

I AM HESHIMA

Annual Report 2021



Message from our leaders

To all **dream builders**,

this report is a testament to all we have accomplished together in 2021. As founders who are always in go-mode growing a grassroots organization, writing this report is when it hits us, it's growing! The mission: Building a movement where every child has access to education & the tool to write their own future.

2021 has been our biggest growth year, ever! This report is dedicated to our collective work. It is for you: the children, team, donors, advocates, volunteers, the dream builders.

We thank & love you,
We ARE HESHIMA

Lexis Beattie

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Founder

We empower
ONE CHILD
at a TIME,
every time.
Over and over again.

Heshima =

Respect
in Swahili.

Educate.

Empower.

Elevate

#iamheshimaorg
#impossibleisnothing



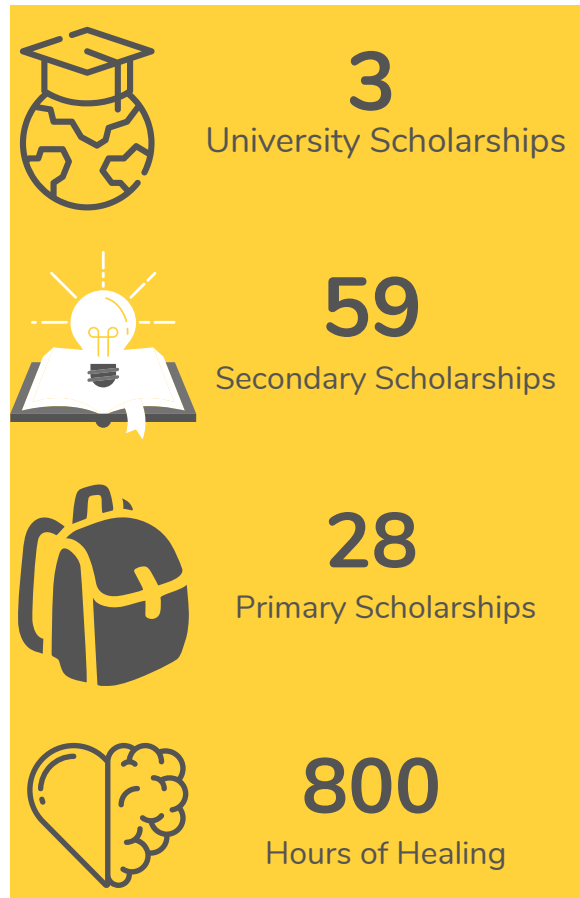
Academic Scholarships

Where children write their own future

Children in our community are denied access to even the most basic education, simply because they were born into abject poverty. This program provides academic scholarships to children who otherwise would not have access to education at Primary, Secondary & Post-Secondary levels. Scholarships are focused on academic growth & personal healing, including material and psycho-social needs. All of our students are/will be the 1st in the history of their families to graduate from primary school (& beyond)! They will then continue to achieve the unheard of in their lives: Breaking cycles of poverty and generating new cycles of equality, equity & opportunity for themselves, their families and the world.

2021 Highlights -

This program has given **90 scholarships** in 2021! Thanks to increased human resources & sponsors, it has been the year with the highest intake of students. **60** children now have Full scholarships: **3** post secondary, **29** high school students, **28** primary school students, and **30** partial scholarships. Each student improved academically, and healed more than ever, due to the enriched services we created, implemented and monitored for each child.



Leadership

Paying it forward

60
Young Leaders



900
Volunteer Hours



32
Mentors



42
Student Led Initiatives



We believe that no matter how poor the world says you are, each of us have something to offer the world - it simply has to be harnessed. Our solution is 2 fold. 1) Children who receive academic scholarships 'pay back' their education by giving back. 2) We use a strength based approach to develop leadership capacity, a strong agency and a value system within our youth.

2021 Highlights -

Emmanuel is in medical school to be the 1st doctor from our community, and was elected class representative. **Dolphine**, studying sign language after noticing the lack of service to deaf children, is top of her class and leader. **Jackline** took it upon herself to mobilize her classmates and buy food for children who were hungry. **Medrick**, tutors younger Heshima students who have weak academic foundations. **Velma** was elected class representative for her leadership & empathy.

Our students are the leaders of today & tomorrow.



Under the Mango Tree

Where young minds ripen

The reality in our village is this: Education is a luxury. Meet us Under The Mango, an early childhood education program where young minds ripen. An outdoor classroom, (literally under our mango tree) which builds a strong foundation. Giving children a chance at success, regardless of their social-economic status. We are bridging the gap and providing children with the tools and confidence they need to excel academically, therefore breaking the cycle of poverty.

