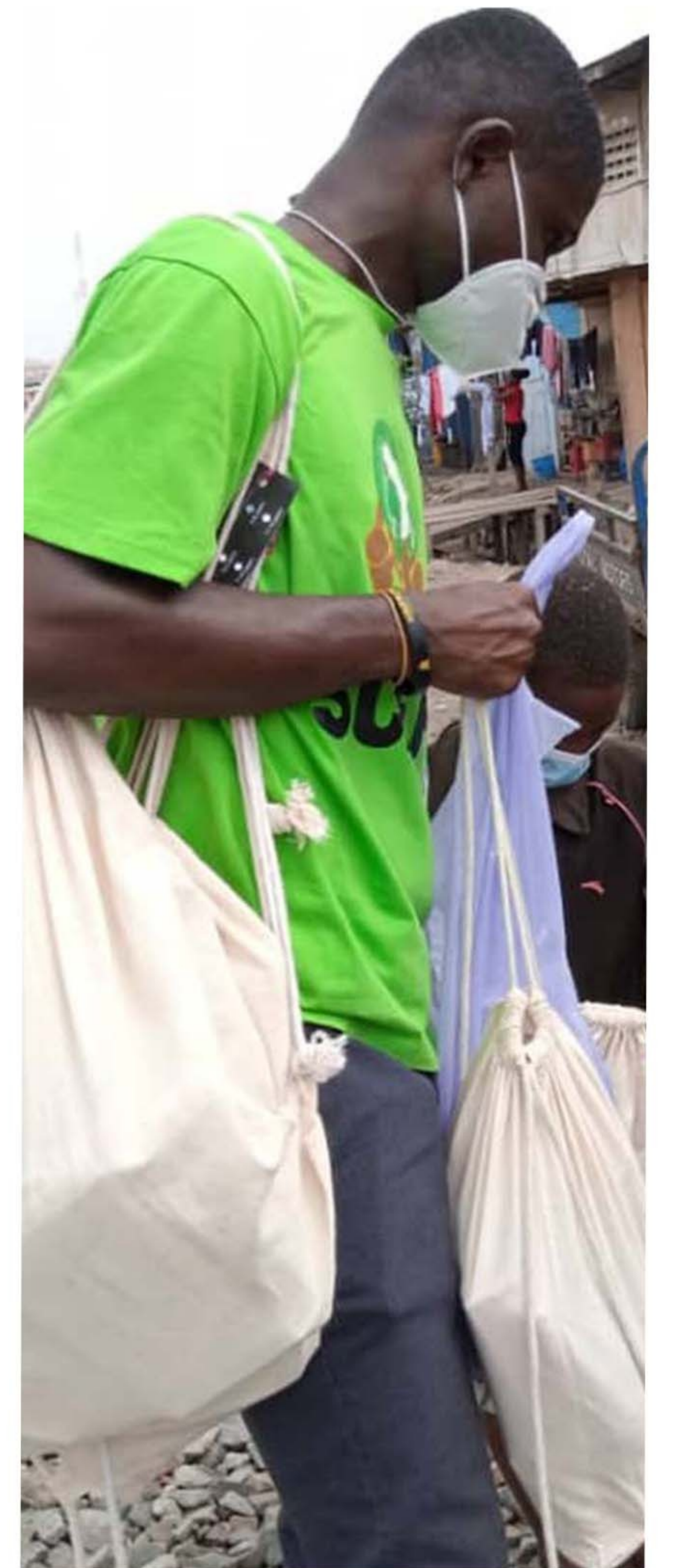
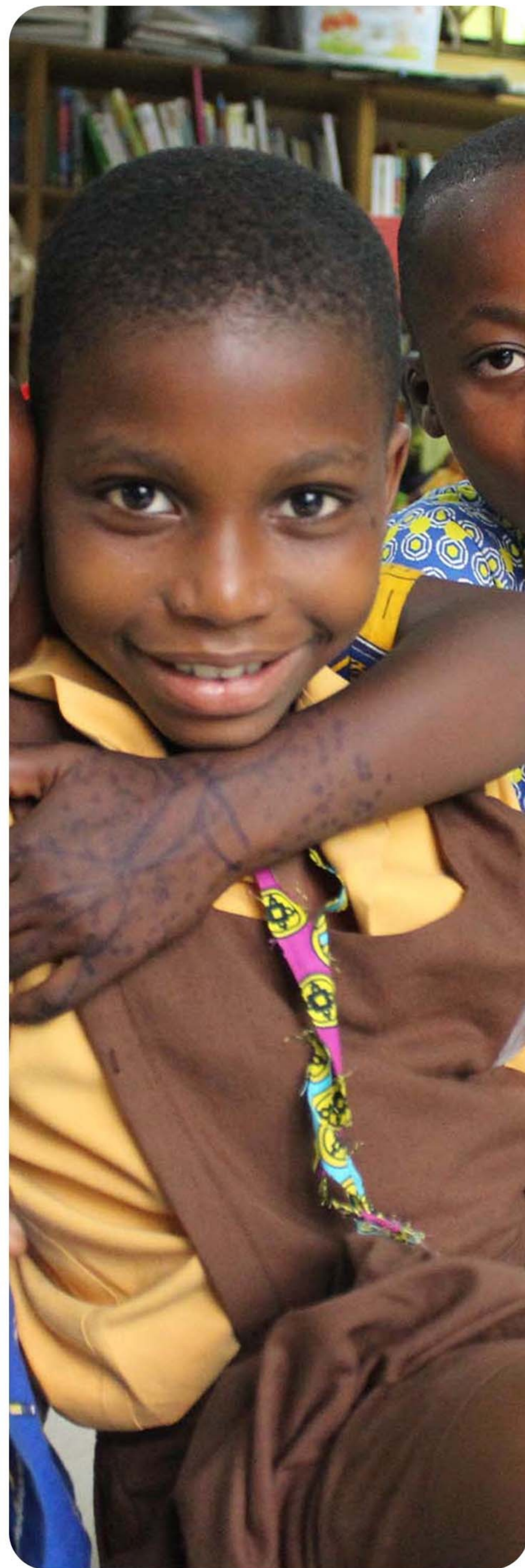




**Empowering Lives,
Transforming Futures**

SCEF ANNUAL REPORT
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Introduction

The Street Children Empowerment Foundation (SCEF) proudly presents its annual report for the period of June 2021 to June 2022. As an organisation dedicated to transforming the lives of street-connected children in Ghana, SCEF's mission is to provide them with the care, education, and opportunities they deserve. This report serves as a comprehensive account of our efforts, achievements, and the remarkable journey we've embarked upon to create a brighter future for these young souls.

In a world where every child deserves love, care, and a chance to thrive, SCEF has been working tirelessly to bring hope to the lives of those often marginalized and forgotten. Our commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of street-connected children is reflected in every program, initiative, and partnership we undertake.

