

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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MEETING POINT  
INTERNATIONAL





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# WHO

# WE ARE

Meeting Point International (MPI) is a non-government organization registered with the Uganda NGO board. Active since October 1992, we work primarily in the Nakawa division of Kampala. Our administrative offices are based in Kitintale. Working here in Uganda, we have become a part of the experiences that are lived, like a dear friend to whom one would find solace and a belonging; MPI has become an integral part in the lives of thousands of families.





## VISION

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For every person to discover their infinite value and dignity, through a journey towards their own human development and that of their communities.



## MISSION

Meeting Point International aims at continuously accompanying every person and community, prioritising the victims of HIV/AIDS, promoting education at all levels and committing to poverty alleviation.





Meeting Point International

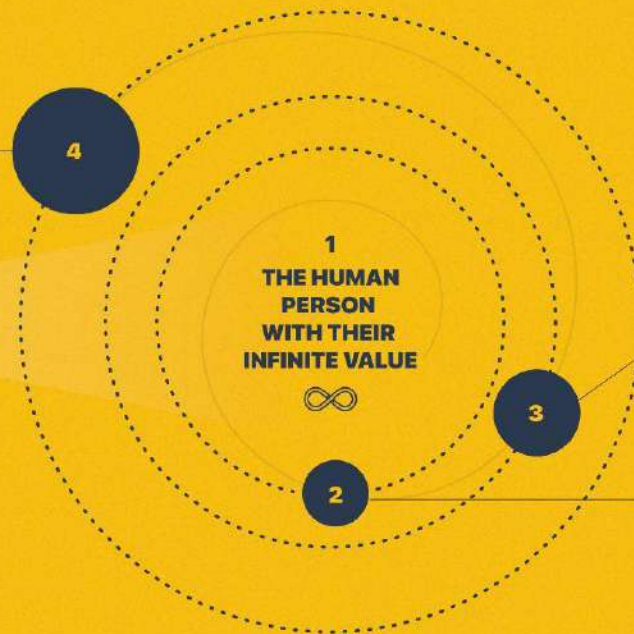
# OUR METHOD

**1.** To start from **the person, who is always at the centre of our work**, without reducing them to their limitations, current or past circumstances. Each person, with their inherent desires and needs, is unique and unrepeatable and has an **infinite value**, regardless of their origin, ethnicity, faith, age or gender. We all have **one heart**.

**2.** To build **lasting relationships** aimed at **continuously accompanying** each person, and also **being accompanied** along the same educational path. MPI does not merely provide solutions, but rather journeys with each person to their **self-awareness** to reach shared goals and objectives.

**3.** To create **simple environments** where each person experiences love and a **sense of belonging**, which gives stability and certainty in all aspects of life. MPI is a **home**, a place of companionship, where everyone can be **free** to be themselves, and face life challenges supporting one another.

**4.** To aim at every person becoming **responsible** and thus the **protagonist** of their own development and that of their communities. The support we give is an instrument to tell each person that they have a value and that they are responsible for it.



A place to belong



Lasting relationships

# OUR BENEFICIARIES



**1118  
WOMEN**

**218  
MEN**



Number of beneficiaries supported in health, economic empowerment, education, and livelihoods