2021 Highlights:

We have re-designed this program to increase its impact. New intake of 60 tiny humans aged 4-7. It is the 1st program of its kind, with a 10:1 student teacher ratio. Which has included employment for Gladys, our 3rd teacher. Children in this program not only go to school, they have full bellies and quickly climb to the top of their class. In addition to the impact on the children and their families, this program employs 5 people: 3 teachers, 1 female banana farmer who has managed to send her children to school with the income & 1 baker earning her own income for the 1st time in her life. This program also supports the local economy as all supplies are bought from vendors in our local shops. Win-Win-Win.



60

Tiny Humans



75,000

Hours of learning



9000

Meals



150

School supplies in KGs



My Time

It's my time to change my life

32,000

Pads distributed



98

% Graduation rate



36

Human rights &
Reproductive Health Sessions



340

Girls Empowered



Periods and poverty are a huge threat to girls education. We provide girls with sanitary pads as they attend monthly education sessions, led by community health workers and professionals, about reproductive health & human rights. Giving girls a platform of their own to get answers to their questions. Participants discover agency, self-worth and gain immense knowledge about their bodies, their rights, and potential.

2021 Highlights:

A few of the many speakers we have had join My Time this year: Psychologist, Nurse, Education & Gender Based violence Activists. School drop out rates, teenage pregnancies and sexual violence are now nearly non-existent for our program participants! When they do happen, girls have the tools, support & advocacy to get through it. Participants are excelling academically and have a new sense of agency and vision for their lives.



Heshima FC

Talent Development for Academic Opportunity

Heshima FC uses the passion of football as a tool to create access to education. Schools and scouts recruit and provide academic scholarships to skilled players across Kenya. This program develops and harnesses football talent on the pitch. Off the pitch, players get personal development through workshops & speakers. Each player receives tutoring, academic monitoring & assistance, for the 1st time in their lives. Heshima FC is the only family most of our players have.

2021 Highlights -

Lavendar was scouted to play for Kenya at FIFA's U20 World Cup! 8 players were scouted with high school scholarships! Our boys coach is CBIM certified. Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM) is a prevention program that trains coaches to teach their young male athletes healthy relationship skills and that violence never equals strength. Players have been selected to represent at the regional, provincial and national level. Players are excelling academically & socially. We have created an equal playing field for equal access to sport & opportunity for boys and girls.

-  **200**
Equipment in KGs
-  **80,000**
Hours on the Pitch
-  **95**
% Graduation Rate
-  **140**
Players Empowered



FIFA U-20 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

STARTING XI

Uganda VS Kenya


1. Sophy Akinyi (GK)
25. Lavender Akinyi
5. Peris Oside (C)
3. Eunice Mwangi
4. Lucy Kahuga
10. Catherine Aringo
21. Maxmillia Robi
20. Charity Mideva
7. Fasil Adhiambo
17. Joy Oriyo
9. Shaylyne Opisa

SUBS

Lucy Kiaga (GK), Lydia Akroth, B. Milka Akroth, M. Mwenda, M. Muboni, D. Eraser, Salome, Sylvia Makungu, H. Jane Hato, Kiky Maska, Z. Mideve, M. Kanyo, 14, R. Mwangi, Adhiambo 13


Oct 8th | 4:00PM (EAT)
St. Mary's Stadium (Uganda)
www.footballkenya.org

Humans of Heshima




"I finally have a family with Heshima now. I don't have to cook or clean. I am not beaten. I go to school every day. Learning is hard, but I have new (Heshima) friends who help me with this new life. What I know, is that I am never going back to my life before".

- Fednant




"Heshima has changed me through education . Life is much better now. I love my school. I have teachers, and eat every day. When I grow up, I want to help children go to school and construct a house for my mother and people who are homeless."

- Lavendar




"Lex, you just watch me. I will do my best every single day and become the Velma you and I believe I can be. And when I make it, I will be the best leader in this world."

- Velma



"I never thought my life would be like this. I was not even going to finish primary school. I discovered my talent: Football. Now, I have a scholarship. This year I represented Kenya at FIFA's women's U20 World Cup. I took my first car and plane ride. I have a passport. The best clubs in Kenya want to sign me, but I will finish high school first."

- Lavendar A.




"Thank you for your support during the clinical rotations and my studies at large. I am honoured to be a role model to many who are looking up to me. I love you, Heshima people."