Our Vision & Mission

At SCEF, we are driven by a mission to empower street-connected children through holistic support, education, and skill-building.

Our aim is to break the cycle of poverty and exploitation by nurturing their potential, fostering their talents, and guiding them towards a path of dignity and self-sufficiency.



In alignment with our Safeguard, Advocate, Partner and Empower **SAPE Agenda 2020-2025** strategic plan, SCEF has made significant strides towards promoting children's rights and safeguarding their well-being on the streets through partnerships. Our efforts have been focused on empowering families and communities to combat streetism, advocating for increased protection of children's rights, partnering with organizations to broaden our reach and deepen our impact, and empowering women through various initiatives.

Our Vision is to strive for a future for all children, regardless of their differences, to have equal opportunities to reach their fullest potential by 2030.

Our Mission is to achieve sustainable improvements in the lives of street and vulnerable children in Greater Accra and any other areas in which we operate. Our work is done closely with children, their families, their schools, and their communities through advocacy, educational support, complimentary education services, grass-roots enterprises, and local self-led, self-capitalized microfinance.



Addressing a crucial need

The issue of street-connected children in Ghana is a pressing concern that demands attention and action. These children often face circumstances beyond their control, leading them to live in vulnerable conditions on the streets. SCEF recognizes the urgency of addressing this issue and is committed to creating lasting change by offering a haven, education, and the chance to dream beyond their current circumstances.



Our Work

In this report, you'll discover the myriad ways SCEF has extended a helping hand to street-connected children over the past year. Through our diverse programs, encompassing shelter, education, vocational training, and healthcare, we have strived to provide a holistic and nurturing environment where children can flourish. From providing a roof over their heads to equipping them with skills that empower their futures, SCEF's work is a testament to the transformative power of compassion and dedication.



Paul Semeh
Executive Director
and Secretary of
Board of Directors


A Message of Hope

As you delve into the following pages, you'll witness the stories of resilience, courage, and triumph that have emerged from the partnership between SCEF and these remarkable young souls. Their journeys inspire us to continue our unwavering commitment to uplifting their lives and, in turn, the communities they touch.

With deep gratitude, we extend our appreciation to our dedicated team, invaluable partners, generous donors, and tireless volunteers. It is your collective support that propels SCEF forward and fuels our determination to create a more just and compassionate world for all children.

As we reflect on the achievements of the past year and look forward to the future, we invite you to join us on this transformative journey, where every life touched becomes a beacon of hope. Together, we can rewrite the stories of street-connected children and pave the way for a brighter tomorrow.

Thank you for being a part of SCEF's mission.


Paul Semeh
Executive Director



106 Total scholarship recipients
26 Primary Students
28 Junior High students
12 Senior High students
18 Newly rescued children
17 Out of school children
5 Dropouts

Children in Hazardous Work (CHaW) Program

Our Children in Hazardous Work (CHaW) program continued its vital role in rescuing and rehabilitating street children engaged in hazardous occupations.

Through tailored interventions, counseling, and skill development, this program successfully reintegrated 17 children back into safer environments, restoring their childhoods and paving the way for a brighter future.

The CHaW program stands as a beacon of hope, nurturing resilience, and potential among these young souls. With your invaluable support, we illuminate a brighter and safer path towards their aspirations.



SCEF partnered MakersPlace for STEAM training at the Learning Hub.

15 children and 8 volunteers actively participated in the training

Robotics and creative arts IA fundamentals

Foster children's interest in science and technology while stressing the importance of modern technological skills

The Makers Place STEAM Training team guided the reassembly of MBlock robots, emphasizing programming and coding's importance.

The Learning Hub

STEAM training, led by Makers Place in partnership with SCEF on December 23, 2021, aimed to teach robotics and creative arts IA fundamentals. The event took place at 11:30 am at SCEF's Learning Hub, James Town. The goal was to foster children's interest in science and technology while stressing the importance of modern technological skills. Approximately 15 children and 8 volunteers actively participated in the training, contributing to its success.

A member of the STEAM training team assessed participants' knowledge, particularly in robotics. The session focused on a range of topics from defining robots to understanding their functions and identifying objects with robotic capabilities.

Participants were trained on the three pivotal aspects of robotics: sensor-based environmental perception, decision-making, and action execution.

Children were tasked with disassembling pre-assembled MBlock robots, successfully achieving this with support from the STEAM training team. Mr. Baffour, the facilitator, emphasized technology's significance, highlighting its reliability across sectors like agriculture and healthcare.

The Makers Place STEAM Training team guided the reassembly of MBlock robots, emphasizing programming and coding's importance. This stage underscored robots' reliance on specific commands for designated tasks. The facilitator encouraged children to explore programming's potential productivity and profitability.



Our vision for the Smile Boarding House, involves infusing essential social work and care elements into its structure. These encompass physical, psychological, physiological, and mental well-being, along with cultural norms and behaviors.

Introducing the Smile Boarding House:

From June 2021 to July 2022, SCEF celebrated a significant achievement: the successful launch and operation of the Smile Boarding House. This establishment stands as a beacon of hope and transformation, offering shelter, education, and a nurturing haven for street children. The Smile Boarding House's inauguration marked a pivotal chapter in SCEF's unwavering dedication to providing holistic care for these vulnerable children.

Our vision for the Smile Boarding House, involves infusing essential social work and care elements into its structure. These encompass physical, psychological, physiological, and mental well-being, along with cultural norms and behaviors. A robust healthcare framework is integral to every child's care plan, ensuring their overall development. With these cornerstones in place, we're committed to cultivating an environment where growth is nurtured, and greatness is attainable. Our aim is to provide a secure space for students to learn freely, harness their inborn potential, and prepare for a dynamic world.

The Smile Boarding House isn't just a static institution; it's a dynamic hub that embraces change, including technological advancements, to enhance the student experience. It's about fostering independent thinking, intellectual growth, and physical development. Our approach seeks to tap into each student's inherent talents while equipping them with essential leadership skills. Ultimately, we aspire to nurture responsible, capable global citizens who contribute positively to society. Within the Smile Boarding House, skilled social workers play a crucial role in aiding children's learning, growth, and development. They empower children to understand their inherent worth, talents, and capabilities. Moreover, our collaboration extends to parents, as we work closely with them to provide guidance on utilizing available resources effectively. This includes imparting parenting skills, and ways to support and guide their children within the home environment.

With a student population of 38, the Smile Boarding House project has reached a significant milestone. This success is owed to the collaborative efforts of SCEF, Send A Smile, and Go for Ghana.



Women Entrepreneurship Day Organization (WEDO), significant fundraising efforts underscored the strength of collaborative initiatives in achieving sustainable impact.

