



Special Children's Trust

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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DEAR FRIENDS, PARTNERS AND WELL WISHERS...

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It's been an incredible year for us at SCTUG, with many amazing highs and incredible lows. But all in all, we made great progress towards bringing and restoring hope to children with special needs and their families. All this would not be possible without the support, generosity and prayers of all our friends, partners and well-wishers from all over the world.

Last year we reached more children than ever before through all our programs and also were able to launch two new projects...the Bussi Inclusive Village and a Ministry of Education Certified Vocational Skills Program.

On the 6th of September we officially opened our Mukisa Inclusive Village on Bussi Island in the presence of our children, families and members of the community, as well as Local International Leaders and Partners. On this day we moved our outreach location from the Health Centre to our Community Hall and have seen a big increase in the number of children coming to the outreach.

The accreditation of our Vocational School was another highlight as we can now give all of our children that are able to a National Certificate giving them a fairer chance to social inclusion.



At Dawn Children's Centre we had an amazing year of growth with the highest total number of children in school so far and the highest number of typical children registered and enrolled, working further towards our goal of inclusion in education. Highlights of the year at Dawn included our Annual School Events, such as, our school trip, sports day and end of year concert and Top Class Graduation. Inclusion was highlighted more than ever before and parents continue to be amazed at the things their children can achieve together with a little patience and dedication.

We also had extremely hard times when we lost our longest serving staff member Miss Annette Nalule after a very short illness due to liver failure in September. There is a tribute for her further on in the report.

There were many storms and floods towards the end of the year that caused the collapse of many buildings in the country. Our Mobility Hub building was not spared from the effects of the terrible weather, but we are more than thankful that there were no casualties and that we were able to recover all our property in good condition.



On behalf of every child, family member and the entire staff team of the Special Children Trust, I thank you for every effort on our behalf, for being there for us during the hard and good times. Wishing you every blessing,
Florence

WHO WE ARE

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The Special Children's Trust is a Registered NGO (S.5914/9715) and Social Enterprise based in Kampala, but has a nationwide reach through Outreaches and the Special Children's Forum members.

OUR VISION

**To Build a Better and Safer Uganda
for children with Special Needs**

OUR MISSION

**Reaching out in Love, Offering Hope
and Restoring Dignity to Children
with Special Needs and their
Families in Uganda**



MUKISA FOUNDATION

The Trust started in 2006 as Mukisa Foundation...*hope for children with special needs*. Mukisa Foundation is based in Lungujja, Rubaga division, Kampala with the aim to empower families who have children with special needs so that these children can lead purposeful lives to their full potential, through activities such as Therapy and Medical services, Special Needs Education and Vocational Skills Training for children and their families, as well as Income Generating Activities, Counselling and Parent Support Groups. Through the years, Mukisa has supported over 4000 children and their families.

There are also Outreaches started under Mukisa foundation, such as, Luwero, and Bussi Island Outreach. These serve to take services closer to the people in rural areas.



DAWN CHILDREN'S CENTRE



In 2008, after realising that there was a big need for a safe place where children with special needs could be cared for and receive therapy under one roof, as well as have access to fun activities tailor made for them according to their abilities, Dawn Children's Centre was created in Bukoto.

The Dawn Centre is an Inclusive Primary School, Kindergarten and Day Care facility which provides quality care for children with special needs and quality education where children with special needs and those without can have fun, learn and flourish together. They also offer therapy services in Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy.



WHAT WE DO

Our Objectives:

- To reduce mortality rate and high risks of secondary disabilities in children with disabilities through the provision of quality Medical, Therapy and Nutritional Support.
- To improve access to Education, including special education, vocational skills training and inclusive education.
- To improve livelihoods and household incomes of families who have children with disabilities through skills development, mentoring and income generating activities.
- To promote social inclusion of youth and young adults with disabilities into society including through apprenticeship programs.
- To create a platform for organisations/ individuals working with children with disabilities so as to establish unified efforts for networking and advocacy.

INTERGRITY

HONESTY , TRUTHFULLNESS AND
HAVING STRONG MORAL
PRINCIPLES

EMPATHY

THE ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND
AND SHARE THE FEELINGS OF
ANOTHER.

DILIGENCE

THE QUALITY OF CAREFUL AND
PERSISTENT WORK WITH A LOT OF
EFFORT.

EXCELLENCE

THE QUALITY OF BEING
OUTSTANDING OR EXTREMELY
GOOD.

OUR CORE VALUES

ESTEEM

TO REGARD OTHERS
HIGHLY OR FAVOURABLY .
TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN
ONE'S OWN WORTH.

PUNCTUALITY

THE FACT OR QUALITY OF
BEING ON TIME

CONFIDENTIALITY

THE STATE OF KEEPING OR BEING
KEPT SECRET OR PRIVATE

TEAMWORK

THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF A
GROUP TO ACHIEVE A COMMON GOAL.

PATIENCE

THE ABILITY TO
REMAIN CALM
WHEN DEALING
WITH A DIFFICULT
OR ANNOYING
SITUATION, TASK OR
PERSON

HOW WE WORK

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Special Children's Trust uses a holistic child-centered 360 model which focuses on each child as a unique individual and looks at every aspect of their lives, so as to achieve their full potential, As shown in the figure on the right.



WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

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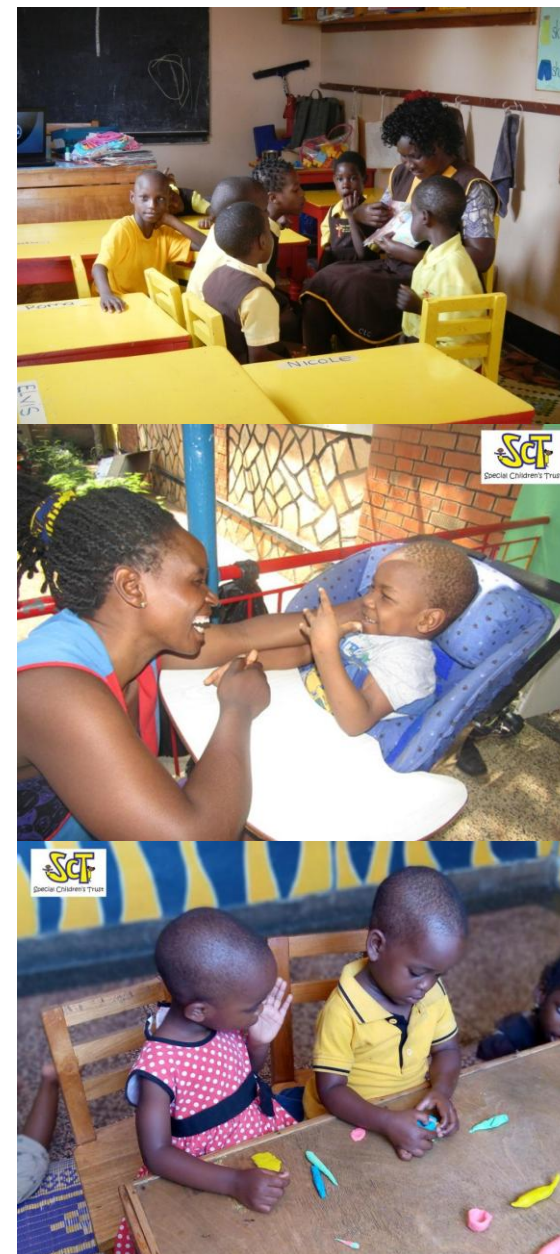
The current state of children with disabilities in Uganda.

1. In most communities, disabilities are still viewed as a result of bad omen, punishment for sins committed, a curse, witchcraft or contagious disease. This results in stigma, abuse and neglect of children with disabilities and family breakups as the parent's assign blame to each other and fail to embrace or accept their child.
2. More than 50% of children born with moderate to severe disabilities do not live up to their 5th birthday.
3. Specialized health services and equipment for children with disabilities are very few and too expensive for parents to access or afford.

4. According to the Ministry of education, only 10% of children with disabilities are able to enroll into main stream school each year and only 2.5% of them achieve the primary school leaving certificate. Less than 1% of these children move on to secondary education and these numbers reduce even further with higher levels of learning, as seen in the numbers of children with special needs who sat exams in 2019: PLE – 1315; UCE – 410; UACE-205.

5. There are many fragmented efforts of individuals/organizations working to address and champion the cause of children with disabilities Mukisa foundation inclusive.

Every child deserves to be loved and cared for, to be seen and believed in.



HEALTH: Therapy

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Page | 9 In 2019 less therapy sessions carried out in comparison to previous years due to a high turnover of new staff members. However, the quality of the therapy delivered maintained a high standard.

The total number of therapy sessions carried out at Mukisa Foundation in 2019 can be seen in the following table.

	Jan	Feb.	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Tue	38	76	84	56	67	49	66	72	83	90	65	39	785
Wed	25	75	87	70	83	83	91	85	77	77	82	43	878
Thur	35	76	78	59	86	55	36	92	102	60	38	33	750
Fri	-	37	43	31	50	40	20	86	81	49	68	34	539
Total	98	264	292	216	286	227	213	335	343	276	253	149	2,952



DAWN CHILDREN'S CENTRE

A total of 50 new assessments were carried out at Dawn in 2019.

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The monthly breakdown of assessments is as follows:

- January: 12
- February: 5
- March: 3
- April: 3
- May: 5
- June: 3
- July: 5
- August: 3
- September: 4
- October: 5
- November: 0
- December: 2

Of the 50 assessments conducted;

- 32 children started therapy.
- 1 was referred to another school.
- 1 was a progress review.
- 5 were placed on a waiting list.
- 11 did not return.



A variety of conditions were observed in the children who came for assessments;

- Autistic Spectrum Disorder: 15
- Cerebral Palsy: 14
- Down's Syndrome: 4
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: 1
- Intellectual Disability: 1
- Auditory Processing Difficulties: 1
- Hydrocephalus: 1
- Microcephalus: 2
- Developmental Delay: 4
- Left Hemiplegia: 1
- Noonan's Syndrome: 1
- Unknown: 5

The number of children who received therapy in 2019 is shown in the table below:

Physiotherapy	48
Occupational Therapy	112
Speech and Language Therapy	105
Total	265

Meet Florence Jedmarie Nakabuye

BEFORE



Florence came to Dawn Children's Centre for an assessment at the age of 2 years and 5 months, in July 2016 and enrolled in school in January 2017. She has cerebral palsy.

She was able to sit without support, but only when placed in a sitting position by an adult, and was able to easily interact with others.

She had challenges with concentration and motor control, especially hand function and was unable to transfer herself from a lying to a sitting position.

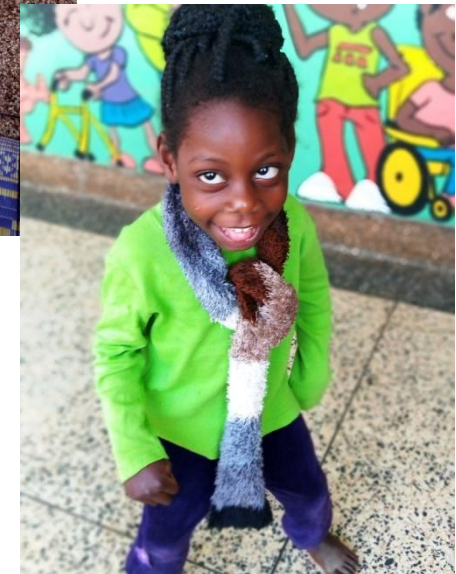
She started school in the beginners class, which we affectionately call, Peacock's Class and was promoted to Playgroup in 2019. She learnt how to transfer herself to sitting and her concentration also improved. She is a very social girl, who loves to laugh and play with others and loves to make new friends. She is also learning how to communicate her needs effectively with vocalisations and gestures.

There is some improvement in hand function and she is also learning how to use both hands together during play and school activities. The greatest achievement we have witnessed in Florence is that she is now able to walk independently for

longer distances and time and her balance is continuously improving.

