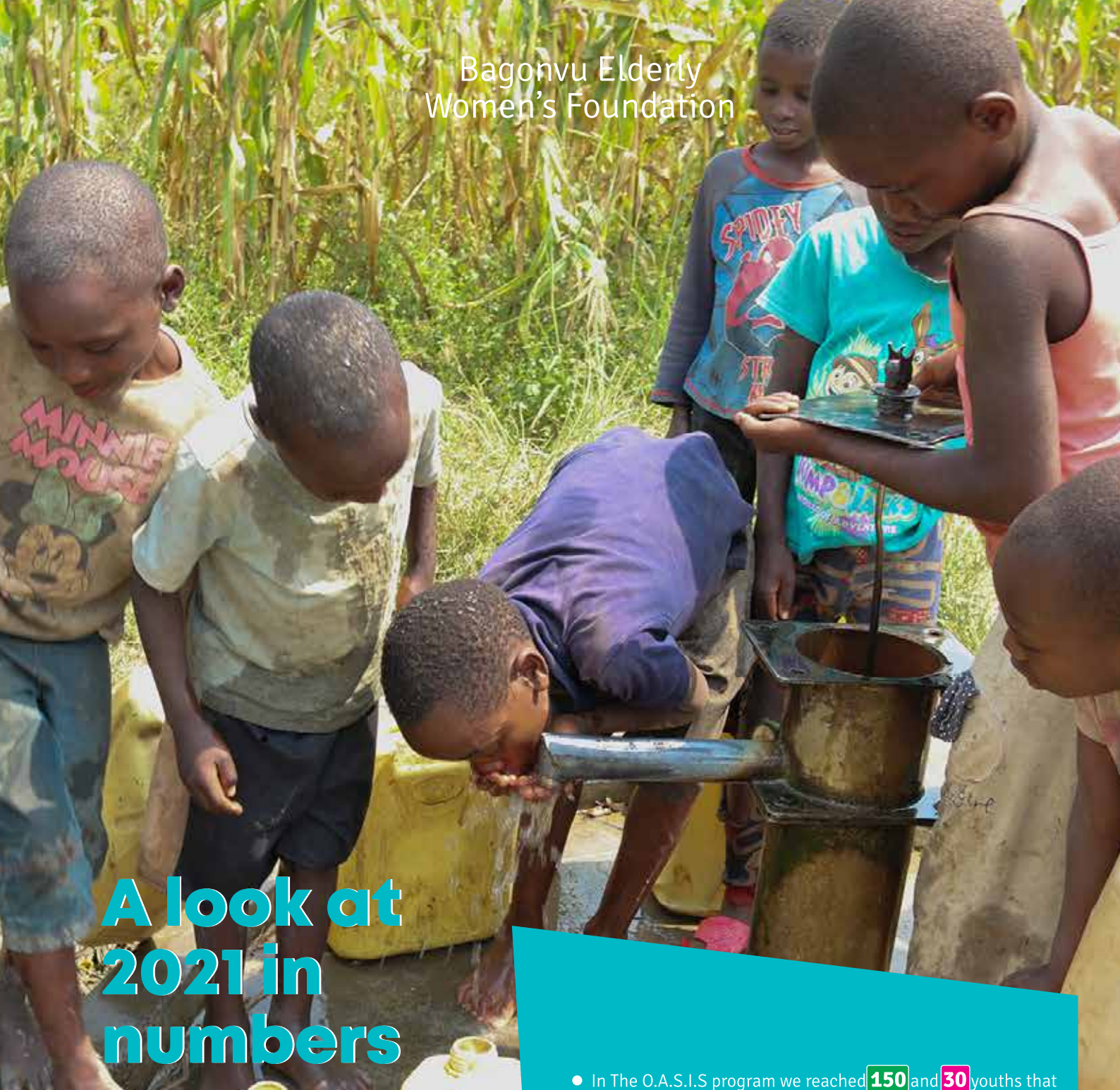


Annual Report 2021

Bagonvu Elderly
Women's Foundation
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A look at 2021 in numbers

2021 wasn't such a good year for us as we experienced huge numbers of both locally and international sponsors withdrawing due to the economic distractions. But we thrived and made the below impact