Grassroots Entrepreneurs Empowerment Program (GEEP):

The Grassroots Entrepreneurs Empowerment Program (GEEP) embarked on a transformative path, marked by innovation and growth. Originally centered around soap making and led by the expertise of Green butterfly, the program evolved its focus to encompass the production of Shea and Cocoa products. An inspiring dimension was added through the involvement of the Women Entrepreneurship Day Organization (WEDO), whose significant fundraising efforts underscored the strength of collaborative initiatives in achieving sustainable impact.

Urban Savings and Loan Association:

Within the Urban Savings and Loan Association, a community-driven endeavor, membership currently stands at an impressive 70 individuals. This association boasts three vibrant active groups:

- Group 1: Comprising 30 women and 3 men.
- Group 2: Consisting of 30 women.
- Group 3: Comprising 5 women and 2 men.

At the core of this initiative lies the aspiration to cultivate self-reliance and prosperity. The GEEP program envisions supporting grassroots entrepreneurs by offering them avenues for economic growth and self-sustainability. By fostering collaboration, innovation, and financial inclusion, we aim to create a brighter, more empowered future for all.

Strengthening the partnership with PPAG, SCEF received an invitation to engage in a stakeholder workshop on Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights (SHRS) at the Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana (PPAG)



Yes to Adolescent Sexual Health (YASH)

On 11th February 2022, SCEF teamed up with the Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana (PPAG) to conduct a workshop focused on beneficiaries aged 18 and above within the Children in Hazardous Work (CHaW) program.

This session aimed to provide young individuals with insights into sexual reproductive rights and the potential hazards linked to unsafe abortion. The workshop covered a range of topics including Sexual Reproductive Health Rights, adolescence, menstrual cycle, hygiene, fertilization, pregnancy, and prevention. Attending were 17 participants (9 girls and 6 boys) from the CHaW plus 18 initiatives.

To strengthen the partnership with PPAG, SCEF received an invitation to engage in a stakeholder workshop on Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights (SHRS) at the Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana (PPAG). The main agenda was to discuss strategies for enhancing comprehensive sexual health education among both youth and adults. The workshop highlighted advocacy efforts and the role of the Ghana Education Service in distributing appropriate educational materials in schools and clubs to raise awareness.

This approach aimed to address the increasing school-based pregnancy rates, misuse of over-the-counter drugs for abortion, and the need to tackle suicidal tendencies.

Furthermore, participants were informed about diverse family planning methods for both genders and educated about the implications and risks of excessive emergency pill usage.

SCEF's YASH initiative, in collaboration with Shepherd Wives and Nurses from Accra Psychiatrist Hospital, held a constructive 2-hour event on May 27th, 2022. The workshop targeted teenage girls, boys, young mothers, and mothers, focusing on raising awareness about menstrual hygiene's crucial role in physical and mental well-being. The program emphasizes understanding menstrual cycles, effective management, and access to hygiene facilities. The workshop had in attendance 35 girls and 6 boys; the initiative educates them about Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR). The program reveals a lack of sexual rights understanding among participants, highlighting the need for awareness. Plans involve including more young boys to broaden impact.



Advocacy

SCEF participated in the welfare of children and youth association workshop held from 21st to 27th March 2022 at the National Association of Teachers Conference Hall. This participation occurred as part of the ongoing PASAP Phase II project – the Pan African State Accountability Project.

PASAP is a collaborative Pan-African initiative aimed at empowering civil societies in Africa to hold their governments accountable for upholding children's rights. The project is coordinated by Plan International's African Union Liaison and Pan Africa Program Office, with support from the regional offices of East and Southern Africa (RESA) and West and Central Africa (WACA).

The workshop's objective encompassed several key aspects:

1. Enhancing the capacity of children and youth through a child-friendly approach for advocating child rights.
2. Gathering evidence and sharing on-the-ground situations with stakeholders and duty bearers, fostering commitment.
3. Crafting a child-friendly guide for effectively monitoring and promoting the implementation of child rights across four countries.

A core focus of the workshop was the analysis of findings from field consultations, particularly concerning child rights realization in Ghana. The reinforcement of children's and youth's abilities to hold state parties accountable for safeguarding their rights was also emphasized. Mr. James guided discussions on understanding advocacy and monitoring child rights. Groups were tasked with identifying urgent child rights situations warranting prompt attention from duty bearers. The day's agenda delved into the practicalities of both short-term and long-term advocacy.

Notable strategies discussed included:

1. Utilizing research and data as supportive elements.
2. Creating an emotional connection to humanize the cause.
3. Employing evidence-based advocacy to establish concrete examples.
4. Operating with a unified vision and mission as a cohesive group.
5. Convincing rather than challenging during advocacy interactions.

Additionally, a comprehensive guide for field visits was introduced, addressing aspects such as the purpose of fieldwork, effective communication strategies, target audience considerations, and timing considerations. The ensuing sessions focused on formulating action plans tailored to specific issues within the local community. Teams worked to identify challenges impacting children within the community and began formulating strategies to address these issues.

This marked the beginning of an intensive workshop that aimed to equip participants with effective advocacy skills and strategies, while simultaneously fostering a collaborative environment for generating meaningful solutions to child rights challenges.

Impact & Achievement



Positive impact on 5,000 students and learners.

SCEF was granted £23,000 and received 10,906 brand new books

Distributed essential resources to schools, including 125 chairs, 25 tables, 10 shelves, and 20 movable containers.

Comprehensive 3-day library management training to equipped key stakeholders

Education Enrichment

Book Aid International, the UK book donation and library support charity, envisions a world where everyone has access to books that can enrich, enhance, and transform their lives. They supply new books to libraries and implement library support initiatives.

Through our partnership with Book Aid International, we've ignited a passion for reading among public schools via the Reading Is Basic (RIB I) project. Collaborating with 12 schools and 3 community-based organizations, we've turned them into knowledge hubs adorned with brand new books. This initiative goes beyond literacy; it fosters a love for learning and empowers children to aspire beyond their circumstances.

The project's main goals include enhancing the quality of education, particularly in public schools in Accra Metropolis and Ga-South, establishing school libraries to promote supplementary learning, instilling a reading habit in students, and empowering library users to actively engage in school learning programs.

We also aim to share best practices in reading promotion with the Ghana Education Service.

To ensure the success of this endeavour, we engaged stakeholders, including Headteachers, Ghana Education Service Monitoring & Supervision Officers, School Management Committee members, Executive members, and Teachers. They were invited to provide their input and outline project objectives and outcomes.

A comprehensive 3-day library management training equipped these key stakeholders with the necessary skills to effectively operate and manage the libraries, while also promoting the right to education.

For this project, SCEF was granted £23,000 and received 10,906 brand new books, enabling us to establish libraries in 15 beneficiary schools.

