

# Annual Report

## 2020

**Rise Uganda**  
EDUCATION MATTERS



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## Our Mission, Our Values

Rise Uganda believes education is the key to the sustainable development of any country. When corruption, poverty and lack of opportunities harm a country's development, the one guaranteed key for change is education.

Education gives children a vision for their life, opportunities, network, confidence, purpose and it teaches critical thinking.

It empowers children in a unique way thanks to which they can take control of their lives while becoming the innovative leaders and vectors of change their country needs them to be.

We rigorously select NGOs in Uganda on the basis of their professionalism, dedication to children and trustworthiness.

Thanks to their expertise and deep implementation in the communities they support, we are able to directly finance Ugandan children and teenagers in need. Thanks to their expertise and deep implementation



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Rise Uganda presents itself as a support for disadvantaged families who cannot afford school fees in order to help as many children as possible benefit from an education.

We measure success through student enrolment, school attendance as well as completion of primary and secondary studies.

Photo : children in Kampala with our partner Smart Toto (Mago Hasfa)

Education is the most powerful weapon  
which you can use to change the world.

**Washington Post**

Nelson Mandela on the power of education



# Ryan Humbert, Chairman's message

## Rise Uganda is officially launched !

It all started with Derick and Lawrence, two brothers whose family could not afford their education fee. Helping them light up a spark that would only grow. The desire to bring education to a growing number of disadvantaged kids in Uganda together with months of dedication by our team and its local partners led to the creation of Rise Uganda on March 21, 2021. Rise Uganda emerged as the crystallization of our team's resolve to have an impact in favor of the less fortunate. Rise Uganda is composed by very different individualities that complete each other. Passion and hard teamwork are what unites us.

I am grateful and proud of our team who is mature enough for this long-term commitment and will make the necessary sacrifices in order to help those who need it the most in the years to come.

Uganda is a country where only 1 out of 4 children benefits from secondary education and where youth's unemployment rates are the highest of the continent. Indeed, schools are expensive and their quality often does not meet basic standards. In this context, Covid-19 and the closing of schools since March 2020 really came as an additional unnecessary curse.

Will students go back to school after having had no exposure to it for several months ? Will hesitating parents continue to make the effort to send their children to an expensive school ? What will happen to the approximately 15 million children in Uganda (1.5 billion worldwide) that were left without an education for the most crucial development period of their lives? For all these reasons, Rise Uganda had to intervene for education even if our primary objective of accompanying the school-enrolment process of vulnerable children could temporarily not be met. Starting with donations from our team and some close friends and family, we have so far been able to support school material and interventions for 50 children during 6 months thanks to one of our first local partners SmartToto. All the work was done in an emergency context and we were able to develop a solid structure and essential internal processes which will enable us to help more efficiently on long term basis. Even if we are proud of what we achieved in this emergency context, we are already looking forward to all schools reopening. Rise Uganda is ready to meet



its most fundamental goal of bringing children back into schools. For next year, our initial goal will be to guarantee long-term access to primary and secondary education for 100 children.

We will work hard in order

to extend our influence in Switzerland through the organization of networking and informative events while writing thorough grant requests in order to ensure private and public support for the education in Uganda.

Through our social media and events, we will update those who follow us on the importance of fostering education in Uganda while being a bridge for them and making it simple for anyone to help by donating in a perfectly transparent way. It will systematically be followed-up by information regarding the use of the donations.

On the eve of our annual general assembly, we are looking forward to presenting all our members what we did so far and what our goals for 2021 are. In these difficult times, our principle of resilience will be more important than ever.

However, we do know without a doubt that each effort we make in favor of vulnerable children's education will be worth it. We will work hard to make their lives meaningful and we will keep fostering education through all the means at our disposal no matter the challenges to come.

Let us work together towards the objective of enabling every single child to join his or her friends in the process of growing, nurturing dreams, developing confidence, creating friendships, and seizing life opportunities.