54⁺
Families

Families were supported with food items

- In The O.A.S.I.S program we reached **150** and **30** youths that were fellowshiping with us and were fed with a hot meal.
- Seeds distribution, we distributed maize and bean seeds to **150** seniors
- **102** Seniors were gifted with hampers full of foodstuff for Christmas.
- **25** women and youths were reached through the Micro-credit program.
- **80** seniors saved **\$2395** through the Village Savings and Loans Association, very encouraging.
- **4** shallow wells repaired
- Through the emergency fund, 54 families were supported with food items.
- **400** People received medical treatment through the bi-annual medical camp.

Our Mission

BEWF exists to empower the elderly, orphans and highly vulnerable children, youths, people living with HIV/AIDS, the poor and other vulnerable persons with capacity for action towards development and act freely, exercise choice and to fulfill their potential as full and equal members of society.

Our Vision

A dignified, active, healthy, secure and empowered community of the Elderly and the vulnerable propelled to sustainable development





Letter from director and chairperson board

Dear Bagonvu Family,

What an unprecedented year this has been for Bagonvu Elderly Women’s Foundation(BEWF). Although the year was filled with hardships due to the global pandemic and Uganda experiencing the longest lockdown in the world making it more harder.

We thank God for the life-giving work that the Lord continued to do on the ground. We struggled with feeding the already struggling families with food and preparing them mentally to overcome the COVID scare.

On the positive side, it was a season of thoughtful thinking, generation of projects and re-strategizing. We had the opportunity to focus on the staff responsibilities, broadening our reach and the target beneficiaries.. We Praise God for 2021 and thank Him for inspiring us to choose joy and gratitude more often than not even when it was difficult to do.

Through the generosity and prayers of our friends and partners, BEWF was able to continue operating and serving the 150 seniors, 30 youths and 20 children under our care. When some donors faced financial hardships, angels stepped in to keep us moving.

The emergency fund provided us with resources to continue providing families with food supplies in the form of cash to support the local businesses. Our programs performed excellently as highlighted below the OASIS program, Loans4Hope microcredit, VSLA, Christmas gifting, Medical camp, Advocacy and believing for the best in 2022.

In the coming year, we hope and pray that we get funds to buy the organization land where we can establish our offices and senior & youth intergenerational center and food gardens to provide food to our beneficiaries. We also plan to digitize all the microcredit programs to make it easier for our sponsors to track the progress of various groups, lastly formulating diverse programs to accommodate the youths as they are the driving force to community development.

Thank you for helping us continue the work of BEWF in 2021. We truly appreciate your partnership and look forward to growing BEWF in 2022. There continues to be no greater joy than watching the Lord set the seniors, youths and children on a trajectory for a better and brighter community.

Thank you for your generosity and gracious support.

Thank you, Webale nyo

Eriab Nkambo Mugerwa
Rev Canon Eriab Nkambo Mugerwa
Chairperson Board of Directors

Samuel Kiggundu
Samuel Kiggundu
Co-founder/Operations Director

Letter from director and chairperson board



Emergency relief



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O.A.S.I.S Program

OLDER ADULTS STRONG IN SERVICE (O.A.S.I.S) is a ministry designed to encourage, build, and grow senior adult men and women 50 and older in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

This ministry reaches men and women through bi-monthly fellowship meetings, teaching, group discussion, prayer, and an array of events and activities such as physical exercise, a hot meal all while seeking to grow in Christ and promoting socialization.

Main Activities/Programs (Held on every first and last Monday of the month)

- Devotions and Bible Study
- Sharing the word of God
- Testimonies
- Group discussions
- Physical exercise
- Guest speaker on various topics such as mental health, economic empowerment, justice etc
- Fellowship hot meal

In addition, O.A.S.I.S organizes Annual Spiritual Retreats, arrange 1-day outings to places of interest

\$100
Support

20+
Fellowships

150 Seniors
30+ Youths
Hosted and Fed

\$200
We are able to host and feed
180 seniors and youth for the
two monthly fellowships.

In 2021 we held 20 fellowships.