In addition, we distributed essential resources to these schools, including 125 chairs, 25 tables, 10 shelves, and 20 movable containers. These resources have had a positive impact on



CHaW Success Story:

The Children in Hazardous Work (CHaW) program has delivered remarkable outcomes, rescuing and rehabilitating children from hazardous occupations. Through a holistic approach that combines counseling, skill development, and family reintegration, we've witnessed children transition from dangerous environments to safe spaces where their dreams can flourish. These success stories stand as a testament to the power of intervention and empowerment.

Peter's rescue took place in mid-May of 2022. A concerned neighbor reported Peter's case and struggles after witnessing his health challenges and the difficulties faced by his ailing grandmother, who couldn't afford his medical treatment and health insurance. SCEF stepped in, raising funds to cover his treatment and insurance costs. Our dedicated social workers initiated his recovery journey by accompanying Peter to his hospital appointments and gathering information from the doctors regarding his diagnosis.

According to the medical assessment, Peter was suffering from chronic constipation, which required several tests and subsequent surgical procedures. Thankfully, the surgeries were successful, but he had to spend a few months recovering at home.

Once Peter was back on his feet, SCEF enrolled him in the CHAW program and initiated the rehabilitation phase.

Over the course of three months, Peter visited the SCEF Learning Hub daily and made significant progress. Since Peter had never attended school before, he lacked basic skills such as reading, writing, speaking English, and performing basic mathematics. SCEF's dedicated social workers taught him to identify letters, their sounds, and basic arithmetic, with Peter demonstrating remarkable aptitude and learning quickly. Upon completing his three-month rehabilitation program and showcasing remarkable improvement, SCEF made the decision to reintegrate Peter into Adedeinkpo Primary School, starting in Basic One (1) after he successfully passed the entrance exam. We provided him with a school uniform, a school bag, and additional educational support.

Peter's family also played a crucial role in his journey to recovery, receiving counseling through SCEF's Department of Youth and Empowerment Center. His father managed to cover his son's food and school fees. Peter's heart was filled with joy as he embarked on his first day of school on September 20th. His excitement was palpable. Currently, he is in class two and has successfully adjusted to the life of a student. He continues to visit the SCEF Center regularly after school, enjoying his free time by playing, spending time with friends, and participating in events at the Learning Hub. We closely monitor his progress and extend our support whenever necessary. Peter's journey is a source of immense pride for all of us.



CHaW Success Story:

Gifty Djanenaa, a 12-year-old girl hailing from the Northern region, was rescued in early June of the preceding year. She had been residing in Tamale, where she assisted her mother in managing their household. However, the family later relocated to the southern part of Ghana in pursuit of better opportunities. Upon their arrival, Gifty found herself working as an assistant janitor at a public restroom. Additionally, she took on the role of caring for her younger sister while her mother worked tirelessly to make ends meet.

Our social service team intervened, rescuing Gifty from these challenging circumstances and enrolling her in the CHaW program to begin her journey of rehabilitation. Over the course of three months, Gifty diligently attended the SCEF Learning Hub daily and made significant strides in her development. Having never had the opportunity to attend school previously, Gifty lacked fundamental skills such as reading, writing, speaking English, and performing basic mathematics. However, SCEF's dedicated social workers undertook the task of teaching her letter recognition, phonics, as well as basic addition and subtraction. Gifty displayed remarkable aptitude and quickly acquired these skills.

Impressed by her excellent progress, SCEF made the decision to place Gifty in Basic 1, and she gained admission to Adedeinkpo Primary School. To support her education, SCEF provided her with a school uniform, a school bag, and additional educational resources. Gifty's parents were able to cover her meal and tuition fees. Both her mother and father secured new jobs as cleaners at a local laundry facility, enabling them to better support their children.

Gifty embarked on her first day of school on September 20th, filled with excitement. She has been adapting well to the student life and continues to visit the SCEF Center every day after school. In her free time, she enjoys playing, spending time with friends, and participating in activities at the Learning Hub. We take immense pride in Gifty's accomplishments and remain committed to supporting her educational journey.



Partnerships for Accelerated Growth:

Our collaboration with the Global Fund for Children (GFC) signifies a major milestone for SCEF, ushering in a new era. The "Strengthening SCEF's Foundation for Accelerated Growth and Sustainability (S-FAGS)" project holds the promise of expanding our impact. This partnership validates our track record and enables us to expand our efforts, ensuring long-term sustainability and creating lasting change for street children.

Reflecting on our achievements and stories of transformation, we recognize the unwavering dedication of our staff, volunteers, partners, and donors. Each success is a testament to their commitment, and every life we touch is a triumph, contributing to a brighter, more equitable future. The following sections provide a deeper dive into SCEF's impact, illustrating the collective difference we've made in the lives of street children.

SCEF has joined GFC's Partnership to Educate All Kids (PEAK) initiative, securing a generous \$30,000 grant for two years, exclusively dedicated to supporting the S-FAGS project.

S-FAGS empowers SCEF's human resources with essential tools and skills to advance well-being, expedite organizational growth, and uphold human rights and child rights. This initiative aligns with SCEF's Safeguard, Advocate, Partner, and Empower (SAPE) Agenda 2030, influenced by GFC.

The \$30,000 grant has been instrumental in achieving S-FAGS' goals, including team development, strategic meetings, skills sharing, and capacity reinforcement. To kickstart these efforts, SCEF organized a retreat in the project's inaugural year.

The project also focuses on enhancing transparency and positioning SCEF for diverse grant opportunities through the adoption of the International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) and rigorous financial reporting and auditing practices.

GFC's support goes beyond finances, addressing staff pension concerns, establishing an emergency fund, and enhancing operational capabilities through logistics procurement, including a wireless microphone, refurbished Lenovo laptops for staff, and CCTV cameras for beneficiary safety.

In summary, the GFC-supported SCEF S-FAGS project significantly empowers street children, providing access to vital services like education and healthcare. This initiative aligns with SCEF's SAPE Agenda 2030, showcasing the effectiveness of community-based organizations with the support of international NGOs.

This partnership serves as a pioneering example for future collaborations, emphasizing the importance of global-local cooperation, especially in a post-COVID-19 world.

Financial Results

Our financial report spans June 2021-June 2022. The Board shifted our fiscal year's start to July for strategic planning. Despite post-Covid challenges, we secured record revenues, a testament to the invaluable support from local and global partners. Our gratitude is profound.

Financial Results, 2022

Despite achieving our highest revenue in 2022, some areas however witnessed contractions. Contributions from corporations and religious institutions decreased by 65% to GHC 6,000. Revenue from fundraising events and products experienced a 79% decline, reaching GHS 15,589. Moreover, individual donations reduced by 49%, amounting to GHS 111,172.