**No child should remain home or in the streets while watching his or her friends going to school.**

### Additional Note

Learn more about education in Uganda with our summary





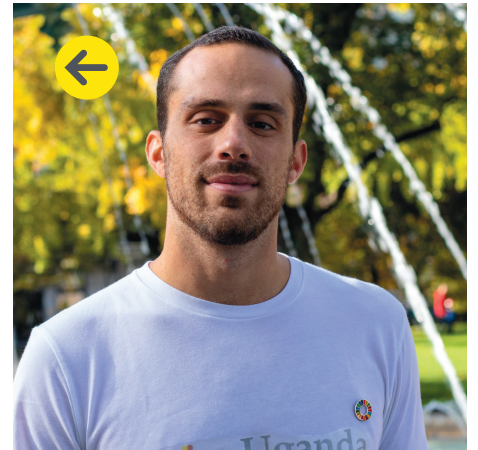


# Meet the Team

The day-to-day operations of Rise Uganda are managed by a team of 5 people, who make up the committee.

## Ryan Humbert President

Ryan was the Director of Fontes Foundation in Uganda, an NGO specialized in education and access to safe water. Before that, Ryan worked as a volunteer in several development projects in Argentina, co-founded a Swiss NGO, called IYAH, and worked as an intern at the Embassy of Switzerland in Argentina.



Meet the  
2020-2022 team

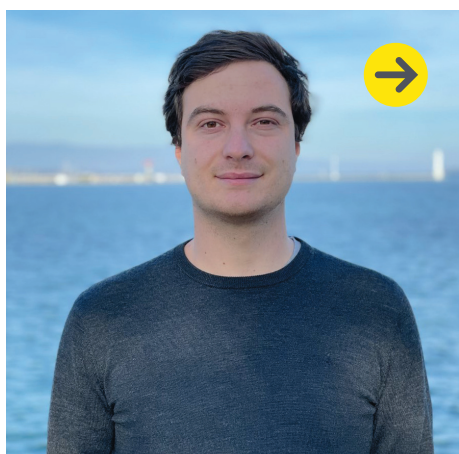


## Darius Azarpey Chief Financial Officer

Passionate about communication and public relations, Darius has gained experience in the fields of management, operations and human resources within small, medium and large structures. His training includes a Bachelor of Marketing as well as an MBA in the field of prospective and economic intelligence, both obtained at the HES-SO in Switzerland.



The committee is elected for a term of two years, from March 2020 to March 2022.



Marco Natali  
**Head of strategy and communication**

Marco joined Symbiotics SA in 2016, in the Portfolio Management unit. Symbiotics is an asset management firm specialized in microfinance active in more than 80 different emerging countries, including Uganda. Thanks to his experience and his stay in Uganda, Marco is convinced that Rise Uganda can be an essential driver of change for disadvantaged children.

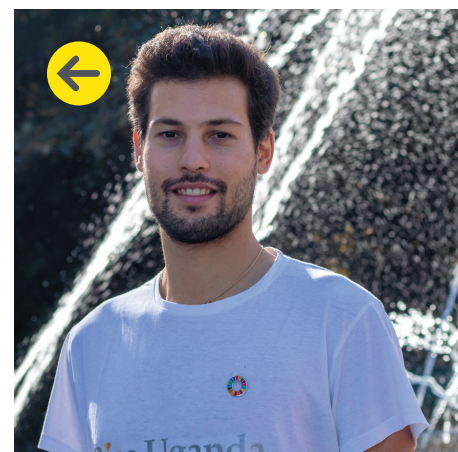
Marie-Hélène Jeandin  
**General Secretary**

Student of law at the University of Geneva and Zurich. She is currently a collaborator at Fontanet & Associates. Her activity requires expertise in many areas, but she is particularly oriented towards criminal rights and humanitarian law.