She is a delightful little girl with a big, infectious smile and she has been promoted to baby class starting January 2020.

AFTER



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This department provides special porridge flour, fish powder, butter and milk powder for children who are malnourished.

Last year, 58 children received nutritional support to boost their health.

Other Medical support given from or through Mukisa in 2019 included;

- 26 referrals to hospitals, such as, CORSU, Mulago, Victoria, CURE, Lubaga hospital respectively for further management.
- 25 received medication from MUKISA Centre on a regular basis.

A number of children both at Mukisa and at outreach locations also received Vitamin A (below age 6) and de-worming tablets in three month intervals.

Immunizations were also carried out and our children were immunized against Rubella/ measles due its outbreak in the country.

The activity was a success and the children are safe and healthy.

Meet Shanitah Mbamba

Shanitah is currently a two-year-old girl and was found to have suffered from severe malnutrition at one year. She was referred to the health centre for further nutritional management and started on food supplements.

The health information that was given to her care taker and the continuous support which was given to her yielded amazing results.

Shanitah greatly improved from 6kgs to 14kgs in weight and she can now walk with less support, play and verbalises simple words. Shanitah's grandmother looks forward to seeing her granddaughter go to school next year and her primary caretaker is impressed with her progress. They appreciate Mukisa Foundation for the support and love rendered to Shanitah and are excited about the future.

Shanitah Before



Shanitah After



HEALTH: East Africa Mobility Hub (Appliance and Assistive Devices Workshop)

THE EAST AFRICA MOBILITY HUB

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During 2019 the Mobility Hub has had the following activities;

1. Seating clinics:
2. Manufacturing of Positioning Devices and
3. Training of Therapists.

SEATING CLINICS:

There have been continuous seating clinics at the hub, as well as in other locations where members of the mobility hub team have been part of the giving out of wheelchairs and other devices. The team has also on several occasions reassessed and reviewed children that had previously received devices to ensure that they are still seated in the prescribed positions.

A total of 248 devices have been given out these include 115 from Shonaquip, 48 from Father's Heart Ministries, 25 from Sufficiency

of Scripture (SOS) in Luwero, 10 from World Vision in partnership with Motivation and the Technical team was also part of a wheel chair clinic organized by Hope Speaks in which 50 wheelchairs were given out.

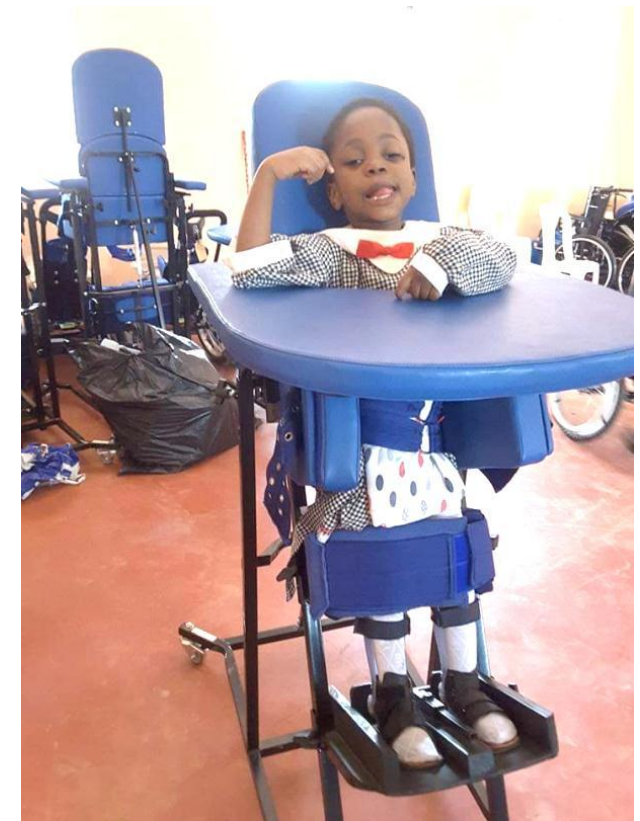


MANUFACTURING OF POSITIONING DEVICES:

The Hub is making positioning devices, such as mats, wedges, rolls, therapy benches among others. These have been well received by our families, as well as other organizations.

TRAINING OF THERAPISTS:

25 therapists have been trained throughout the year in appropriate 24-hour positioning, prevention of deformities and pressure sores, assessment of children for seating, fitting and modification of different devices.



HEALTH: Community Outreaches

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OUTREACHES are an important part of the Mukisa Foundation schedule in bringing much needed services to the communities and villages.

In 2019 outreaches continued in both Luwero and on Bussi Island and the number of clients showing up for services were significantly higher than the previous year.

271 clients received our services in Luwero outreach centre and 119 on Bussi Island.

The total number of 390 children were reached out to in 2019 as summarized in the following table,



THE NUMBER OF CLIENTS SEEN AT EACH OUTREACH THROUGHOUT 2019.

DATE	OUTREACH LOCATION	NUMBER OF CHILDREN
25/01/2019	LUWERO	47
22/02/2019	BUSSI ISLAND	11
29/03/2019	LUWERO	50
26/04/2019	BUSSI ISLAND	32
31/05/2019	LUWERO	45
28/06/2019	BUSSI ISLAND	20
30/08/2019	LUWERO	53
27/09/2019	BUSSI ISLAND	33
25/10/2019	LUWERO	76
27/11/2019	BUSSI ISLAND	23
	TOTAL	390

LUWERO OUTREACH



BUSSI ISLAND OUTREACH



HEALTH: Home Based Care, Social Work and Medical Visits

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Home based care takes services into the community and closer to families registered with Mukisa Foundation.

Community clusters were implemented to ensure the delivery of this service is more effective.

A total of 461 home and 60 hospital visits were carried out in 2019.

Some of our children were also taken for surgery and responded positively.



OUR BEAUTIFUL ANGELS

On a sad note, at Mukisa Foundation we lost 14 of our children and one of our staff members ANNET NALULE, aka mama PATU, in 2019. This was due to sickness, failed treatment and feeding challenges.