With the support of \$100 we are able to host and feed 150 seniors and 30 youths for a one day fellowship, and with the support of \$200 we are able to host and feed 180 seniors and youth for the two monthly fellowships.

Water Project

Many years ago, this community has been getting their water from a pond. So far we have done 5 shallow wells, this community still needs our help. Having clean water and sanitation means being able to avoid exposure to countless diseases, this helps families save money that would have been spent on treating the water borne diseases thereby creating stronger and more resilient communities. A management committee, which consists of six women and two men from the village, oversees the operation and maintenance of the water source. It ensures that the investment made in the water source will live on for generations.

With the support of \$1945 we are able to construct a shallow well in the community, this shallow well serves a minimum of 300 households. Join us in bringing clean water to the community today



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Digital Volunteering

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During the second country lockdown we intensified the digital volunteering program where we connected our lonely seniors to friends virtually. At an agreed time a volunteer through the field team makes a video call with the senior, this brought much joy and hope into their lives. They felt so much loved and cared for. The elderly wish to die because of neglect, abuse, isolation, and loneliness.

In addition a digital volunteer commits to supporting a senior with \$20 per month to support them in the purchase of food and other basics.

Did you know a visit to an elderly makes his life double and face shine? Join us today.



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Neighborhood Kin program

In April, we launched the Neighborhood Kin Program where youths do visit lonely and frail seniors, they help them with the house chores, cook for them a nutritious meal, slash around their homes, give them a simple manicure and a pedicure.

This gives them a sense of hope and helps the youths appreciate the value of old people. During this canvassing there's intergenerational connectivity and first hand problem identification. We do reach out to 10 seniors a month. We noted that it requires that we extend ourselves, that we open our minds and hearts a bit more, that we turn to someone, curious about how they live their life.





BEWF village savings and loans association

Bagonvu Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) is a type of microfinance that is managed by community seniors which provide them with access to savings, credit and insurance services. Association members are self-selected and self-governed. They meet on a weekly basis to deposit their savings. After five weeks of saving, members can take credit of up to three times the value of their savings, depending on the amount of money available from the savings of all of the members. Members then repay the association within three months, with an interest rate that is set by the VSLA (3% of the value of the loan). The role of Bagonvu Elderly Women's Foundation is to facilitate the creation of associations, train them on the methodology, and provide them on-going support during their cycles of savings and credit and also doing the monitoring of the groups on the digital platform the VSLAs become independent and have little or no need of further assistance. So far we are reaching out to 5 groups of 30 seniors each and our target is making 30 groups this 3 years reaching 900 seniors.

Last year, in their poor situations 90 seniors raised **2,272\$**. There was a great change in their standards of living and formation of income generating projects.

This time round, we are looking for love investors, who are to invest their monies in the lives of the poor elderly and after 12 months gets back the money with a 3% interest. Each group needs \$284 and you get \$102 as profit. There's also an opportunity to name the group after your loved one.

We are also working on a digital system whereby an investor is able to see how the group is progressing; we know our partners want to help the savings groups they manage thrive, so we provide them with a comprehensive dashboard providing constant activity updates - and MORE.

We believe in these small contributions to bring our people together towards economic independence



Christmas Gifting

On the 23rd. December. 2021, we distributed 102 gift hampers full of foodstuffs through the support of friends. We kept our promise to the elderly and vulnerable in our community. Having thought long and hard about whether we should be having a Christmas Appeal this year due to all the hardship and challenges that surround us, the reality is that there is still need, and still generous people around like yourself who want to help. For many families this is their favorite time of the year, as friends and loved ones gather for a special meal.

