



THE LOBIKO INITIATIVE

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A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

As I reflect on the past year and the challenges that our global community has faced, I am filled with gratitude, hope, and excitement. The ongoing pandemic and economic turmoil have been felt by people all around the world, and I am grateful for your generosity and continued support in the face of these difficulties.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the challenges that our programs have faced as well. Despite our best efforts, we saw a significant decline in student enrollment at Ubangi Protestant University, with women seeing the steepest drop. Additionally, an exponential increase in the cost of production, due to global economic instability, made our bakery program barely operational. Lastly, one of the infants that we received at the Sabuli's Children Center in critical condition sadly passed away shortly after being with us, leaving a devastating impact on our team and community.

It could sometimes be easy for us to focus solely on our achievements, but I share these challenges because it is important for us to be grounded in reality, and to be reminded of our vision and mission. At The Lobiko Initiative, we believe that every person deserves the opportunity to lead a life of wellbeing and be part of a thriving community. That is why we are working with urgency to provide children with a safe home and loving care, equip a generation of leaders through high-quality education, provide access to quality, affordable, and comprehensive medical care, and cultivate economic development through vocational training.

Despite these challenges, I have hope for our collective work and the resiliency and creativity of the people on the ground who selflessly dedicate their lives to serving our most vulnerable population: children who have been abandoned or orphaned. Our partnership with The Sanguma Foundation in the Congo has allowed us to directly impact the lives of over 2,000 families and individuals in the Gemena region. Your contributions have made it possible for us to provide a safe home and loving care to 94 children at Sabuli's Children Center, comprehensive medical care to over 2,000 community members through the Judy Medical Clinic, and high-quality education to 250 students at Ubangi Protestant University.

As we look ahead to the future, I am filled with gratitude for your continued support and partnership in our work. Thank you for your generosity, and support, and for being a part of The Lobiko Initiative.

As we enter a new year together, I continue to be grounded by this Congolese proverb, “Lokendo losa lokobandaka la sinyosinyo,” or “the journey of 100km begins by one step.”

With Gratitude,
Wilita Sanguma





OUR VISION

Every person has the opportunity to lead a life of wellbeing and to be part of a thriving community.

OUR MISSION

To advance the holistic development of children to lead a purpose-driven life of wellbeing, to equip a generation of leaders that empower transformational change, and to promote the necessary infrastructures for economic sustainability.

OUR APPROACH

We partner and collaborate with community leaders, local experts, and change agents by sharing essential resources and thought leadership in order to cultivate the necessary conditions for transformative change—change that aims to ensure every person has the opportunity to lead a life of wellbeing and be part of a thriving community.

OUR WORK

We are working with urgency to:

- **promote dignity and hope by providing children with a safe home and loving care;**
- **equip a generation of leaders through high-quality education;**
- **provide access to quality, affordable, and comprehensive medical care to community members furthest from equitable opportunity;**
and
- **cultivate economic development through vocational training to promote social mobility.**



PROGRAM SUMMARY

Thank you for your generous financial contribution over the 2022 year. Despite the global economic challenges and the ongoing pandemic, we have so much to celebrate, and for that, we are grateful for your gift. Because of your support, and through our partnership with The Sanguma Foundation in Congo, we directly impacted the lives of over 2,000 families and individuals in the Gemena region of Congo. Below are a few examples of the impact your contribution made.

- 94 children who are orphaned or abandoned were provided with a safe home, loving care, and education through the Sabuli's Children Center.
- We provided comprehensive medical care to over 2,000 community members through the Judy Medical Clinic.
- 250 students were provided with a high-quality education through the Ubangi Protestant University.
- The Gemena Community Center now has four vocational training programs (Sewing, Bakery, English, and Information Technology), supporting over 96 community members through employment or training.
- The Sabuli Growing Garden provided 23 people with year-round employment and seasonal employment for an additional 50 people in the surrounding villages.
- The Sanguma Foundation has 206 high-quality employees across its five programs who earn a family living wage with health benefits.



As we celebrate our many accomplishments, we know that our collective journey to achieve our vision is just beginning. We look forward to your continued partnership, and we invite you to continue to share our collective efforts so that others can join us in this profound and transformative work. The following highlights our work throughout the 2022 calendar year.