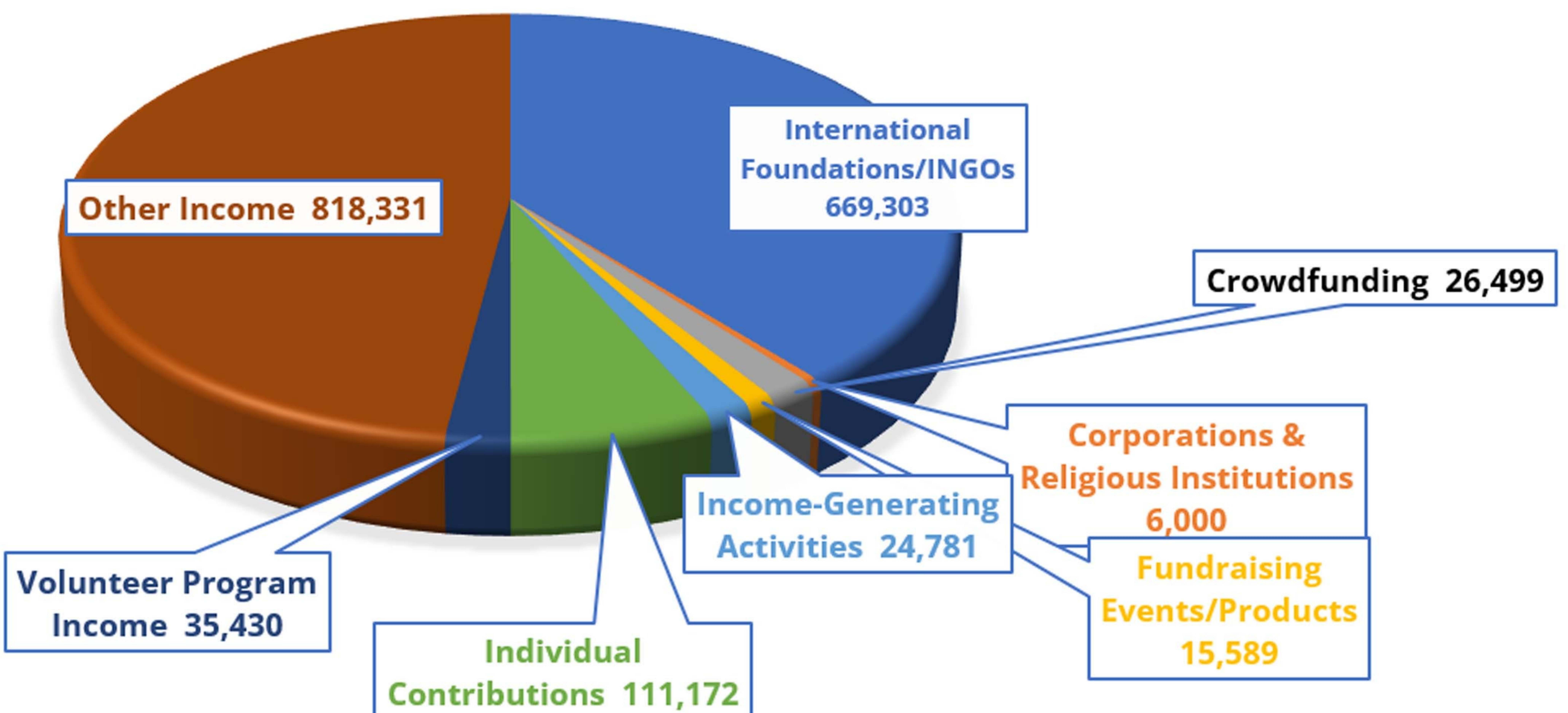
Conversely, other segments showcased substantial growth. Donations in kind represented 53% of our total revenue, with the balance from cash inflows. Notably, cash contributions from international foundations and INGOs grew by an impressive 85%, summing up to GHS 669,302. In-kind donations which form part of Other Income also rose significantly, marking a 71% increment from 2021, totaling GHS 91,512.

Key contributors to our financial portfolio included **Book Aid International**, **Send a Smile e.V.**, various individuals and a range of corporations, groups, and organizations as well as crowdfunding sources, all of which played significant roles in our financial performance and positioning

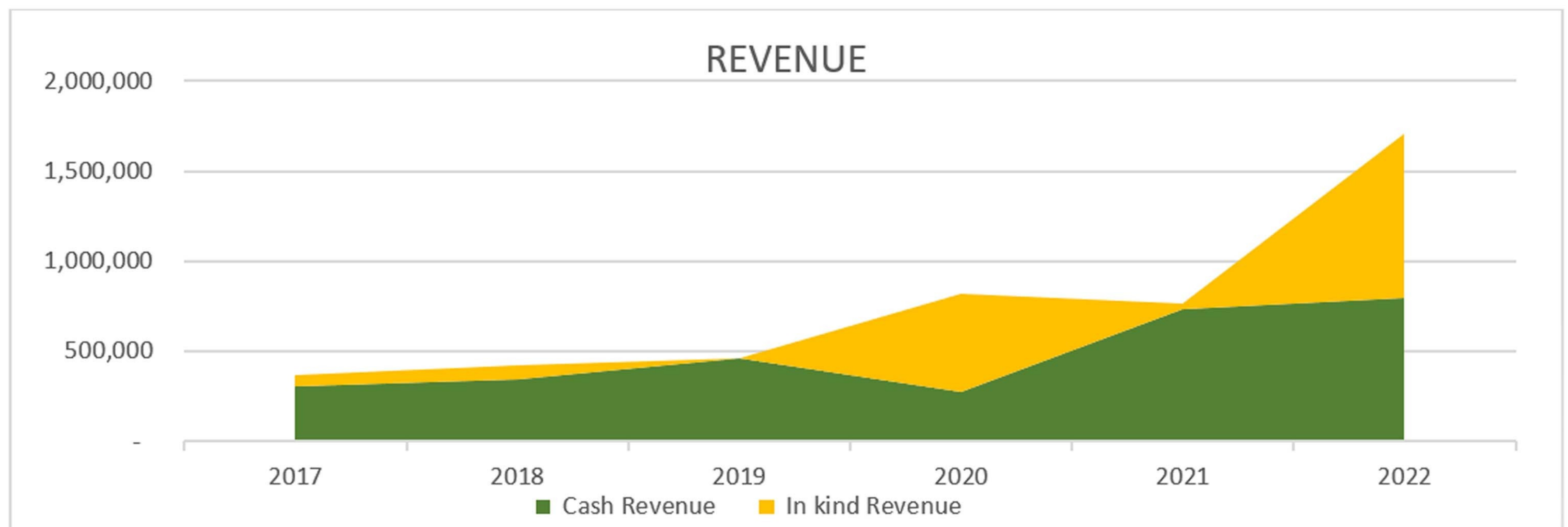
2022 Total Revenue
GHC 1.7 million

2022 Revenue GHS

- International Foundations/INGOs
- Corporations & Religious Institutions
- Crowdfunding
- Fundraising Events/Products
- Income-Generating Activities
- Individual Contributions
- Volunteer Program Income
- Other Income