Aurélien Ghose  
**Fundraising specialist**

During his studies at HEC Lausanne Aurélien worked in fundraising through several associations and startups. After his stay in India, he felt the need to contribute more significantly on the human level and decided to study law with the aim of becoming a lawyer who fights for the cause of vulnerable people.





# Our principles

Rise Uganda contributes through education for a country where dignity is guaranteed for all, thanks to education, lever of human development.

We base our actions on 7 principles and strong values :



Rise Uganda's Action Plan fits into the international framework defined by the Sustainable Development Goals through its integrated approach to promote education and protection of children and young people with a view to sustainability and inclusive development, as well in Switzerland and internationally.



## Transparency

Donations go directly and exclusively towards a specific cause.



## Feedback

We never take donations for granted. We maintain continuous communication with our donors.



## Resilience

Realities are constantly on the move. We only care about our impact and we aim to adapt to changing circumstances.



## Independence

Our only drive is children's needs. We are neither affiliated politically, nor religiously or in any other way with any institution or government.



## Sustainability

We ensure that our impact is long-term and that the aid provided to children is sustainable.



## Staff protection

We fight against all forms of discrimination in our teams, among others on the basis of gender or ethnicity.



# Our partnerships

## Phonelook, Raisenow, municipality of Meinier, personalities : Rise Uganda's family's growing !

In 2020, Rise Uganda also developed an important partnership with Phonelook. Indeed, in September this year the biggest reseller of smartphone accessories in Switzerland launched a temporary campaign in order to gather funds for our cause.



By buying a phone case displaying one of our pictures of Uganda's most iconic wildlife, you could finance our education projects. More than 480 CHF were gathered so far thanks to the generosity of our partner Phonelook.





More than... 50

Children who had access to education despite the closure of schools



1'200

Amount donated during this first year of activity (CHF)



42

Committee meetings since the constitution of the association

50+

More than 50 children spotted by Rise Uganda are still waiting for help in 2020



**Whereas schools in Uganda have reopened for some degrees, the rest of them will quickly follow at the beginning of 2021. Rise Uganda is mobilizing its forces and the association is already ready to help. Finding local partners remains a priority for the organization in order to expand its data on children in need of funding. On the Swiss side, the mobilization must continue. Businesses and municipalities, alongside households, have a real role to play in favor of education.**

The municipality of Meinier is the first institutional partner of Rise Uganda.

The organization is grateful for this precious help which will enable us to help dozens of children. This help is also a guarantee of the quality and commitment of the members of Rise Uganda. The whole team would like to

In 2020, the association could also count on the support of a Swiss personality. Celine van Till is a Swiss para-dressage and running athlete as well as a speaker.

She conveys the message of motivation and inspiration on a daily basis and raises awareness on social issues. She is therefore fully in line with the vision of Rise Uganda. She entered the association this year as an honorary member and we are very proud to be able to move forward with her from here after.





# Performance Summary 2020



Date		Catégorie		Libellé	
Année	Mois	Code	Description	Montant	Montant
<b>RECETTES</b>					
3000			Colisations		
3210			Donations		
3211			Donations Schoolkits		
3212			Donations Blackboards		
3213			Subventions		
6950			Produits financiers		
<b>TOTAL RECETTES</b>					
4000			DÉPENSES		
6241			Achat matériel scolaire		
6510			Frais de transport sur achats		
6600			Téléphone, fax, internet		
6800			Publicité		
6901			Charges financières		
6902			Services financiers PayPal		
			Services financiers Twint		
<b>TOTAL DÉPENSES</b>					
<b>RÉSULTAT D'OPÉRATION</b>					
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# Financial summary