At Dawn Children's Centre we lost one of our longest standing children at the age of 21. Rest in peace our dear angels.

TRIBUTE TO ANNET NALULE

On the 16th of September our world stood still, we saw you like we had never seen you before, lying helpless on your living room floor. The events after went by so fast, yet remain so vivid in our minds, as if they happened in slow motion. The rush to one hospital, then the next and the next, as all your friends and family tried to restore you to the extremely energetic and most active person that they knew and loved. Every hospital transfer meant that your chances of

coming back to us were slimmer, but our hope didn't waver. We believed, we prayed and hoped that maybe the next one will give us the results that we so desperately hoped for. From all over the world, the calls, messages, the funds, kept streaming in, as all your friends rallied around you. It was never to be. You did not come back to us and on the 20th we were forced to say our goodbyes to you.

Although you are no longer with us, you will never be forgotten. Your legacy of hard work and service beyond self will live on. You are dearly missed by your fellow mamas, workmates, the children and the entire Mukisa and SCT family.

Until we meet again. Rest with the angels our dear Mama PATU.



FAMILY EMPOWERMENT: Workshops and Seminars

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WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

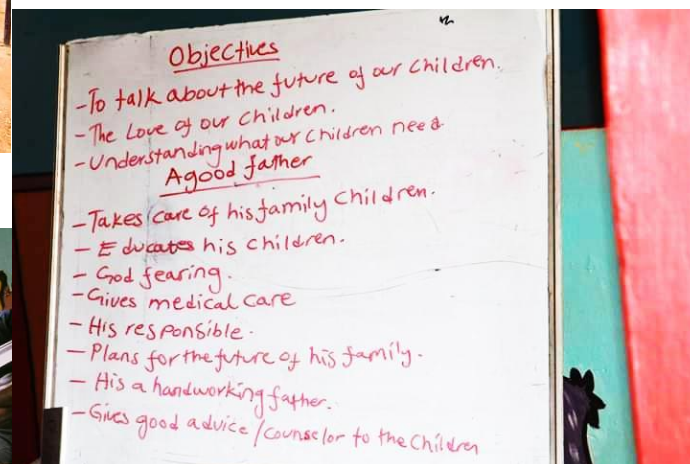
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CHILD PROTECTION

Parents of children with special needs like any other are susceptible to abuse of all forms ranging from physical, emotional, sexual and psychological. For this, we invited the Police Officer-in-charge Old Kampala MS Justine Mudondo and a Lawyer Mr. Sekitoleko Steven to inform parents how the Legal Frame work in Uganda works, especially in terms of child Protection.

CERVICAL CANCER AND BREAST CANCER SCREENING

This workshop was conducted for our Mukisa Mamas during a Reproductive Health Camp, which was facilitated by Reproductive Health Uganda. 43 of the Mukisa mothers were able to receive cervical cancer screening and were enlightened on the importance of doing this on a regular basis.

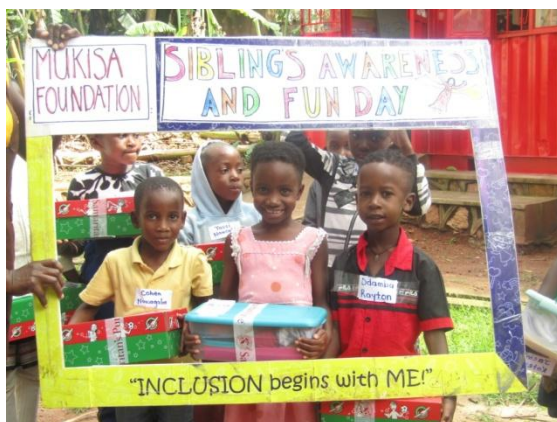


SIBLINGS WORKSHOP

Having a sibling with disabilities can be trying for children. This creates self-denials in their lives thus suffering silent rejection.

We conducted a sibling's workshop, which took place on 12th and 13th of September, to inform children about disability, its causes and how to relate with their special needs siblings. We had children from age six and above. As an achievement, teenagers formed a club which they called Mukisa Siblings Association.

They hope to be meeting every holiday to discuss their activities. 86 children attended.



DAWN CHILDREN'S CENTRE

PARENT WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

A number of parent trainings were held in term 2 including;

- Disability
- Behaviour with a focus on Autism
- Diet and Nutrition
- Communication and Speech Therapy

Parents, both old and new, were encouraged to attend to gain increased knowledge and

understanding of different disabilities in general, not only of their own child, and how they affect children in different ways, as well as a variety of solutions and techniques they can use when working with their own child at home.

An average of 30 parents showed up for each training with Communication attracting the biggest number.

Parents reported that the trainings were helpful and informative whilst also giving them a chance to ask questions about specific or personal challenges they were facing. New parents were also encouraged to hear from others who have been through similar situations before them.



FAMILY EMPOWERMENT: Parents Savings and Income Generating Activities

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THE PARENTS SAVINGS SCHEME got off to a considerable start this year and a total of 44 mothers were able to save 16,241,000 SH compared to the 4,632,000 SH that was saved in 2018.

Mama Calton Lutwama saved the highest amount with a total of 3,510,000 SH compared to the 1,425,000 SH that was saved as the highest amount by one mama in 2018.

She plans to top up and buy a plot of land.

THE KWAGALANA GROUP when translated from Luganda means 'Love One Another'. The group has seen considerable growth this year in their business venture of hiring out tents and chairs for different events, as well as delivering catering services. This has been witnessed on many occasions in and out of the Mukisa premises.

INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES

Also in an effort to improve on the parent's income and self-sustenance, we have supported and equipped mothers with different income generating skills which include;

- Liquid soap making,
- Book making and
- Flower pot making.

They have responded positively towards all trainings.



Meet **Mama Joweria**

Mama Joweria has a daughter with special needs called Joweria. She received a booth with the support of the Children at Risk Action Network (CRANE) and plans to venture into selling fruits and vegetables to increase her income and allow her to provide Joweria with the basic needs she requires.