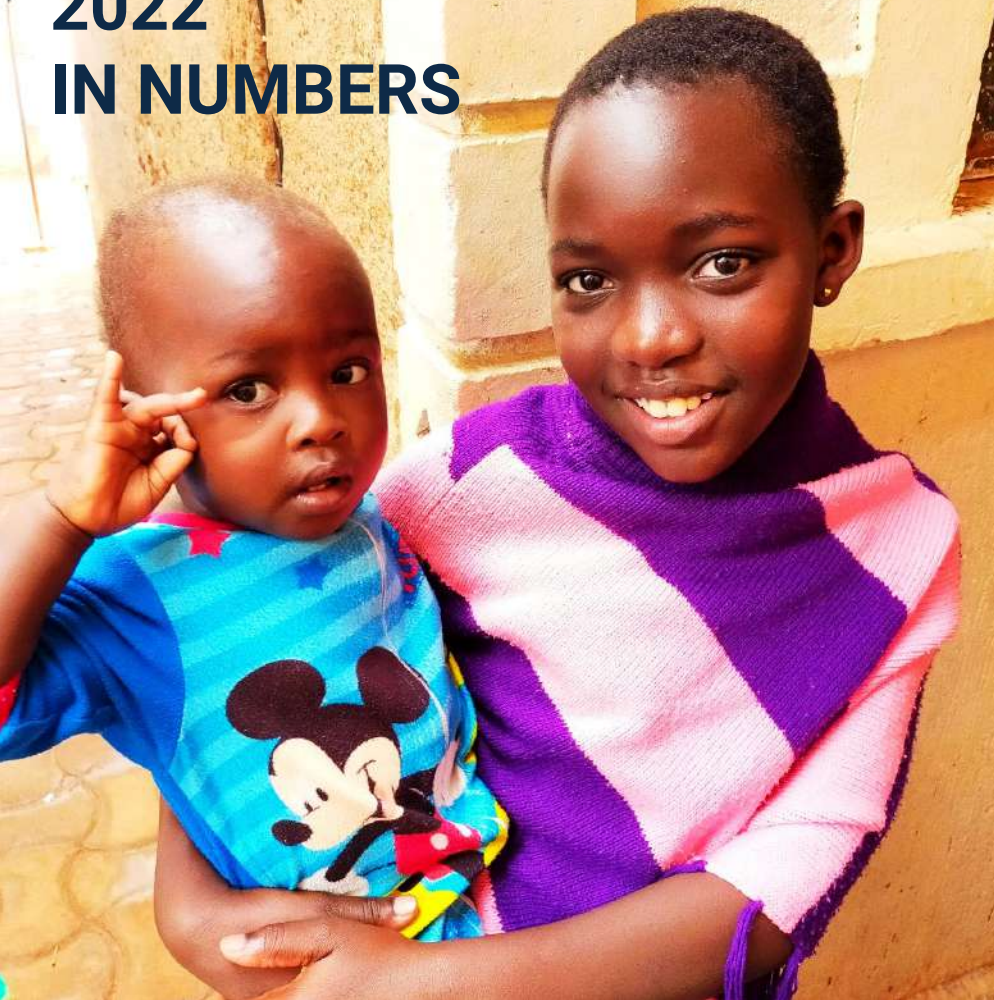
**1003  
CHILDREN**

**576  
HOUSEHOLDS**





# 2022 IN NUMBERS



**925** Educational scholarships



**67** Tertiary scholarships



**2060** Medical cases handled at the clinics



**97** Referrals to partner hospitals



**62** Adult Literacy Students



**154** Home Visits



**32** Youths and 45 High School students trained in agriculture



**45** Community Dialogues



**123** Psychosocial Activities



**4** IGAs and 2 Apprenticeship offered



**65** Children living in the Welcoming House



# OUR AREAS OF INTERVENTION



Psychosocial  
Support



Healthcare



Education



Economic  
Empowerment  
and Livelihood



Legal Support,  
Gender Based  
Violence and  
Child Protection



Agriculture and  
food security



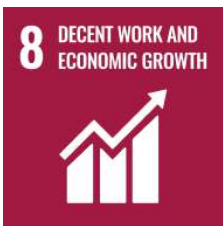
# A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH



MPI focuses its intervention on **poverty alleviation** through a comprehensive approach that aims at looking at the **fullness** of the human person.



We target the most disadvantaged groups without any kind of discrimination, working to **reduce inequalities** and look at every person for their **value**, not reducing them to their limitations or to the circumstances they are living in.



MPI desires to equip its beneficiaries with all the tools they need to improve their **livelihood assets** and become more **resilient** in a continuously changing environment. Our activities focus on **trainings** such as: Village Saving Loans Groups (**VS**LA), Financial Literacy (**FL**) and Selection, Planning and Management (**SP**M). Furthermore, we support women with starter packs for Income Generating Activities (**IG**As) and youth through the **apprenticeship** programme.



MPI manages **two clinics** in Kireka and Naguru, where two of the biggest slums of the capital are located. **HIV/AIDS** is one of the focuses of our activities, besides that, we offer **basic care** services and **psychosocial** support to all our beneficiaries.



MPI supports more than 1000 children through the **Distance Support Programme** (DSP). Our goal is to offer **quality education** both to children and adults because we believe education to be at the core of human development.



# THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



For MPI, **education is at the core of human development**. Our methodology is centered on a continuous **accompaniment** of every person throughout the journey of their own educational growth.

For us education is not only in class (both for children and adults) but comes from a **relationship** with the beneficiaries. It is a continuous learning, a long-lasting journey towards the awareness of one's value and importance. We, as MPI, are striving to educate our beneficiaries and be also educated by them, walking together towards our **self-awareness** and the awareness of each and every aspect of reality.

MPI has two partner schools that were founded by MPI women's desire to give their children the same education they had received thanks to the encounter with Rose. The schools are now two: **Luigi Giussani Pre-Primary and Primary School** and **Luigi Giussani High School**.