- Emmanuel

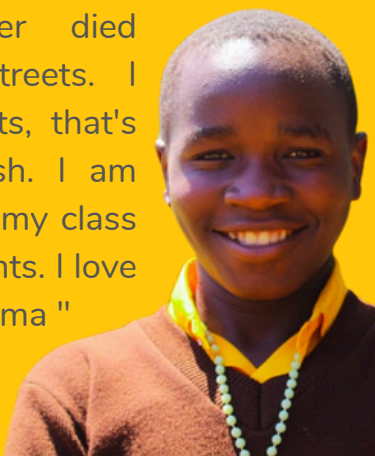


Humans of Heshima



"From almost dropping out of highschool and being married, to a full scholarship with Heshima! I am now at the post-secondary level of my education. 'No appreciation is enough for great kindness'. You are showing me, through my education and life, that this is true. I live knowing that every girl has a position in this life."

- Dolphine



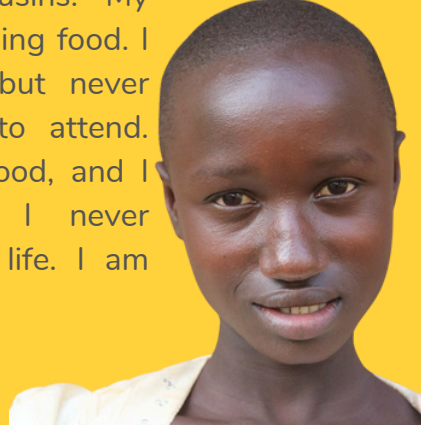
"I proudly live Heshima's values every day of my life. I was homeless, my brother died beside me in the streets. I washed cars for tourists, that's where I learned English. I am now the top student in my class and help younger students. I love Heshima and I am Heshima "

- Medrick



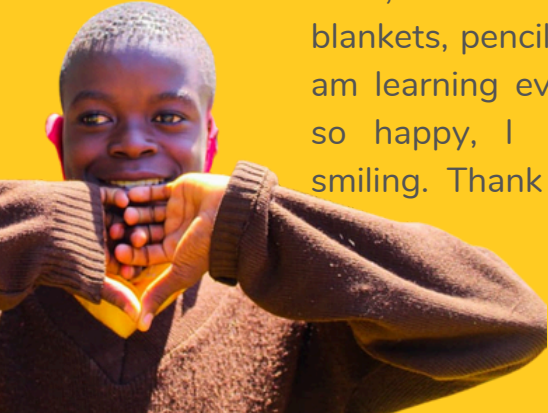
"Every day, I teach little people. One day, those people will grow to be the people who run the world. This is why my job with I am Heshima is important and I love it."

- Elizabeth



"I was taking care of my grandmother who raised me, and all of my young cousins. My biggest worry was finding food. I always liked school, but never had time or money to attend. Now, my family has food, and I have an education. I never imagined this for my life. I am focused and grateful."

- Marion



"I used to sleep on the floor, and would almost never eat. Now, I have a mattress, blankets, pencils and books. I am learning every day. I am so happy, I cannot stop smiling. Thank you!"

- Tyson



"I have started university in Biology and I am so happy! A lot of the Heshima younger kids are looking up to me. I promise to work hard and one day, I will make childrens dreams come true like you did mine. "