FAMILY EMPOWERMENT: Celebrations and Events

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PAMPERING DAY

Page | 19 Internationally, mothers are celebrated for the great love and care they give to their children. Most mothers at Mukisa are consumed with taking care of their children with special needs, forgetting to take care of themselves as women.

As a way of appreciating the mothers for all their efforts towards their children, Mukisa Foundation celebrates Mother's day by pampering them in different ways like, giving them massage services, pedicure and manicure services and facial treatments, as well as many others.

This year it was celebrated on 10th May 2019. A total number of 128 mothers attended the day and left feeling loved, appreciated and relaxed.



EASTER PARTY

It was a reunion for Mukisa parents, children and our directors.

We had fun, enjoyed lots of eats and drinks with music.

Generally, it was a restoration moment for Mukisa family after all our busy schedules.

A total number of 283 parents attended the party.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

It is always a great moment for us to see mamas with their children celebrating and giving thanks. This year's Christmas Party happened on 19th December 2019 at Mukisa premises.

We had delicious food, drinks, music, dancing, giving of gifts and words of encouragement from the Mukisa directors.

DAWN CHILDREN'S CENTRE

SPORTS DAY

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At Dawn Children's Centre we held our Annual school Sports Day on Saturday 31st August signaling the end of second term.

All children were able to participate regardless of their varying levels of ability as sports activities and games were edited and adapted to suit the needs of each child. The bonus is that each activity also encouraged learning at the same time as the children were having fun.

Parents also got involved in the activities of the day and enjoyed participating. Parents reported that they were so grateful for the opportunities being given to their children to participate and that their children are showing them how much they can achieve when given the right amount of dedication, patience and time.



END OF YEAR CONCERT

Our end of year concert took place on Saturday 7th December. Every year we engage the children in Music, Dance and Drama during third term and push the boundaries on how much our children can achieve and every year they surprise us with how amazing they are.

We had a dance medley, a mime/ drama, lots of songs, some presented by a small choir and others presented with actions, our Disney Fashion Show Parade and of course our Top Class Graduation. The theme ran along the lines of, no matter what other people think of me or the words they throw at me, I know who I am and I know I am capable of dreaming big and achieving those dreams.



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CATCH UP CLASS

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In catch up class, children are provided with special educational goals that meet them at their level of ability with the aim of helping them to 'catch up' with their academic education.

In 2019, we registered 15 children in the catch up class. They simultaneously made great progress throughout the year in areas including behaviour, communication, concentration, writing and identifying. At the end of the year, 2 children were promoted to the Creative Learning Centre and 1 child was referred to another special needs school for the following year.



AUTISM CLASS

In 2019, we registered 7 children in the autism class who progressed well throughout the year making progress in numerous behavioural and other learning areas.

Meet Sheila



She is 8 years old diagnosed with Down Syndrome with some Autism tendencies. She stays with both her parents. She joined Mukisa Foundation and was allocated for therapy. Later, she joined Autism class.

Before, Sheila was not social and could not settle down. She was always hesitant to do different activities, her concentration and focus was low and toileting habits were poor.

However, after attaining different trainings in class she can now use the toilet with limited supervision, likes taking part in different activities of daily living like cleaning up, self-care, washing utensils and clothes and her concentration is good during activities in class. Sheila enjoys school, swimming, cleaning up, book reading and nursery rhymes. She will be integrated into Mukisa Catch up class starting 2020.



EDUCATION: Creative Learning Centre (CLC)

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The CLC is a set up in partnership with CRANE (Children at Risk Action Network) to help children with special needs discover their abilities in different skills.

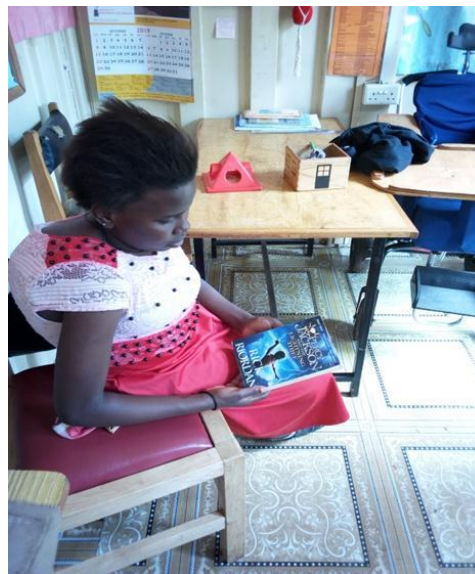
This year, we had a total of 15 children in the CLC and by the end of 2019, 5 were integrated into Vocational Class.



As one of our objectives was to train our children in various skills at national level, we received an Inspector from Directorate of Industrial Training for Inspection of the Centre to acquire a certificate of qualification to train.

We are glad to report to you that by the end of the year, Mukisa Foundation got its certificate with a Centre number to train accredited Vocational Skills under Ministry of Education next year 2020.

Meet Angel Racheal



Racheal is 20 years old and has a physical disability that is a result of Tuberculosis of the spine. She finished high school well and could enroll for higher education but her parents could not afford the tuition. She was enrolled in the Mukisa Vocational School for skills training where she learned to use the computer including different computer programs and typing. Here she discovered a love for computers and decided that she would like to study Information Technology in the future. She is currently making applications to different institutions for the IT course and has a promise from one of the Mukisa Foundation Partners for sponsorship. We hope for her a future of great success and fulfillment.



EDUCATION: Vocational Skills Training

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VOCATIONAL CLASS

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We had 10 children in vocational class, 8 were girls and 2 boys and they study from Monday to Friday. Some come to Mukisa Foundation by bus, others come with their parents.

We also equip mothers with different skills through our Mother to Daughter Program.

This year, a total number of 15 children from vocation class (year 2018) graduated and received starter packs in relation to the skills

they had acquired. The packs included sewing threads, sewing machines, crochet frames and needles.

This has sustained them as it has increased their income, as well as training others interested within the community.

Meet Mama Diana

She is one of the pioneers of the MOTHER TO DAUGHTER PROGRAM at Mukisa, through the Vocational Class.