The **Luigi Giussani Institute of Higher Education (LGIHE)**, also born from MPI's experience, is an innovative learning space that seeks to address crucial educational deficiencies within Uganda's context.



# CHILD PROTECTION & GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

MPI's social workers, together with the executive director Rose Busingye hold weekly meetings with the women. The activities are usually **psychosocial** (dancing, singing, telling stories) or **community dialogues**. Thanks to this moments, a bond and a relationship is built everyday, the women are free to express themselves, telling us and their fellow friends what they are experiencing in their lives. It is through this relationship and through the **home and school visits** that MPI's staff identifies and addresses accordingly the cases of gender based violence or child abuse within the community.

MPI manages a house for orphans and vulnerable children in Kitintale: the **Welcoming House**. We are currently hosting 65 children. The majority of these children are orphans; some of them are affected by HIV/AIDS and lost their parents; and a few of them have families who are unable to support them either emotionally, financially or health-wise.





# SONDE MIXED FARM & TRAINING CENTER

MPI manages a farm in Sonde, Mukono district. At the farm, **trainings for youths in horticulture and poultry** are carried out under the **SAY Project**, an ongoing agripreneurship project implemented by **AVSI Uganda**, and funded by the **Kingdom of Netherlands**. The trainings are an instrument demonstrating the educational approach of MPI aimed at accompanying persons to discover their value.

During the trainings, youths are not only skilled along the aforementioned **value chains**, but are also given other skills such as **Climate smart agricultural skills, financial literacy** and **life skills** conducted by the Luigi Giussani Institute of Higher Education. The skilling also incorporates in a waste management training that helps to conserve the environment. At the end of the skilling period, the youths are assessed by **DIT**, a government body, and certified to show competence. The farm also produces food for MPI's **Welcoming House** and the nearby markets.

15 LIFE ON LAND



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY







# A PLACE WHERE I BELONG

In 2022 MPI started the works for its new **multipurpose community center** in Kireka (Acholi Quarter). The project, titled ***“A Place Where I Belong”***, aims at creating a multifunctional space for the community where people can gather and build on their **social capital**. The center will comprise of offices, a clinic, a hall for meetings, and an external space for outdoor activities (tennis and basketball court). The multifunctionality of the center will address several needs of the community through different activities:

- Medical services, psychosocial and sport activities: **SDG 3** - Good health and well-being
- Adult Literacy classes: **SDG 4** - Quality Education
- Sensitisation and community meetings, psychosocial support: **SDG 5** - Gender Equality
- VSLA, FL and SPM trainings and IGAs: **SDG 8** - Decent work and economic growth

Kampala is a highly densely populated urban area and especially in the slums, like Kireka, there is no public space for **community gathering**. This is the reason why MPI is implementing this project, in order to provide the wider community with a place where they can grow as individuals and as a group. MPI is currently constructing the main building, that is planned to be concluded in **June 2023**.



# OUR ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

**Executive Director**  
Rose Busingye

**Technical Advisor**  
Alberto Reposi

**The Quality Coordination Group** takes joint decision upon relevant topics and issues. The members are: Alberto Reposi (Coordinator), Onen Joel, Acen Janet, Ocaka Goldie, Aron Wokorach, Adoch Mary Clare.

**Administration**  
Achan Janet  
Ocaka Goldie

**Projects Officer  
Coordinator**  
Onen Joel

**Communication**  
Asimwe Mariam

**Procurement**  
Aron Wokorach

**DSP Coordinator**  
Adoch Mary  
Clare

**Welcoming  
House  
Coordinator**  
Kemigisha Apofia

**Ssonde Farm Personnel**  
Atto Flavia  
Alupo Christine  
Watera Roy  
Akemkwene Samuel  
Kato Paul

**Project Officer**  
Irene Muto

**Monitoring and Evaluation**  
Batuuka Angella Hall

**Adult Literacy Teacher**  
Teddy Bongomin

**Nurses and Doctor**  
Dr. Agolor Curthbert  
Nurse Kihumuro  
Veneranda  
Nurse Birabwa Betty

**Gatekeepers**  
Ogen Robert  
Kalireku Umar  
Kilama George  
Odong Erick Cissy

**Driver**  
Waida Abdul

**Office Attendant**  
Namwesezi Hanifah

**Welcoming House  
Staff**  
Yvonne Urujeni  
Byamukama John Torn  
Byamugisha Francis

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Amodo Doreen  
Nimusiima Harriet  
Achan Aida Agnes  
Koreyo Phiona  
Isiko Sharif Lwamaza

