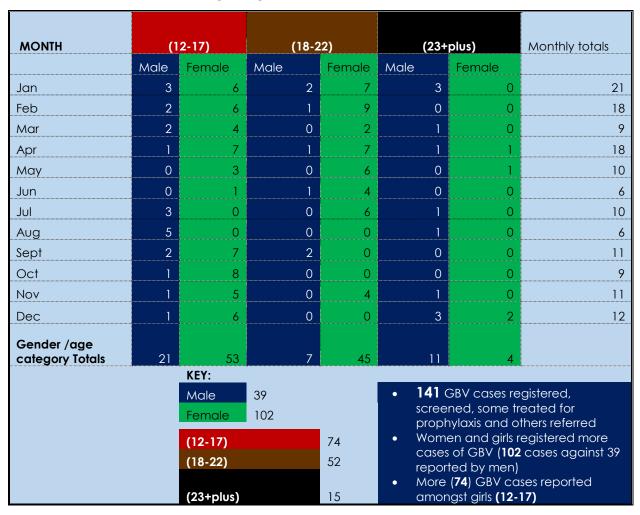
4,082
Adult clients attended to for antiretroviral therapy

126
children
attended to
for antiretroviral
therapy

#### Malaria treatment



#### Gender-based violence (GBV)



# 3. Community livelihood

#### Grain mill project



The grain milling project installed in 2019 to lessen the cost of food to Rambia Orphanage School and also improve the local food system by adding value to grains. The foremost outcome of the grain milling project to the community was to shorten the distance moved to the nearest grain mill which is about 3 kilometers away. The bran products from the mill is able to boost the school poultry project. Value addition on agriculture products directly and indirectly provides jobs and incomes to farmers, food retailers and so many other players in the value chain.



This project was established through a generous donation from *Jan Standaert* from Belgium.



Thank you Jan

# **Our Supporters**

### Thank You to Our Supporters



We are deeply grateful for the support of Wereld Missie Hulp, Anike Foundation, Eu can aid, Jan Standeart, Uganda Ministry of Health and the local community. Thank you for your commitment to our mission. Our work would not be possible without your generosity.

Donor	Grant amount (Ugx)	Project supported
Wereld Missie Hulp	313,561,529 Ugx	Construction of multipurpose main hall & School library materials
Anike Foundation	In-kind	Capacity building through joint fundraising
Ministry of Health	In-kind	Medical supplies to the Health Centre Supervision of health Centre
Baylor Uganda	In-kind	Capacity building of ART Clinic staff Equipping the ART Clinic
Jan Standaert	3,800,000	Construction of toilet at the health centre
Jacques Sauboin	1,500,696	Food for the orphanage school





**Photo**: Construction of multipurpose main hall

**Photo**: pupil enjoy reading books donated by Wereld Missie Hup







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