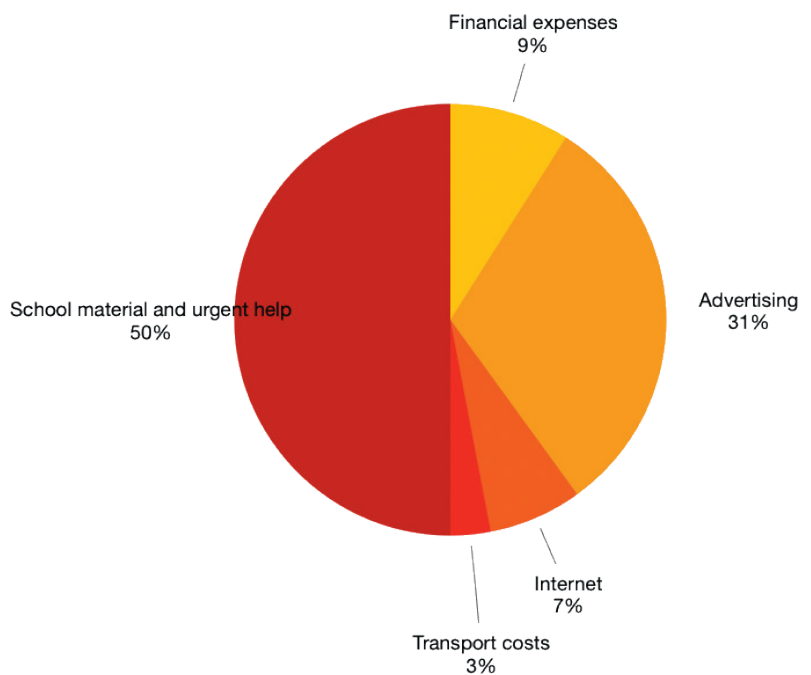
The year 2020 was marked with the launch of the association. From a financial standpoint, the launch was followed by internet costs (particularly for setting up the website) and advertising costs.

From the second semester, Rise Uganda was able to finance the enrollment of children in school. This first aid was made possible thanks to the financial contributions of the members of the committee and the contributions of our generous donors.

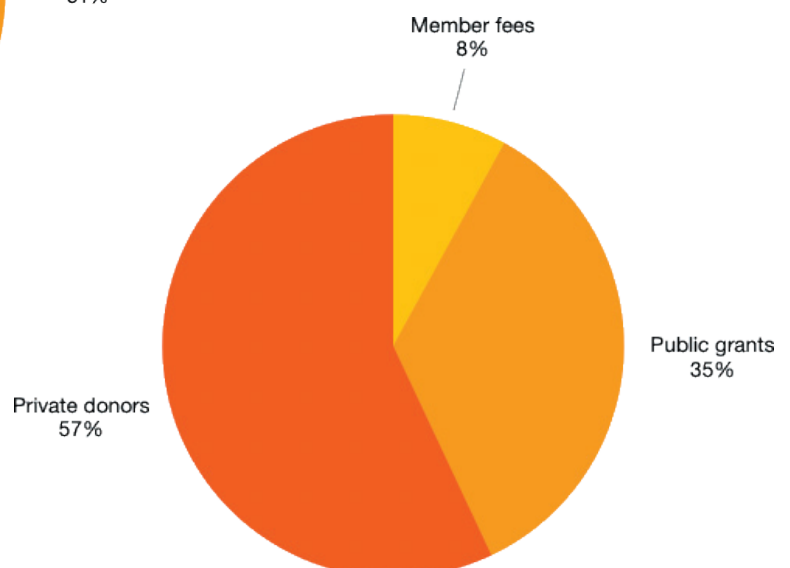
The figures presented are in Swiss francs.

The result for the year 2020 is an operating profit of 4'059CHF for 1'500CHF budgeted.