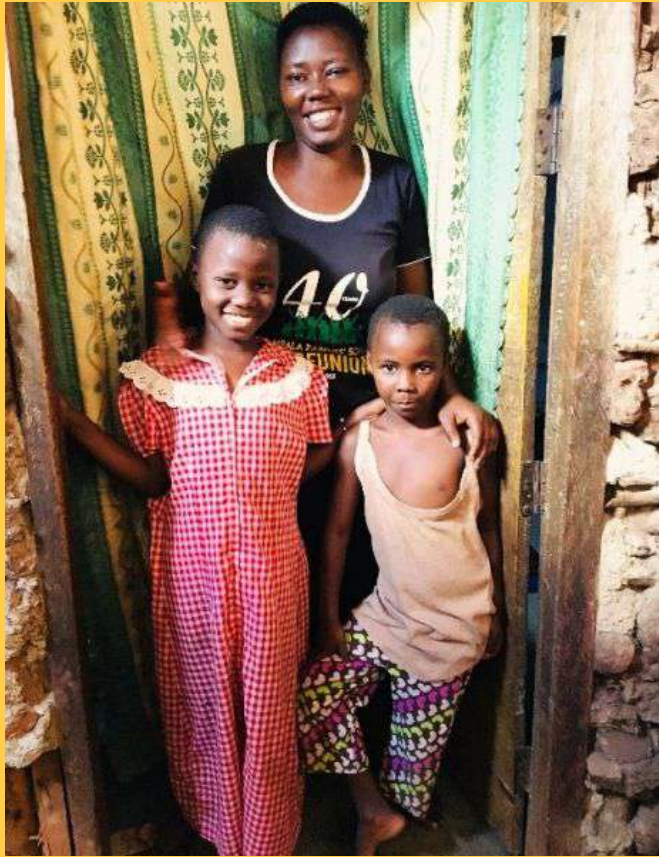




## GOOD NEWS 2022

The year of 2022 gifted us with numerous important events and encounters:

- MPI Executive director Rose Busingye spoke in front of **Pope Francis** in St. Peter's Square during the Meeting of His Holiness with Communion and Liberation in the centennial of the birth of the founder Luigi Giussani.
- The **Apostolic Nunzio** in Uganda visited the women of MPI to thank them for collecting money for the victims of the war in Ukraine.
- MPI women showed a tangible change, **supporting** fellow women and other people in need in their communities.
- ***I vostri nomi sono scritti nei cieli*** a book by the Italian writer and journalist Davide Perillo that tells the story of Rose and MPI was published in Italian.



## STORIES OF HOPE

*"Life it is not a matter of choosing, but realising you are being chosen every time. Therefore, all you need to do is to SAY YES."*

—MATTEO SEVERGNINI

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*"This value we discovered helped us not to be pushed to study, but to put in our own efforts to learn."*

—KAGAME CHRISTOPHER

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*"I do not regret the day I decided to settle here because it has given me the opportunity to keep discovering who I really am."*

— ANYIRI SARAH

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*"I recognize the value in everything that they have done and I want what I have encountered to be able to help whoever I encounter so that the people out there also understand the value of life and its meaning."*

—ACHAN PRISCILLA

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# WHERE WE WORK

- HQ Office Mutungo Kitintale
- Kireka Cultural Center and Clinic
- Naguru Cultural Center and Clinic
- Ssonde Mixed Farm and Training Center





# OUR CONTACTS



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# HOW TO SUPPORT US

Meeting Point International can receive **bank transfers made in 3 currencies**. Below are the account details:

Bank Name: KCB Bank  
Bank SWIFT: KCBLUGKA  
Account Name: Meeting Point International

## EURO Account

Account Number: 2290241482  
Intermediary Bank: DEUTSCHE BANK AG MAIN DE FRANKFURT  
AM MAIN DE  
Intermediary SWIFT: DEUTDEFF  
Intermediary Account: 100 9580242 0000

## USD Account

Account Number: 2290241490  
Intermediary Bank: DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY  
AMERICAS, NEW YORK, NY US  
Intermediary SWIFT: BKTRUS33  
Intermediary Account: 04438106

## UGX Account

Account Number: 2290241474



# OUR DONORS AND PARTNERS



People for development



LUIGI GIUSSANI INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION



Pellegrinaggio a piedi  
**Macerata Loreto**



**FIERA MILANO**





*“The greatest need of a human being is the **need of belonging**, which gives stability and certainty in all aspects of life.”*

*- Rose Busingye*