THE SABULI'S CHILDREN CENTER

Too many children are orphaned within a vicious cycle of poverty due to a history of imperialism, violence, and oppression; extremely low access to medical care; and limited economic mobility. Sabuli's Children Center serves children most vulnerable to this reality. Our commitment to each child is: to shelter with a safe home; to provide loving care; to nourish with good food; to equip with education; and to provide additional development that prepares each child for future life opportunities.

Impact

- 94 children were provided with a safe home, loving care, and education through the Sabuli's Children Center.
 - 75 children are currently residing at SCC.
 - 9 teenagers are living at the transition house.
 - 10 young adults are attending universities.
- A transition home that can house 15 teenagers was built.
- A dining hall was completed, creating space for community time, learning, and other enrichment activities.
- 23 youths from the children's center were actively engaged in the various vocational training programs at the Gemena Community Center.
- 2 SCC graduates were hired to run the Bakery Program (the most profitable program at the Sanguma Foundation).
- 22 people were employed through the SCC, and 40% of the employees were women contributing or serving as sole supporters of their families.



Ongoing Challenges

- Minimizing hospital visits continue to be a challenge, as approximately 20 children a month, on average, were treated for malaria, typhoid, and other illness in 2022.
- The exponential cost of food continues to be a challenge as SCC relied more on Sabuli's Growing Garden.
- The current primary and secondary education system continues to pose challenges as we constantly try to find quality schools that our children can attend.

Looking Forward

After improving our meal planning with a focus on comprehensive nutrition and diversity, SCC is looking to develop new enrichment programs to support the holistic development of the children at the center. SCC is working to establish an infrastructure to develop programs in education, sports, and arts that are locally driven and supported. This will require building partnerships with local agencies to provide services to the children at the center. Additionally, SCC is looking to develop a robust professional development program for caregivers to equip them with foundational best practices for whole child development. Lastly, SCC is looking to leverage the surrounding spaces at the center to build a better playground structure and a community garden for the children.

Major projects in need of philanthropic support:

- Installation of a well-equipped education center, with a library, reading room, art space, and computer room with internet access.
- Equipment for art, music, and sports.
- Long-term: Construction of a school in the SCC compound to improve the student learning environment and quality of education, benefit the surrounding community, and reduce education costs.

Lobiko is committed to supporting The Sanguma Foundation to improve the quality and implementation of their services for the children at the Sabuli's Children Center.



UBANGI PROTESTANT UNIVERSITY

A nationally accredited university located in Gemena, the capital city of the Sud-Ubangi region of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Ubangi Protestant University (UPU) exists to prepare students to be effective leaders of the region. UPU is the first university in the region and equips students with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed as persons and professionals in an ever-changing world.

Impact

- 250 students were provided with a high-quality education through the Ubangi Protestant University.
 - Current programs include Agriculture (60 students), Economics (43 students), Medicine (54), Law (54 students), and Theology (39 students).
- UPU won the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church Vision Fund grant that will improve its agriculture department, generate revenue for UPU, and provide economic development for the surrounding community.
- 3 new classroom constructions were completed.
- UPU continues to partner with Judy Medical Clinic to host medical residents.



Ongoing Challenges

- UPU continues to see a significant decline in student enrollment, with the vast majority being women.
 - Women only made up 20% of the student population during the 2021-2022 academic year.
 - Tuition continues to be a challenge for students to pay, even with the existing subsidies provided.
- Classrooms and administrative offices are limited, and university buildings are aging rapidly.
- The financial realities of operating a university continue to be challenging, given limited resources.

Looking Forward

UPU plans to open two new departments during the 2023-2024 academic year (Communications and Public Health). Additionally, UPU is working to leverage the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church Vision Fund grant to complete the construction of a chicken coop, pigpen, chicken incubators, and farmland to begin implementing their services to the surrounding communities.

Major projects in need of philanthropic support:

- Additional building space for faculty offices.
- Construction of a bathroom for campus use.
- Construction of a water system to provide much-needed water access for students and school projects.

Lobiko is committed to financially supporting UPU's operations and working together to develop a strategic plan that would expand the current resource pool and sustainability of the university.



JUDY MEDICAL CLINIC

The Judy Medical Clinic exists to provide quality medical services to the kids at the children's center as well as to provide access to much-needed medical services for members of the region. Quality medical service is hard to find in the region, and travel to Kinshasa (capitol) is not affordable or accessible by most of the community. The medical clinic serves as a highly subsidized quality medical service to ensure greater access to medical care.