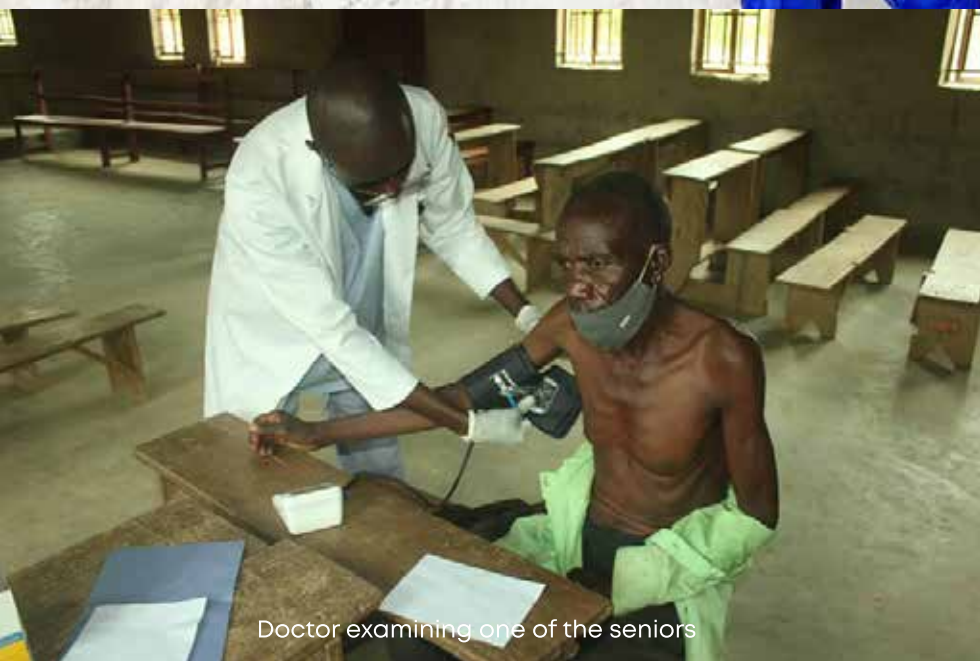
But what about those who do not have a warm home, a safe environment, the company of family and trusted friends and food to celebrate?

We have been blessed to come to know them and their stories and learn the true meaning of being a good neighbor and with your help can demonstrate that to them.



Seed distribution

We distributed maize and bean seeds to 150 seniors, we thank God that they received enough rains and glad that there's enough food in the community



Doctor examining one of the seniors



Mzee Dodoviko being examined by the Doctor



Doctor Mudooba went an extra mile to reach the weak seniors in their homes

Health Camp

Every year we take a physician down to the community twice, meet with our beneficiaries, check them and diagnose them according to the results. This year 2021, 400 people were treated, cases registered mostly were flu, malaria, ulcers and high blood pressure.

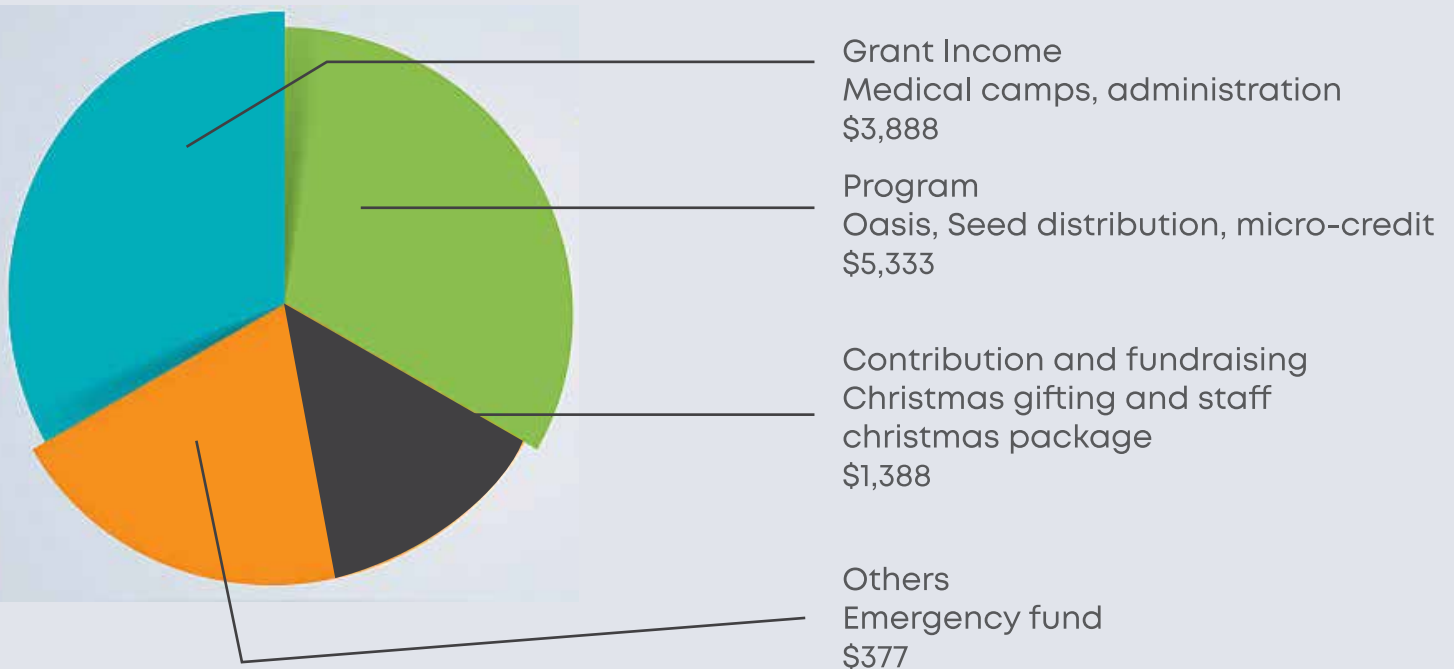
It takes **\$1,575** to support a medical camp of 200 people

