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SWB HUB REPORT

Uganda Edition





Since [my children] started coming to this program, I am seeing them very confident and more outspoken. SWB welcomes you no matter what condition you are in. You don't pay a shilling for your children to attend this program. All services are completely free of charge.

Babane, SWB Uganda Parent

About Soccer Without Borders



Our Mission

To use soccer as a vehicle for positive change, providing under-served youth with a toolkit to overcome obstacles to growth, inclusion, and personal success.

Our Vision

A more inclusive and equitable world where all young people have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Our Culture

Our six mantras – Leave Your Shoes at the Door, We're Glad You're Here, Know the Thingy Thingy, You Play Best When You're Smiling, Get Them to the Field, and Celebrate the Pass More than the Goal – guide us to prioritize what matters most. [Learn more!](#)



About SWB Uganda

Through daily programs for out-of-school youth participants, community activities during school holidays, and youth-led soccer leagues, Soccer Without Borders Uganda is a crucial resource to urban refugee youth in Kampala. As leaders in social inclusion and getting girls in the game, and as active participants in the East Africa Common Goal Community, SWB Uganda also works to build the capacity of partner organizations and coaches to build more equitable program spaces for youth.



What We Do

Our Sites

Based in Nsambya, Kampala, SWB Uganda operates multiple programs serving local refugee and newcomer youth, and advancing sport for development across the region. These programs operate more than 42 weeks/year, 6 days/week out of our SWB Uganda Youth Center.

The Team

- Rebecca Abio
- Catherine Akello
- Chris Akili
- Fahaby Kitimbo
- Immaculate Kabagahe
- Jeremiah Lukeka
- Jules Mayele
- Christian Musoda
- Amina Nababi
- Espoir Ramos

Our Programs

TEAM Programs: TEAM Programs create a sense of belonging among players through soccer and team-building on and off the pitch. SWB Uganda offers TEAM programs for boys and girls from the Under 7 to Under 20 age groups. Coaches are trained to lead sessions through a trauma-informed lens, and incorporate opportunities for English language development through soccer.

Education Program: Formal school in Uganda is conducted in English, a major barrier for refugee youth to gain attendance and advance at grade level. SWB Uganda's Literacy and Numeracy curriculum is aligned to the Ugandan curriculum in order to support youth to advance to grade level and potentially gain admittance to the formal public school system. Certified instructors deliver the curriculum through daily classes at the Youth Center 5 days/week more than 40 weeks/year.

Wasichana Hub: Our Wasichana Hub supports refugee girls throughout childhood and adolescence offering year-round activities including girls-only workshops on topics like menstruation hygiene management, sexual health, HIV prevention, and vocational skills.

Leagues & Tournaments: In addition to several galas (tournaments) throughout the year, SWB Uganda designed and leads the Barefoot League and Kampala Girls League.



The SWB Uganda Youth Center continues to provide crucial literacy, leadership, & language skills for more than 500 refugee youth each year. [Click here](#) for a special video tour of the Youth Center, led by SWB participants!

Language, Literacy, & Leadership: How SWB Uganda's Youth Center Sets Newcomers Up for Success

Along with soccer and community, education stands as one of three core pillars of Soccer Without Borders (SWB) programming. Serving more than 4,000 newcomer youth annually, we recognize the vital role that language plays in the pursuit of inclusion, growth, and personal success. There are few better examples of this pillar in action than the Refugee Youth Center at SWB



Uganda, a specifically-designed program providing language development opportunities for local refugee and newcomer youth. In addition to soccer, community building, and other activities, the Youth Center, based in Uganda's Capital of Kampala, offers free-of-cost access to educational activities and programs to over 500 youth each year.

Many of our participants hail from countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Burundi. In each of these countries, English is not the primary language. Upon arrival in Uganda, language becomes a significant barrier in the way of a newcomer's pursuit of success. Many newcomers cannot afford to attend formal classes at a local school, but even if they can, they often lack the English language skills necessary to make the most of their education. Because of this, they are often denied admission or held back. They are placed into classes that are 3-5 years below the level that they had reached previously in their country of origin.

The current literacy curriculum used at SWB Uganda was designed to be flexible and adaptable. This is a crucial way of ensuring that we meet youth where they are, and that every participant who walks through our Youth Center doors is provided with instruction that aligns with their current level of understanding.

Adapted from a blog article written by SWB Uganda's Jules Mayele. [Read the full article here.](#)

Advancing Gender Equity Across the Country with the Uganda Goal 5 Summit

In March 2022 – in partnership with the Premier League & British Council's Premier Skills programme and the Federation of Uganda Football Associations – SWB Uganda hosted the Uganda Goal 5 Summit, bringing together 40 female-identifying coaches representing 19 football and football-for-good organizations coaching in 10 districts and 5 refugee communities



across Uganda. The 40 coaches were specially trained in leadership methods that will work towards advancing gender equity on the pitch, on the sidelines, and in organizations. The energy and talent of the cohort will surely go a long way in creating positive change in their individual communities. We are grateful to Laureus Sport for Good for their generous support of this important program.