Impact

- We provided comprehensive medical care to over 2,000 community members through the Judy Medical Clinic.
 - JMC served 497 men, 807 women, and 698 children.
 - 565 patients hospitalized (60 operations) at JMC.
 - 79 prenatal consultations, 66 births, 20 cesarean sections, and 54 postnatal visits were conducted at JMC.
 - 534 pre-school consultations (CPS) vaccinations and nutritional and general health education were provided at JMC.
- 76 students conducted their practicals at JMC.
- 275 cases treated from children at the Sabuli's Children Center.





Ongoing Challenges

- JMC saw a decline in patients during the 2022 year compared to the previous year.
- The cost of treating children at SCC continues to be high, especially with the increase in the number of children that need care.
- Looking for improvement opportunities (ensuring everything is aligned with state code) to tap into state funding.

Looking Forward

We are looking to build a maternity ward and improve our existing practices. We are also looking to increase the number of private rooms, install a cafeteria, and build a morgue to align with the Congolese government code so that we can tap into government funding.

Major projects in need of philanthropic support:

- Increase energy capacity by installing new solar panels.
- Invest in new laboratory materials.
- Expansion of the clinic to have more rooms and facilities to meet government code to unlock untapped funding.

Lobiko is committed to supporting JMC by developing connections with change agents in the United States and Canada to support the needs of JMC (i.e., additional hospital space).

GEMENA COMMUNITY CENTER

The Gemena Community Center is the first of its kind in the Ubangi region. Located in the heart of the city, the center houses numerous multipurpose rooms for community events, education programs, and vocational training. The center exists to provide economic development for the community.

Impact

- GCC has employed 26 people from the local community.
- 18 young adults participated in the bakery program, with 13 of them coming from the children's center.
- 24 women graduated from the sewing program.
- 42 people graduated from the information technology (computer skills) program.
- 21 students passed the first session and qualified for the second level in the English program.
- National organizations and international nonprofits continue to lease rooms in GCC, generating revenue for the Sanguma Foundation.

Ongoing Challenges

- The cost of flour has exponentially increased, making the Bakery program less profitable than it should be given the number of sales and popularity within the community.
- It is difficult to have a strong and reliable internet connection at the Community Center.
- We are entering the stage where the building needs more upkeep to prevent further damage due to natural causes such as rain.



Looking Forward

GCC is looking into adding more training programs based on community demands. We are also looking to bolster the security at GCC by fencing the property with long-lasting materials such as brick and concrete. To increase revenue, GCC is looking to renovate the Grande Salle space so that it can be better equipped to host events and celebrations. Lastly, GCC is looking to renovate the outside garden space to better accommodate larger events and conferences.

Major projects in need of philanthropic support:

- Improve the Bakery program by buying new equipment (i.e., additional ovens, mixers, etc.).
- Renovate the Grande Salle room and the garden area of GCC.
- Find a reliable internet connection in order to expand our services and training at GCC.

Lobiko is committed to supporting GCC's vocational training programs to ensure that every child that leaves the center has the necessary skills and tools to succeed, especially if higher education is not an option.

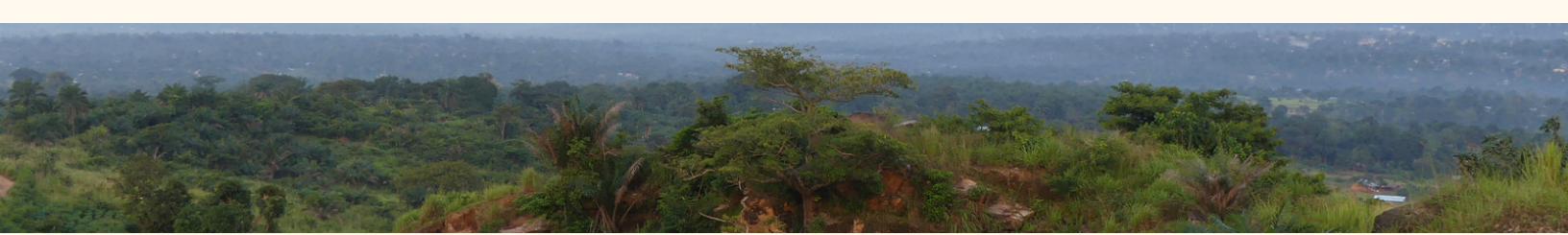
SABULI'S GROWING GARDEN

Sabuli's Growing Garden is over 120 acres of land that has been cleared, planted, and harvested. The garden is about six miles away from the children's center and exists to provide a sustainable source of nourishing food for the children. The garden also offers employment opportunities for many community members. With extremely high unemployment and a lack of stable jobs in the region, Sabuli's Growing Garden is a place of meaningful employment, allowing many to better provide for themselves and their families.