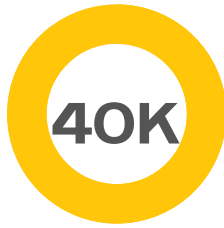
- Edna



Financials 2021

Total 2021 budget: \$ 101,760

Income



+ Empty Cans & Bottles Collected



Amazing New Partners in Kenya



Volunteer hours given by Founders & team



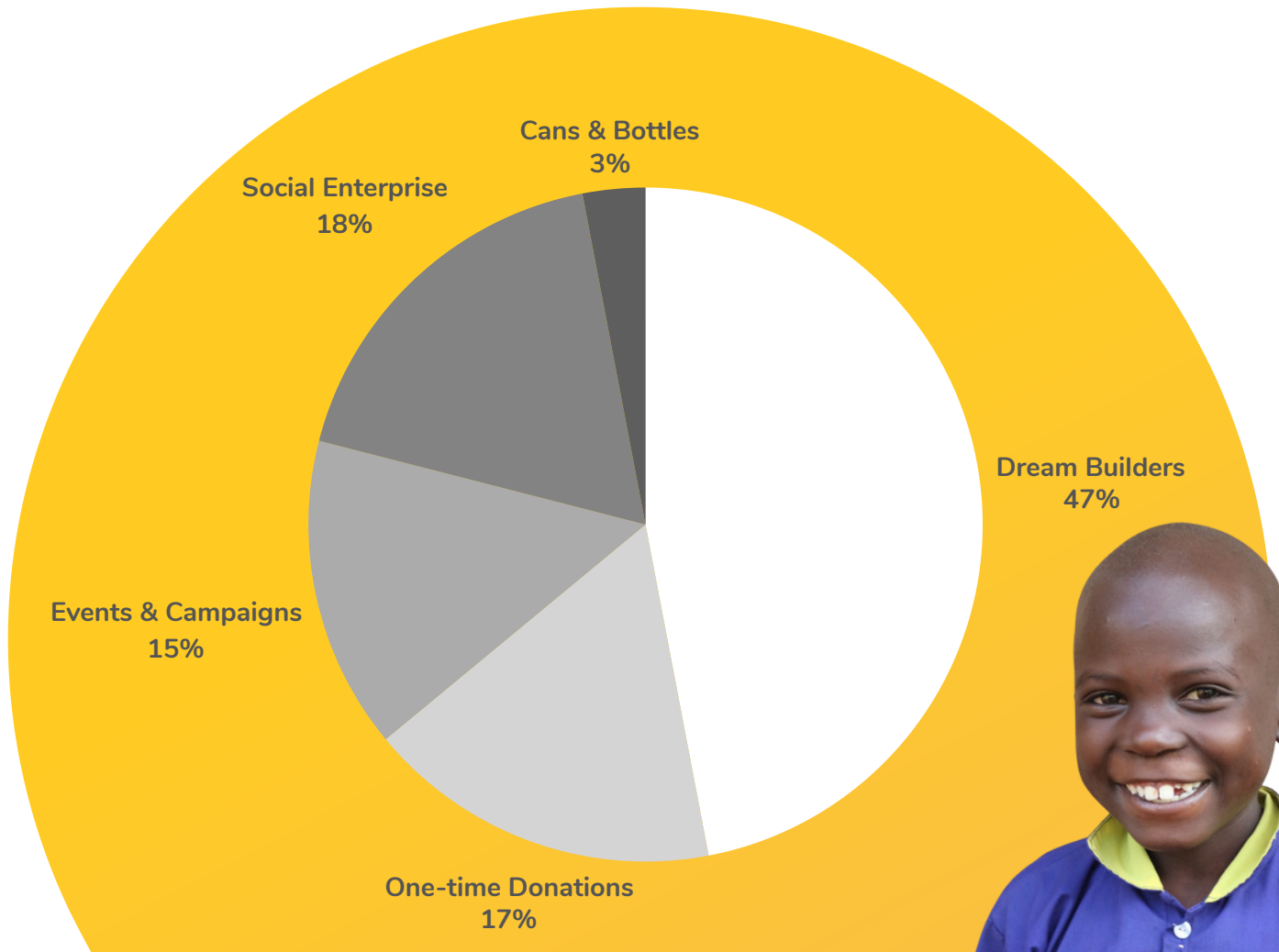
Web partners for non-profits



KGs of Donations Sea of Change



Birthday Fundraisers





Financials 2021

Expenses



Children empowered & growing



New team members! Full & Part time



Hours of Counselling



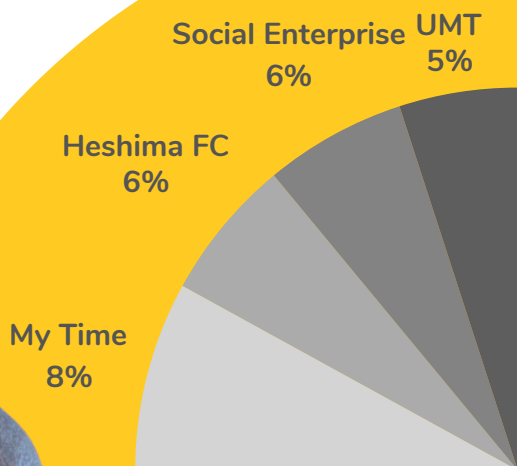
Team Meetings



Team communications



Crate shipment Canada to Kenya



Academic Scholarship/Leadership

*2021 was an atypical year due to COVID 75%



Asante Sana – Thank you!

Heshima Pep Talk:
I am not a victim - I am Victorious.
Struggle is Synonymous with Strength. Darkness will never kill our light. Trauma no longer governs our lives. How do you treat others? There are no others.

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