SWB Uganda by the Numbers

The SWB Uganda Hub delivers holistic, youth-development programming throughout the year, and are designed to 'get them to the field'. We work to eliminate obstacles that too often keep under-served youth from participating in the game they love: all of our programs are free of charge, transportation is provided, and all of the necessary equipment is supplied. Learn more about the types of programs offered at SWB Uganda on [our website](#).

Participant Numbers

(Fiscal Year 2022)



433

Participants Served Through Core Programs



2,784

Soccer Sessions & Classroom Activities



42

Teams Participated Across 3 Leagues



70+

Women Coaches From 20 Organizations Trained



48%

of Coaches Identify as Women



Gender Identity:
45% Male
55% Female



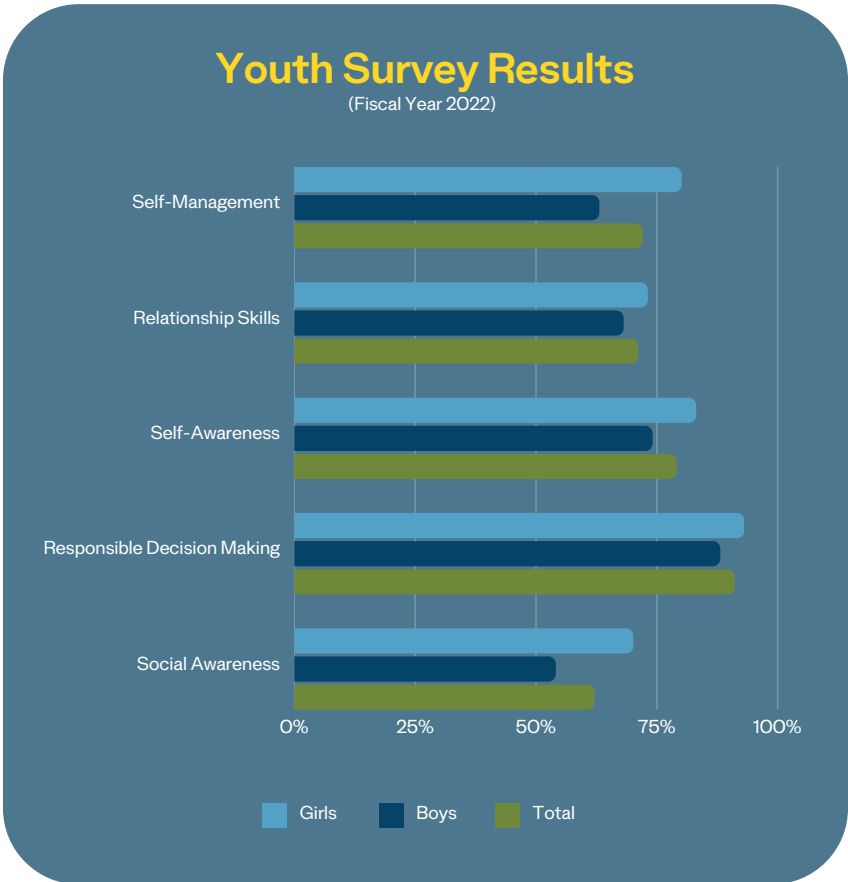
Participants by Age:
13% 0-8 years • 23% 9-11 years
25% 12-14 years • 29% 15-18 years • 10% 19+

Our Impact

Our program model combines soccer practices and games with educational support and community-building activities focused on whole person youth development. Our programs are trauma-informed and designed to create a sense of belonging, build individual agency, and provide avenues for every youth to feel valued and contribute. Learn more about [Our Methods here](#).

In Maslow's hierarchy of needs, safety and belonging are essential basic needs. This means that in order to optimize education outcomes and personal goals, we must first make sure that youth feel safe, welcomed, and experience belonging.

Sport is a powerful intervention to support healing from trauma and to build positive mental health. Not only is exercise beneficial to combating anxiety, but the relationships with peers and mentors allows youth to feel safe instead of dysregulated. In a safe and supportive environment, participants build a healthy identity and gain the social capital and skills they need to confidently take the next step in their lives.



SWB Uganda Hub Highlights



Kampala Girls League Gets Girls in the Game

With the support from [Beyond Sport](#) and [Laureus Sport for Good](#), the Kampala Girls League (KGL) has become a signature program of SWB, designed to advance gender equality on the soccer pitch.

In Uganda, women's and girls' soccer is underdeveloped and largely only accessible through university and private schools. KGL was created to provide girls at the grassroots level a platform to play, compete, have fun, promote fair play, and develop leadership skills.

This year's league brought together participants into 29 teams composed of over 500 girls from the local community.