Impact

- SGG provided 23 people with year-round employment and seasonal employment for an additional 50 people.
- SGG continues to provide healthy nourishment for the children at the Sabuli's Children Center.
- SGG began to make a net profit (\$1,000) from its palm oil production and coffee sales.





Ongoing Challenges:

- There is a need for gardening and farming materials to help provide the efficiency of work production (much of the work is done by human labor with minimal to no machinery).
- There is a lack of a reliable vehicle to transport goods to the market.
- The need to constantly repair or replace equipment.

Looking Forward

With the ongoing increase in food costs, SGG is looking to diversify and increase its products to support children at the center. Additionally, SGG is looking to develop a beekeeping program to produce honey for the children at the center and the surrounding community. Lastly, SGG is looking to build a pigpen, chicken and duck coop, and improve the current fish farm to better support the children at the center.

Major projects in need of philanthropic support:

- Reliable vehicle (Truck, Motorcycle cart, etc.) to improve the transportation of goods.
- Construction of pigpen, chicken and duck coop, and beekeeping.

Lobiko is committed to supporting SGG to develop partnerships with change agents in the United States and Canada to expand their production and generate revenue. We are also committed to supporting SGG to acquire new reliable equipment and constructions to improve the diversity of their crop and food production.



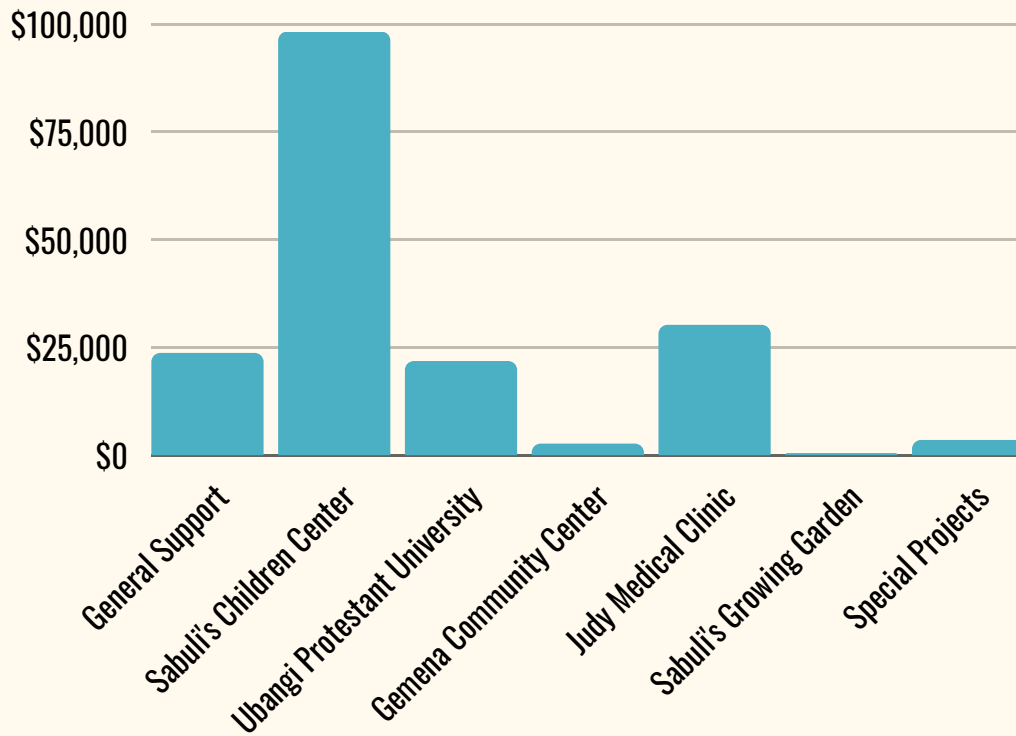
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

We are incredibly grateful to all our donors. Because of your support and through our partnership with the Sanguma Foundation, we directly impacted the lives of over 2,000 families and individuals in the Gemena region of Congo. Our work would not be possible without your generous contribution. The following graphics highlight our financial report for the 2022 year.