## Expenses



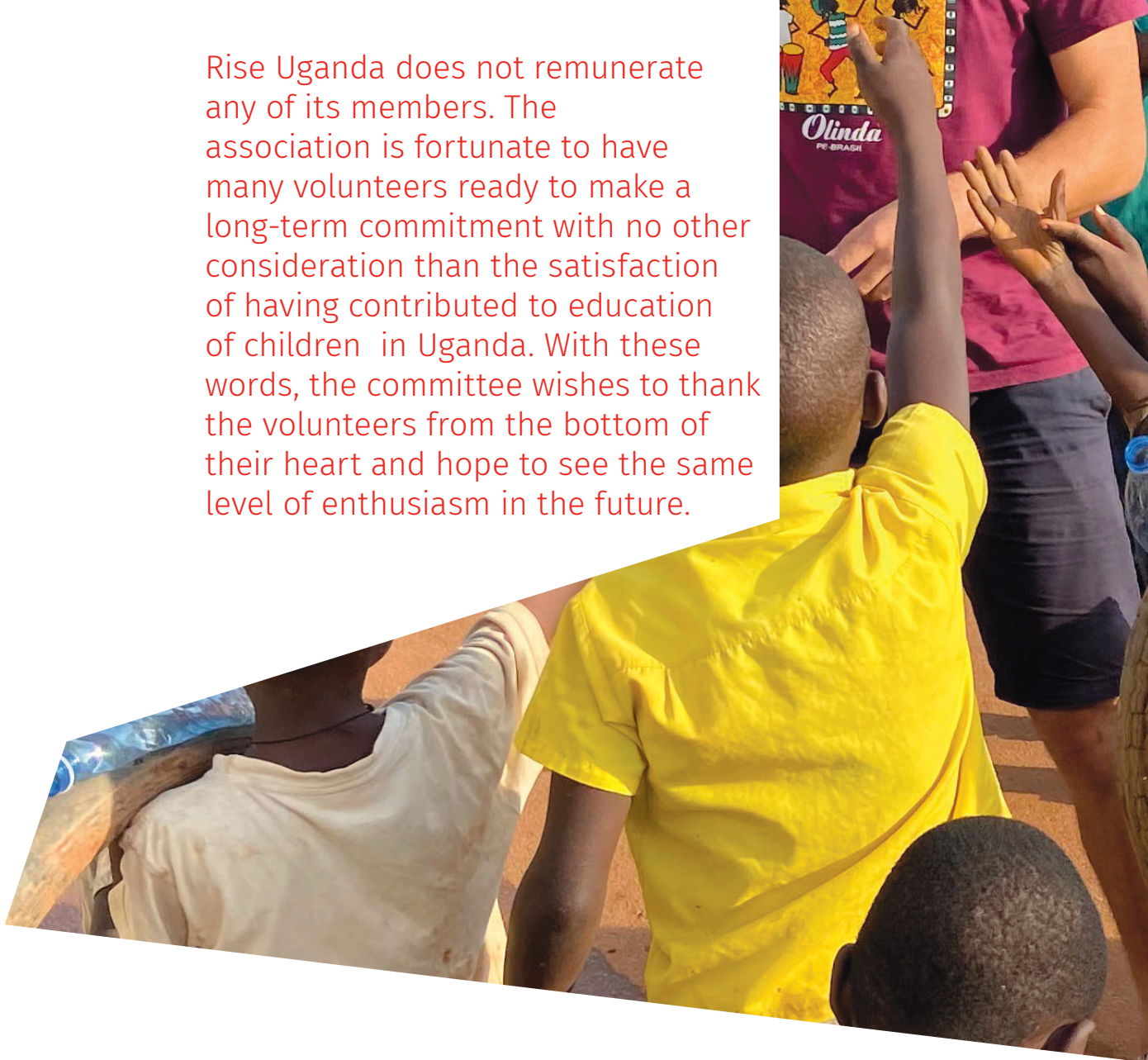
## Income







Rise Uganda does not remunerate any of its members. The association is fortunate to have many volunteers ready to make a long-term commitment with no other consideration than the satisfaction of having contributed to education of children in Uganda. With these words, the committee wishes to thank the volunteers from the bottom of their heart and hope to see the same level of enthusiasm in the future.









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