Parent Workshops Play a Crucial Role

More than 50 parents & guardians gathered at the SWB Uganda Youth Center for a parent workshop designed to raise awareness about child safeguarding, how it is a critical element of our work, & the important role held by parents.

As an organization working with young people, safeguarding is a critical element of our work. Having these types of conversations with parents is an integral way of ensuring that they are aware of the preventative and direct actions necessary for protecting children and youth from harm, abuse, and neglect every day.



Community Library Opens in Kampala

In the summer of 2022, the SWB Uganda Community Library opened in Kampala! The space was launched with the help of 50 local parents and guardians, more than 150 youth, and with the support and collaboration of the Africa Library Project and Enjuba Uganda.

Equipped with over 1300 fiction and nonfiction books, the library is the perfect addition to SWB Uganda's Refugee Youth Literacy classes. Not only does it provide participants with an opportunity to improve their reading comprehension skills, but will surely be the catalyst for a lifelong love for reading as well!



Featured Spotlights



Jerry Lukeka Named Director of SWB Uganda

In May, Jerry Lukeka was named SWB Uganda's program director. Having held nearly every role at the hub – a player and a coach, an English teacher and a mentor, and a program coordinator and program manager – Jerry has proven himself to be a dedicated, inspirational leader who truly embodies the mission & values of SWB. [Visit our website to learn](#) more about Jerry and his journey to become SWB Uganda Director.



SWB Community Helps 'Get Them to the Field'

After suddenly & unexpectedly losing access to their home soccer pitch, the SWB community rallied together to raise funds to 'get them to the field'. Thanks to the support and generosity of members of our SWB Uganda Supporters Club, we were able to provide participants with free, daily bus access to the new soccer field. By overcoming the barrier of transportation, SWB Uganda youth are able to play the game they love while growing into their greatest potential.



Representing SWB at the Common Goal Youth Council

Jules Mayele, SWB Uganda's Program Manager, was chosen to represent East Africa in the inaugural Common Goal Youth Council. The Youth Council provides a platform and pathway for young people to assume roles of leadership in their organizations, communities and within the global Common Goal Community. In this role, Jules will have the opportunity to mentor the next generation of Young Leaders.



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Get the latest news around SWB Uganda and all SWB hubs by visiting the "[Stories from the Field](#)" page of our website!



Our Local Partners



Our Volunteers

"It's a great opportunity to meet and work with the US-based volunteers and I now have lifelong friendships with SWB Uganda Directors and coaches. The entire trip was well organized with a healthy dose of youth soccer, teaching kids, learning about Ugandan and bordering countries' cultures and foods, and working with kids who are extremely enthusiastic and happy that you are spending time with them. I am really looking forward to my next trip."

-Chris, Volunteer and 4-Time Visitor to SWB Uganda

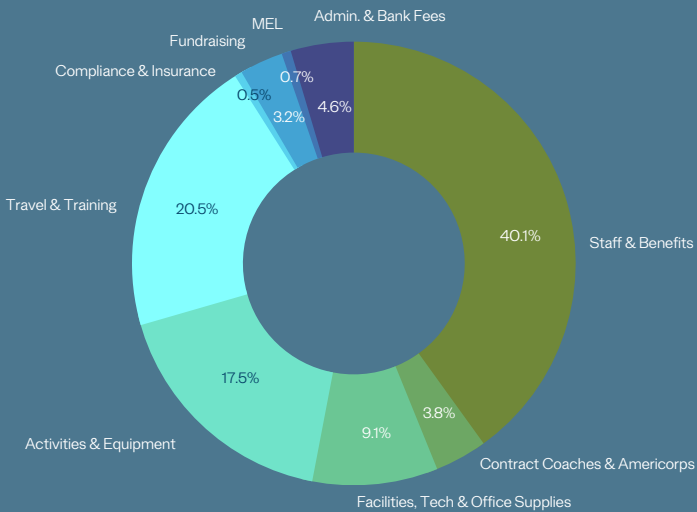


Financials

SWB Uganda has been embedded in the Kampala community since 2007, and is local Hub of SWB, EIN 20-3786129. We operate as a shared service organization with centralized administrative functions, sharing the costs of these typically higher-priced functions, optimizing collective learning, and creating an economy of scale that gets more of every dollar to the ground.

*These financials encompass Aug 1, 2021- Jul 31, 2022.
Organizational financials are independently audited by Daniel Dennis & Co.*

SWB Uganda Detail Expenses: \$151,339 (Fiscal Year 2022)



Top 5 SWB Uganda Revenue Sources

- FIFA Foundation
- Beyond Sport Foundation
- The Mamdani Family
- The Davis Family
- The Grecco Family

SWB Organization Expenses: \$3,188,847

- Direct Program: \$2,682,003 (84.1%)
- Administrative: \$346,451 (10.9%)
- Fundraising: \$160,393 (5.0%)



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