Financials Revenue



Total \$10,986

Expenses



Estimated costs & sources of funding for 2022

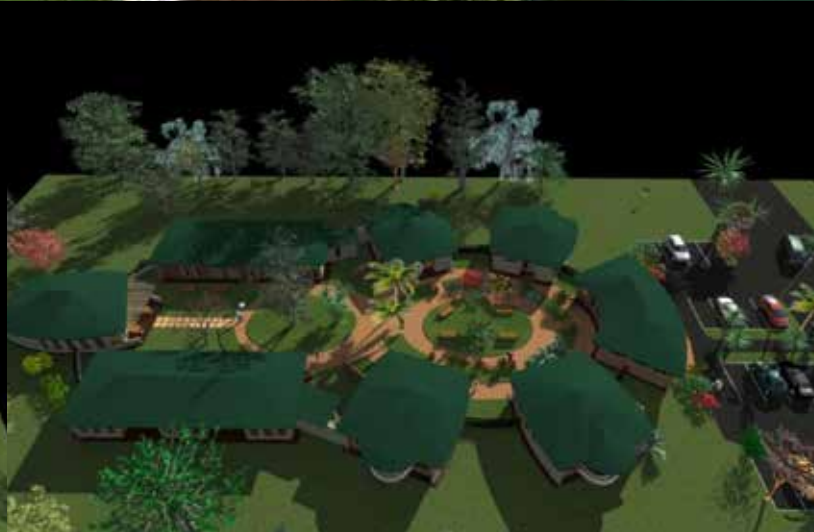
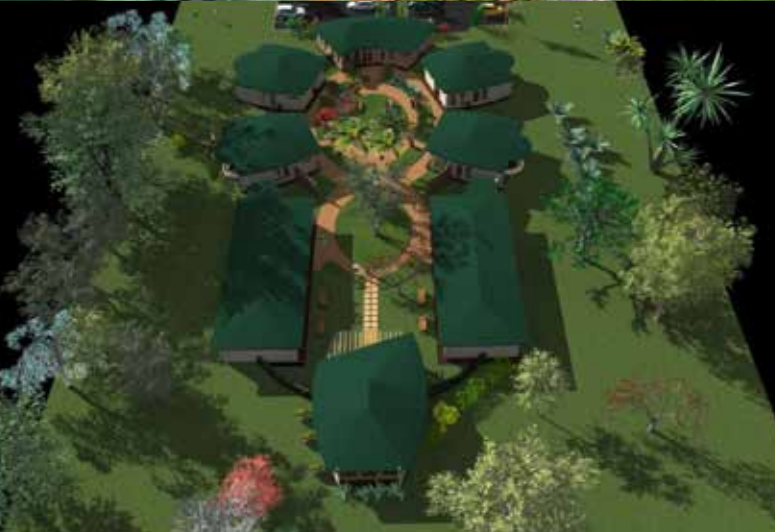
January 1st 2022 - December 31st 2022

Total \$40,500



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