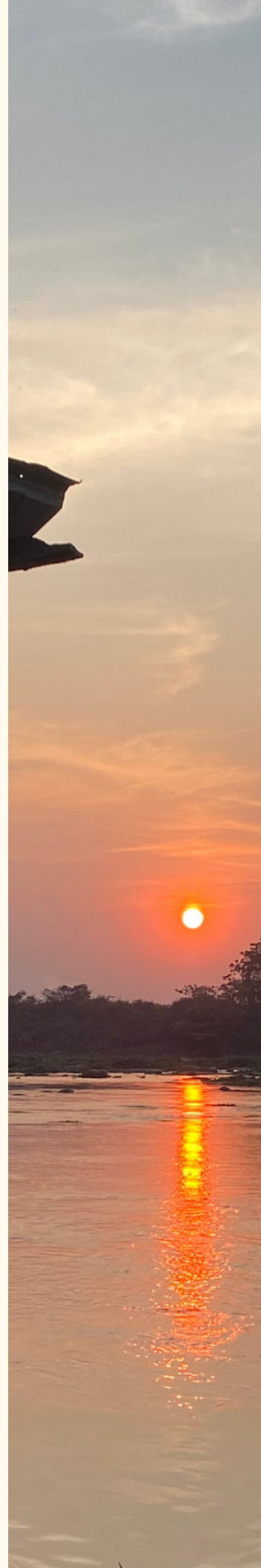
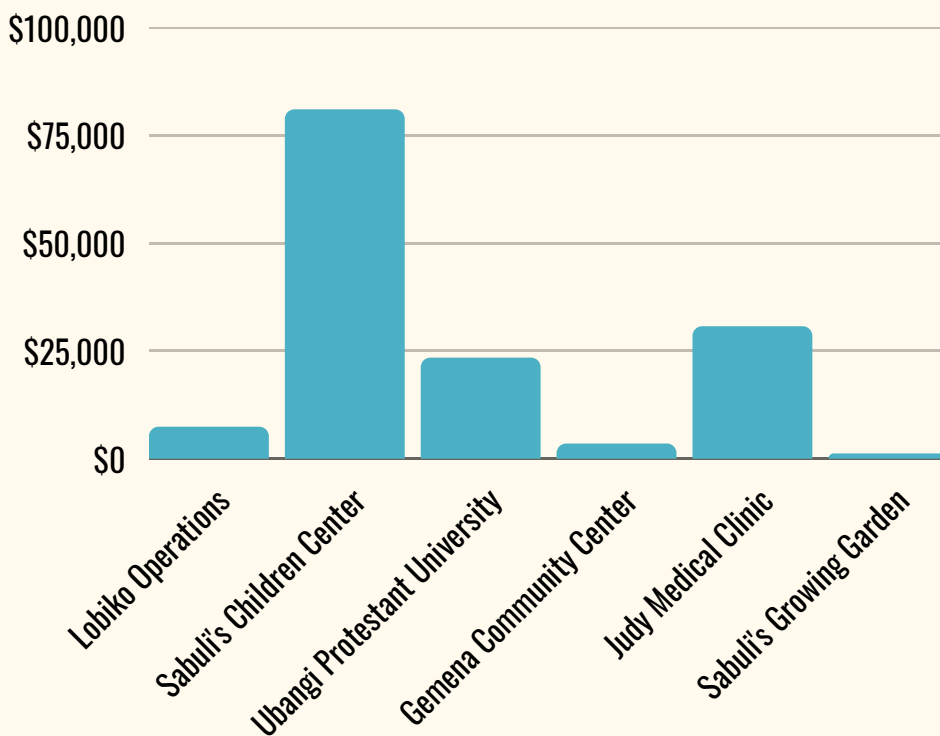
Highlights

- We raised and steward a total of \$179,125.
- Our End of Year Fundraising Campaign raised \$22,000 to support the Sabuli's Children Center.
- We had a total of 32 individuals/families that contributed to Lobiko.
- The majority of our expenses, 95%, went directly to support the operation (e.g., The Sabuli Children's Center) and special projects for the Sanguma Foundation in Congo. The remaining 5% of expenses went towards Lobiko's operating expenses including fundraising, service fees, and marketing and communications.

FY22 CONTRIBUTIONS



FY22 EXPENSES





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We know the power of communities when they come together to lift each other, and we hope you'll continue to walk alongside us as we continue on our journey. Here are simple ways to join us:

- Donate to Lobiko.
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