REVENUE TREND (2017–2022) (GHS)



*2022 figures are those reflected in the unaudited financial statements for the period

2022 Expenditure

Reading Is Basic (RIB)
GHS 75,379

The Smile House
GHS 320,050

Children In Hazardous Work (CHAW)
GHS 66,018

Yes to Adolescent Sexual Health (YASH)
GHS 3,159

Administrator & Other
GHS 351,577

During this financial year, we acknowledged a donation from Book Aid International comprising 10,000 books valued at GHS 677,634 for the Reading Is Basic (RIB) Phase 02. Distribution to beneficiary schools was completed in the following financial year, 2023 with the related expenses recognized in our 2023 financials.

Annual Program: Sharing the Joy of Christmas

Goals & Objectives

Impacted Over 200 street-connected children

Spread seasonal joy among potential and current SCEF scholarship recipients and staff.

Raise awareness through the Face-to-Face campaign about street children's challenges and SCEF's role in advocating for their rights, quality education, and sustainable development.

Identify and support children interested in continuing education via the godparent

The annual "Sharing the Joy of Christmas" event is dedicated to bringing smiles to street children and their families. This year's edition took place on December 18, 2021, at SCEF Premises in James Town.

Attendees included SCEF Board of Trustee member Toyin Dania,

the Rotaract Club (Accra South), the Amazing Women of God, and the Wonderful God Foundation.

This year's celebration unfolded in two phases: gift hampers presented to SCEF scholarship recipients and gift hampers shared at the Art Center.

Over 200 street-connected children participated, delivering captivating dance performances and a spectacular drama on Christ's birth. A dance competition showcased the children's talents.

The Rotaract Club (Accra South) and the Amazing Women of God generously provided stationery, gifts, and learning materials. SCEF, alongside Board of Trustee member Toyin Dania and partners, distributed hampers filled with gifts and food, concluding the first phase with joyous excitement.

The second phase extended to Accra Arts Centre, distributing 70 hampers to street-connected families. SCEF, in collaboration with the Wonderful God Foundation, donated hampers, food, and shoes. The SCEF team expressed gratitude to donors and supporters through various media outlets.



Take me Back to School

Goals & Objectives

- Ensure equal opportunities for quality and affordable education through the "Back to School/Supplies for Dreams" program.
- Address the issue of school dropouts.
- Provide an avenue for individuals, corporates, and philanthropists to support street children's education.
- Instill hope by enrolling children in school and providing educational support for a stable future.

The annual "**Back to School**" initiative by SCEF has a significant impact, providing school stationery to street-connected children, ensuring their active participation in class assignments, and enhancing their learning experience. This effort also contributes to reducing school drop-out rates caused by a lack of supplies.

Rotary has been a dedicated partner for the past 7 years, particularly Rotarian Vivian Abbey and the Rotary Club of Accra Airport, Rotaract Accra-Airport, and Lift Up Voices Foundation. Activities encompassed puzzle-solving, painting, focus group discussions, and the presentation of school backpacks. This year's event, held on August 27, 2022, at John Wesley Cathedral Primary School compound, featured engaging activities despite weather challenges.

Attendees included 33 Rotary Club of Accra Airport guests, 11 SCEF team members, and 69 scholarship recipients with their parents. The event provided guests with insight into the children's lives, thoughts, and experiences through activities like puzzle-solving and painting. Focus group discussions allowed both guests and children to share their stories and interact. Puzzles tested critical thinking and teamwork, with varying levels of success. Focus group discussions centered on the children's resolutions, progress, and mutual support. The presentation of school supplies followed these activities.

Rotary's involvement was pivotal in planning and executing the event, contributing ideas for location change, and introducing a happy hour segment. The Rotary Club of Accra Airport funded stationery and branding of school bags. The program concluded with a celebratory happy hour featuring a kenkey party, dance competitions, and indoor games.



Reading Is Fun Vacation Program

Activities and Achievements:

Week One:

- Pre-test conducted to assess children's literacy, numeracy, and life skills levels.
- Adapted teaching methods based on pre-test results to address varying skill levels.
- Implemented play-based methodologies to enhance engagement and attention.

Week Two:

- Continued adapting teaching strategies for different skill levels.
- Focused on building relationships and enhancing teamwork through activities.
- Encouraged collaboration through group work and friendly competition.

Week Three:

- Concentrated on independent and cooperative learning.
- Incorporated hands-on activities for numeracy, including addition and subtraction.
- Reinforced learning through interactive games like "running to numbers."

Week Four:

- Concluded program with final tests to gauge learning outcomes.
- Achieved remarkable improvements in children's attention, concentration, and independent learning.
- Successfully imparted foundational skills in literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking.

The "Reading Is Fun Vacation Program," an initiative by the Street Children Empowerment Foundation (SCEF), is aimed at empowering street children by enhancing their reading and writing skills during vacation periods. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the program in 2020, but in August 2021, the program successfully resumed, adhering to all necessary COVID-19 protocols. The program happened from August 9th to August 12th, 2021, using SCEF curriculum.

This year's edition of the "Reading Is Fun" program emphasized not only literacy and numeracy skills but also essential life skills. The program targeted children aged six to sixteen (6-16), equipping them with valuable abilities for personal development. In total, the program reached twenty-three (23) children, comprising 11 girls and 12 boys.

Despite not achieving 100% mastery, the program proved to be a valuable avenue for enhancing children's skills and fostering a purposeful play environment. The program led to significant advancements in attention, concentration, literacy, numeracy, and teamwork among participants. This progress establishes a solid foundation for further development in their educational journeys.

In conclusion, the "Reading Is Fun Vacation Program" demonstrated its effectiveness in equipping children with vital life skills and fostering a love for learning. The SCEF team's dedication and creative teaching methodologies have contributed to the positive impact observed in the participating children. The program's legacy will undoubtedly extend beyond the classroom, benefiting the children's academic and personal growth.

Key Partnerships and Collaborations:

SCEF has various partnerships and collaborations that allow it to expand its work, and this section would showcase these collaborations.

The report should highlight the positive outcomes achieved through these partnerships and explain the roles each partner played in SCEF's achievements.



Uniting Forces for Lasting Impact

Street Children Empowerment Foundation (SCEF) thrives on the power of partnerships, recognizing that sustained collaborations are integral to achieving meaningful and lasting change in the lives of street-connected children. Through these partnerships, SCEF amplifies its reach, resources, and impact, ensuring that no child is left behind.