This program aims at empowering the child with disabilities through the mother by engaging the mother in the skill being taught so she can work alongside her child to enhance progress.

To add onto the skills received, Mama Diana received a freezer that will help her generate more income for Diana's wellbeing. She is also considered as one of the champion

mothers who advocates for the rights of children with special needs through trainings, communication and reporting to the concerned authorities where necessary.



EDUCATION: INCLUSION

Dawn Children's Centre; Inclusive Day Care, Kindergarten and Primary School

DAWN CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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Dawn Children's Centre, was started in 2008 as a Day Care Centre for children with special needs. It developed into an Inclusive Day Care and Kindergarten in 2012 and in 2017 we added Primary Education.

In 2019 we had a total of 10 classes; Beginners (Zebra and Peacocks) Class, Playgroup, Special (Tex) Class, Baby Butterflies, Middle Leopards, Top Giraffes, Primary One, Primary Two and Primary Three. These classes are inclusive catering for the educational needs of children with special needs and children without special needs, providing them with an opportunity to have fun, learn and flourish together.



Out of the 108 children that ended 2018 enrolled at Dawn Children's Centre, 22 did not return in January 2019. 1 graduated from Top Class and moved on to another school, whilst 21 others did not return for a variety of reasons.

Therefore, January 2019 saw Dawn start with a total of 85 children, an increase from the previous year. Those with special needs enrolled in school (70), those with special needs enrolled for drop in Therapy sessions (2) and those without special needs enrolled in school (14).

Throughout 2019 a total of 61 new children were added to the Dawn register (35 in Term 1, 17 in Term 2 and 9 in Term 3). Also an increase from the previous year.

Those with special needs who enrolled in full time school were 36.
Those with special needs who enrolled for outpatients/ drop in therapy sessions were 4.
Those without special needs who enrolled in full time school were 21.

By the end of 2019, unfortunately the number of children who dropped out of

school along the way had increased from the previous year to 28 and Dawn ended the year with a total enrollment of 116.

Those with special needs in full time school, 85. Those with special needs enrolled for outpatients/ drop in Therapy, 2.

Those without special needs in full time school, 29.

1 child also dropped out at the start of second term and returned in term 3.

The most common condition seen in children in school in 2019 was Autistic Spectrum Disorder and the highest number of typical children were registered this year since starting inclusion.

Ratio of boys/ girls seen in each term.

	BOYS	GIRLS
TERM 1	75	46
TERM 2	76	47
TERM 3	69	47

MEET OUR AMBASSADORS FOR INCLUSION

KOURTNEY MATA DARLENE (Age 10)

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Kourtney joined Baby Class in 2013 at age 3 and made great progress, graduating Kindergarten in 2015 with our first official graduating top class. Without a primary section to move to, she enrolled in another mainstream school for P1, where she proceeded to “teach” her fellow peers alongside the class teacher due to her advanced level.

When we opened our Primary section in 2017 Kourtney re-joined Dawn to her great delight, as she had challenges fitting in with other schools

due to her HIV positive status and challenges with school fees. Now 10 years old and joining Primary 4 in 2020, Kourtney has become a confident young lady who demonstrates love and empathy towards all those she is in contact with and is one of our biggest ambassadors for inclusion within her local community. She actively looks for and reaches out to others who are in need, especially those families with children with special needs and those who are rejected from society.

KIMBERLY TWEBAZE AMPUMUZA (Age 2)

Kimberly Twebaze has been attending Dawn Children's Centre from the age of 3 months old, starting in day care, progressing to playgroup and ready to start baby class in 2020.

The myth is that typical children that interact with children with special

needs will not progress at the right pace or will be delayed in reaching milestones or be held back educationally by their peers with special needs. Kimberly has proved this myth to be wrong. She progressed through all her milestones, walked by 10 months old, developed appropriate speech and can already name animals and their sounds, colours and numbers 1 to 5.

More than that she has learnt how to love others and how to interact and play with all children in her class regardless of ability.



We aspire to nurture and develop a new generation that seeks to promote and advocate for inclusion for their peers with special needs.

OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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SCHOOL TRIP

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In 2019 the children at Dawn Children's Centre went for their Annual School Trip to Entebbe Zoo where they were able to learn a lot of new things about different animals, witness feeding time and have a lot of fun.



SWIMMING LESSONS

Some children are taken off campus for swimming lessons once a week at a local pool, where we have seen a great boost in confidence in many of the children. There was a great change in some children from the first lesson where they would just relax and want to be carried to the later lessons where, with the support of an inflatable ring they were able to move around the pool independently and with supervision, by kicking their legs and moving their arms.

LEARNING WITHOUT WORKSHEETS CHALLENGE AND SPONSORED READATHON

In September 2019, children at Dawn also engaged in a week long challenge with

teachers to engage in learning activities without worksheets and only using hands on practical activities to enhance learning, as well as a week-long sponsored read where they engaged in many different reading activities to raise money for books for the school Library.



ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS: 7th Annual Awareness and Fun Day for children with disabilities and Special Children's Network Forum

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7th ANNUAL AWARENESS DAY IN 3 EDITIONS

Special Children's Trust conducted their Annual Awareness and Fun Day for children with disabilities in 3 editions in 2019.

EDITION ONE started with an awareness march on 12th July in KAMPALA town, from Centenary Park to the MTN Sports Arena in Lugogo. Our 2019 theme being 'INCLUSION BEGINS WITH ME.'

We were graced to host Miss JUIET NAMUDDU, the Director of Education and Social Service in Kampala City Council Authority, as our guest of honour.

Many Organizations and Schools working with children with special needs joined the march creating awareness on issues affecting children with special needs, as well as advocating for inclusive education.

53 organizations attended with a total number of 674 children with disabilities and 820 parents, care givers, teachers and others, thus registering a grand total of 1,494 people.



EDITION TWO was conducted in LUWERO district where Mukisa Foundation outreaches are conducted. It was held on 26th July 2019 with the same theme and a total of 582 people in attendance. We were glad to have the Mayor of Luwero Town Council, Mr Mukungu Paul as our guest of honour.



MUKISA INCLUSIVE VILLAGE

EDITION THREE of Awareness Day was held on Bussi Island on 6th September with the German Deputy Ambassador HANS SCHOEDER in attendance. It was conducted in unison with the grand opening of the Mukisa Inclusive Village.

A survey was conducted on Bussi Island and the study found out that 180 children with special needs had never accessed any medical services. This prompted Mukisa with support from CRANE (Children at Risk Action Network) and VIVA, to construct a Centre that will benefit over 200 children on the island with access to therapy and medical services.

A total of 280 people were in attendance.



The SPECIAL CHILDREN'S NETWORK

FORUM gives Organisations and individuals who work with children with special needs opportunities to met like-minded people, network and share ideas.

The first meeting of 2019 took place on 6th April at New Hope Uganda in Luwero. 7 Organisations were represented, 2 of which were newly registered.

A speech was given by the Child and Family Protection Officer of Nakaseke District on issues of child protection.

The second meeting of the year took place on 5th October at Mukisa Foundation in Lungujja where a variety of topics were discussed and the National learning Needs Identification Tool was officially introduced.

The tool was created by the Children at Risk Action Network (CRANE) in collaboration with Ministry of Education and Network Members. 27 Organisations were in attendance.

CAPACITY BUILDING: Trainings, Workshops and Internships for volunteers, students, parents and service providers, such as, teachers, medical personnel, police and others

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A number of training sessions were undertaken by Special Children's Trust in 2019 with a variety of groups including:

- Teacher and Staff Trainings on Understanding Disability for Children at Risk Action Network (CRANE).
- Teacher Trainings on Understanding Disability and Assessing Learners with Disabilities for the Peace Corps.
- Training on Understanding Disability and Creating Inclusive Environments for Policy Makers, including members of parliament, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education Officials.
- Teacher Trainings on Understanding Disability for Lecturers and Heads of Teacher Training Colleges.

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Student Trainings and Internships were carried out by Mukisa throughout the year, including:

- 38 Ugandan Physiotherapy Students, both Lectures and Practical Training.
- 6 students from Belgium,
- And 8 students from other European countries including Germany and the Netherlands.

DAWN CHILDREN'S CENTRE

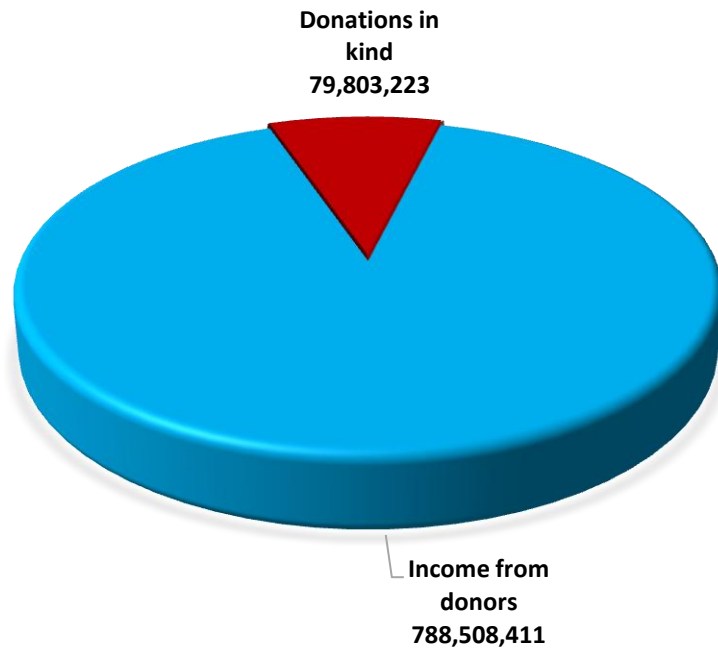
Dawn Children's Centre had a total of 4 Volunteers with the German Red Cross in 2019, 2 at the start of the year, who went home earlier than planned for a variety of reasons and 2 who joined us from the start of September for a year-long placement.