Individual Donors: Scholarships and Beyond:

Our journey is enriched by the unwavering support of individual donors who have demonstrated a deep commitment to the cause. These compassionate individuals understand that education is the pathway to transformation. Through their contributions, we have been able to provide scholarships to selected street-connected children under our CHaW program and the Smile Boarding House. Their support transcends financial assistance, becoming a beacon of hope that illuminates the futures of these children.

Plans and Development

This part of the annual report will discuss future developments and initiatives SCEF has planned for the upcoming year. It would discuss the organization's future vision and how it plans to achieve it in the following year.



Paving the Way for a Brighter Future:

As we move forward from the period of June 2021 to June 2022, the Street Children Empowerment Foundation (SCEF) embraces a future filled with promise and potential. Our commitment to creating sustainable change in the lives of street children remains resolute, and we have charted an ambitious roadmap to amplify our impact and deepen our reach.



Expanding the Reach of Smile Boarding House:

The Smile Boarding House, a cornerstone of our efforts, is set to expand its capacity and reach. With increasing demand for our holistic programs, we are committed to providing shelter, education, and care to even more street-connected children. Through strategic partnerships, funding drives, and community engagement, we aim to create a haven for children seeking safety, education, and a chance to thrive.



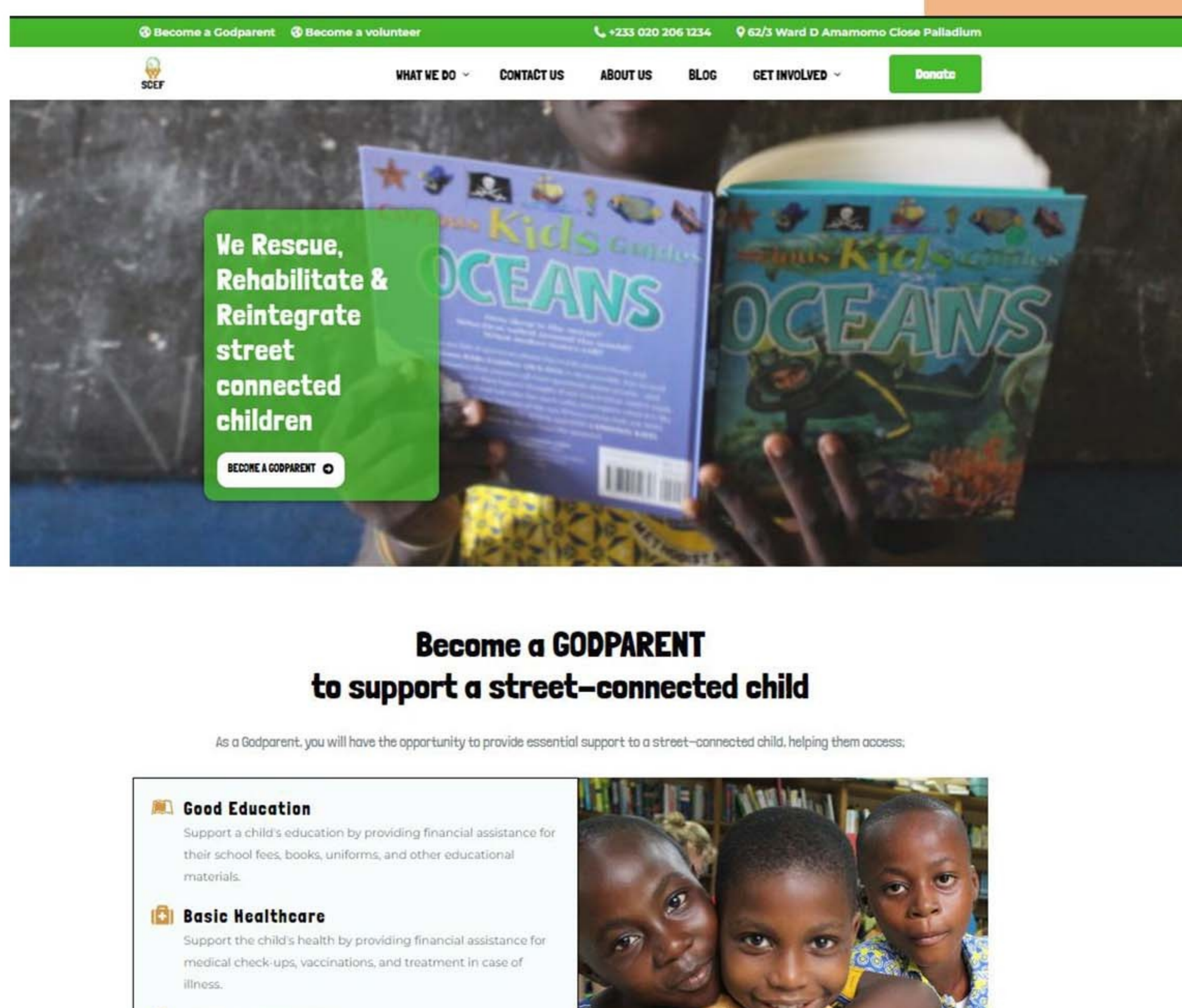
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Strengthening and Diversifying Programs:

Building on the success of our existing programs, SCEF is dedicated to strengthening and diversifying our interventions. The CHaW program will continue its vital work of rescuing and rehabilitating children from hazardous labour, ensuring their safe reintegration into society. The Grassroots Entrepreneurs Empowerment Program (GEEP) will expand its scope, equipping more street children with essential life skills and fostering economic independence.

Sustainability Through Collaboration:

Partnerships are the lifeblood of SCEF's sustainability. Our collaboration with the Global Fund for Children (GFC) under the "Strengthening SCEF's Foundation for Accelerated Growth and Sustainability (S-FAGS)" project will be a catalyst for transformative change. This partnership will enable us to streamline operations, scale our impact, and ensure the longevity of our efforts.



Digital Innovations for Greater Outreach:

Recognizing the power of technology in advancing our mission, SCEF is committed to leveraging digital innovations for greater outreach and engagement. Our revamped website is just the beginning; we will explore avenues such as social media campaigns, online fundraising, and interactive content to connect with supporters, raise awareness, and expand our donor base.

Fostering Community Engagement:

Community involvement is central to our mission. SCEF plans to strengthen ties with local communities, involving them in decision-making processes and fostering a sense of ownership over our programs. Through workshops, town hall meetings, and collaborative initiatives, we seek to create a united front in our pursuit of empowering street children.



Advocacy and Awareness Campaigns:

SCEF is committed to being a voice for street-connected children. We intend to embark on advocacy and awareness campaigns to shed light on the issues these children face and advocate for their rights. By collaborating with media partners, influencers, and advocacy organizations, we aim to raise public consciousness and drive policy changes.