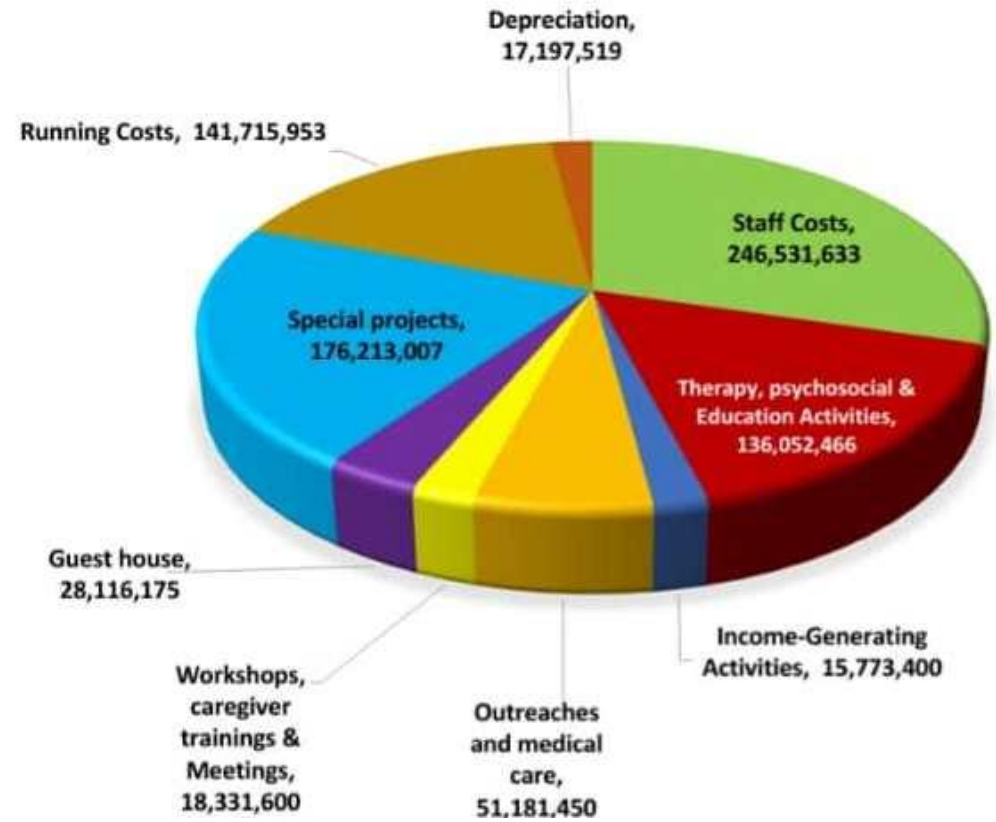
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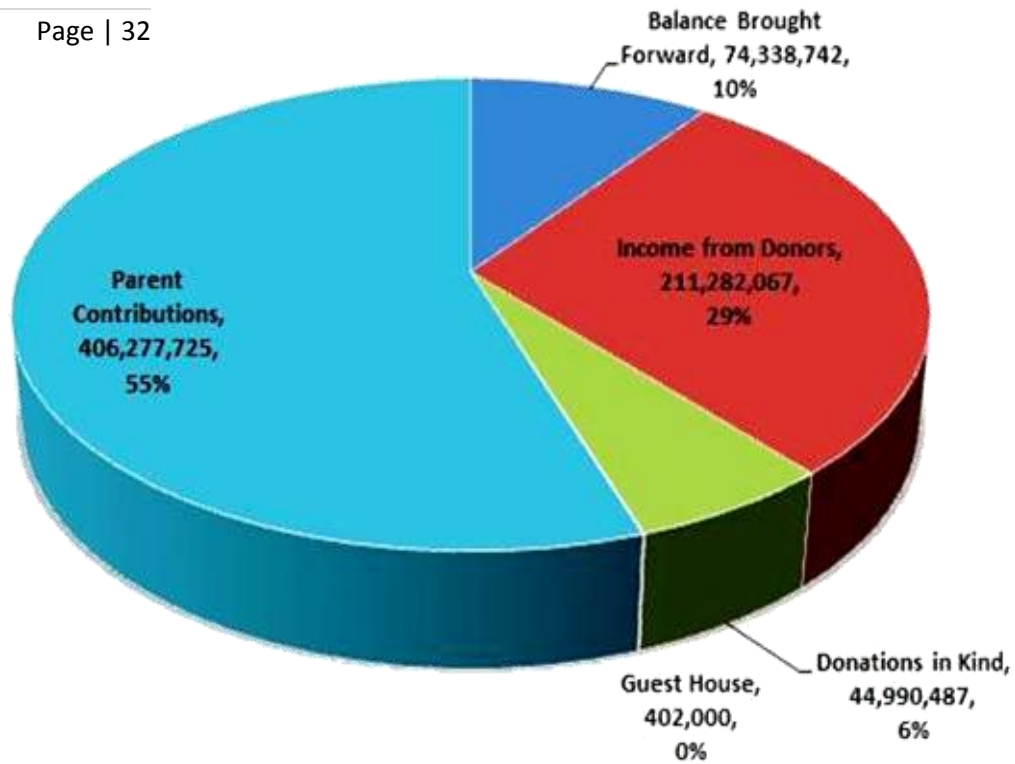


TOTAL INCOME	868,311,634
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	831,113,203

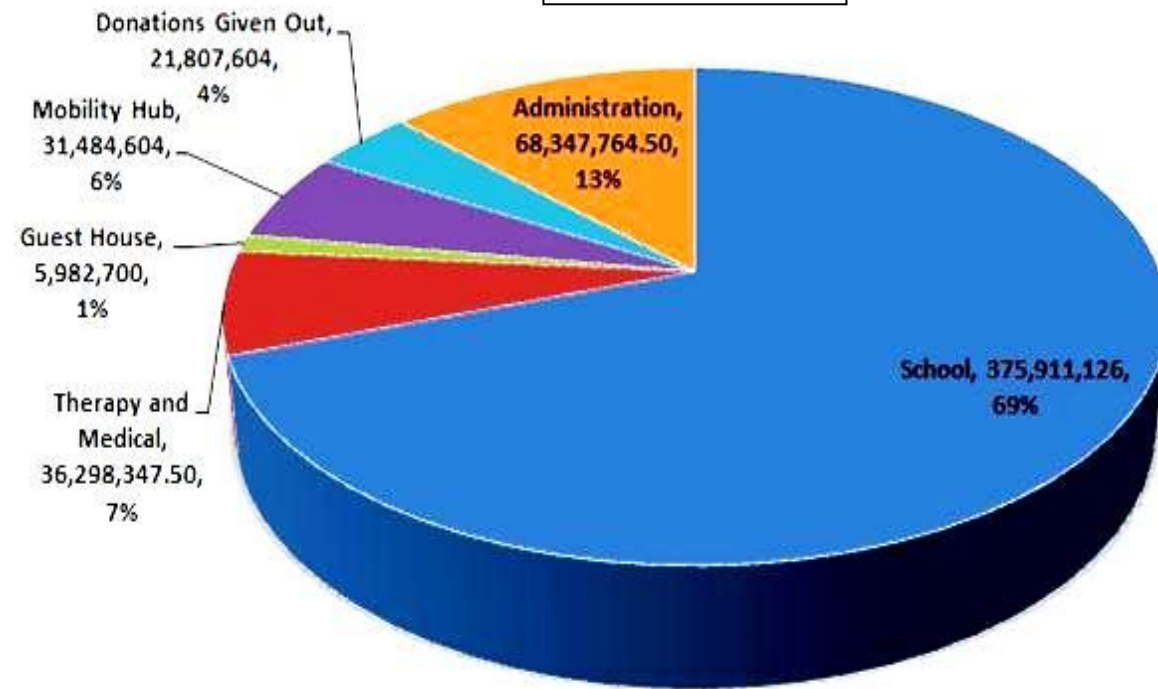
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DAWN CHILDREN'S CENTRE

INCOME



EXPENDITURE



TOTAL INCOME	737,291,021
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	539,832,146

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