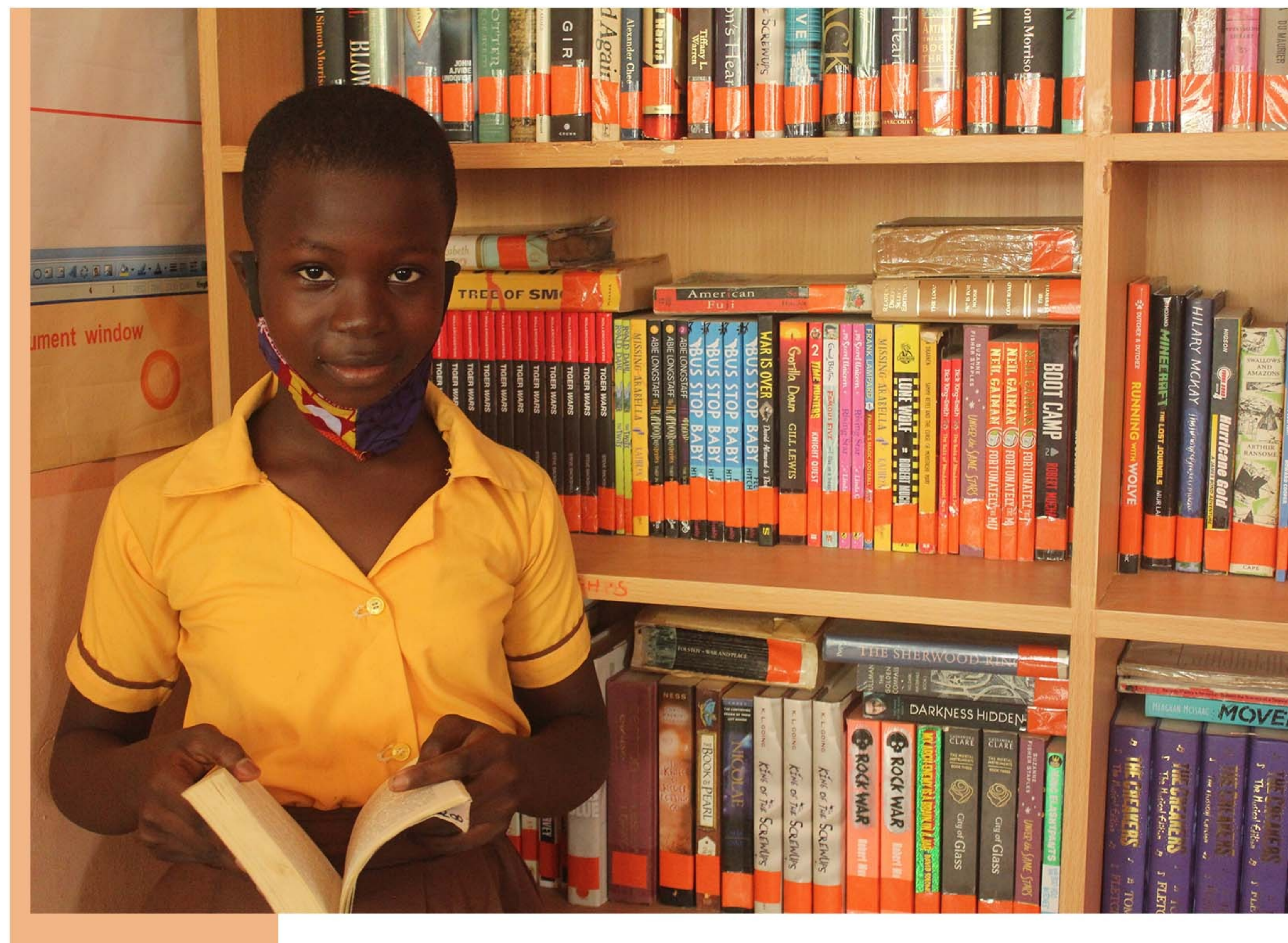
Data-Driven Impact Measurement:

We understand the importance of data in assessing and enhancing our impact. SCEF will invest in robust data collection, analysis, and reporting systems to measure the effectiveness of our programs accurately. This data-driven approach will guide our decision-making, ensure accountability, and enable us to continuously improve our interventions.



Education Beyond Borders:

SCEF's dedication to education transcends boundaries. In the coming years, we aspire to establish partnerships that facilitate cultural exchange and learning opportunities for our beneficiaries. By fostering global connections, we aim to broaden horizons, nurture cross-cultural understanding, and enrich the educational experiences of street-connected children.



As SCEF sets its sights on these plans and developments, we do so with a deep sense of purpose and commitment. We are guided by the resilience of the children we serve, the dedication of our supporters, and the unshakeable belief that positive change is not just a possibility but a reality that we can collectively create. Through innovation, collaboration, and unwavering determination, we pave the way for a brighter, more inclusive future where every child's potential is realized.

Conclusion

Finally, the last section of the report would summarize the key findings from the report and acknowledge the hardworking team of staff, volunteers, and partners who made SCEF's achievements possible.

A future of Empowerment, A Journey of Hope

As we draw the curtains on this annual report, we reflect on the journey of transformation that the Street Children Empowerment Foundation (SCEF) embarked upon from June 2021 to June 2022. It has been a year marked by accomplishments, partnerships, and most importantly, the unwavering spirit of hope that fuels our mission.

Every page of this report echoes the stories of resilience, courage, and empowerment that define SCEF's work. From the smile-lit corridors of the Smile Boarding House to the classrooms of learning and the halls of innovation, our journey has been one of nurturing dreams, creating opportunities, and rewriting destinies.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, passionate volunteers, committed partners, and the generosity of our supporters. It is your collective efforts, compassion, and belief in the potential of every street-connected child that continue to propel SCEF forward.

As we stand at the crossroads of the future, we are energized by the road that lies ahead. Our plans and developments are not just strategies on paper; they are the threads that weave the tapestry of transformation.



We are committed to fostering brighter futures, to expanding our reach, and to ensuring that the dreams of these children become the reality they deserve.

In closing, we are reminded that our mission is not a solitary journey but a shared purpose that unites us all. The stories within these pages are not just stories; they are testaments to the power of compassion, the strength of collaboration, and the boundless potential that resides within each child we serve. Together, let us embrace this journey with renewed vigour and determination. Let us continue to stand as beacons of hope, advocates for change, and champions of the dreams of street-connected children. As we turn the page on this chapter, we do so with the understanding that our impact is ongoing, our commitment is unwavering, and our future is one of empowerment and endless possibilities.

Thank you for being a part of SCEF's journey. Together, we are creating a world where every child's smile lights up the path to a brighter tomorrow.

With gratitude,

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