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ANNUAL REPORT

Message from the Ministry Director

Dear Friends in the Lord

At Celebrate Hope Ministries we are approaching this festival season with lots of thanks giving not only to our Lord but to all of our friends who have stood with us as serve. The Lord has used many of you to be a blessing to our ministry, churches we work with and the families we target as we build sustainability.

We cherish your partnership with us always!

This year we have seen some of our partners visit us. You not only come, but you encouraged us through all our work. You prayed with us and you assured us of your continued fellowship with our ministry. Through all that we have done together, we have touched thousands of lives in and the communities of Rakai and Kyotera districts and beyond.

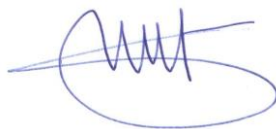
God enabled us to purchase, install and dedicate one of the most modern coffee factories in the country. Since its inception, we have boosted the incomes of the people and our coffee sales have greatly gone up. We have built homes and resettled many families and hope was re-assured to them. Our ministry has participated in the preaching of the gospel of our Lord through our partner churches and ministries. We have not only preached the good news, but we have built lives – families for self-reliance

I have spoken in a number of forums sharing the power of the church in building self-sustaining communities. Our God is awesome! There lots of other testimonies we have experienced and I kindly ask you to spare a minute to read through our report and see what the Lord has done.

As we end 2017, we that the Lord will continue to keep you and our relationship will flourish further. Our trust in the Lord is that 2018 will be a year full of fruitfulness in His kingdom build and prosper you in all aspects or your lives most especially in knowing Him more.



Fredie and Rebecca Sekyewa and the entire CHM family



Programs Management

Dear colleagues,

The year 2017 has also come to an end and great thanks go to our Lord Jesus Christ for giving us opportunity to be participants in restoring hope to His people through our Ministry Celebrate Hope Ministries!

This year, like all other years at CHM, has been clothed with exceptional success the Lord has given us. I would therefore like to extend my sincere appreciation to you all for all your efforts and dedication you have tirelessly put in to see that it turns a year of great accomplishments here at CHM.

In this year we are proud of the following achievements among the many:

- Getting new members joining CHM
- Consolidating the CHM vision and focusing on the theme of Q and Q (Quality and Quantity)
- Having more children sponsored and more so US children
- MD successful Ministry trip to the US
- Installation of a brand new coffee huller machine and grader
- Starting coffee business (The dream) and registering Hope Coffee Limited for the CHM business arm.
- Coffee FUSO truck acquired
- More new coffee farms opened
- More new houses built for the orphans and vulnerable children
- Hope SACCO membership has increased
- Conferences and trainings for pastors, leaders and professionals for capacity building have been successfully conducted, etc, etc...

Allow me borrow the words of the **psalmist 115:1** to glorify our God who has enabled us to do all! **‘Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us but to your name be the glory because of your love and faithfulness!’**

Am glad that all of us as a team have been available to be used of God to achieve all the above and many other works accomplished!

The challenges majorly pertaining to finances like

- Limited funding towards some planned activities
- Limited funding for coffee business etc..

Although have been here, they have not succeeded in holding us back, and will never do so! I urge you all to look ahead for it is where our great victory dwells for 2018 and all other years to come.

I greatly thank my Ministry Director and our Ministry Board of Directors for giving me the opportunity to be a team leader of this great team to which am proud of! May God richly bless you.

I look forward to another successful year 2018 with each of one of us serving and committed to our vision. Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year 2018.

PR. KINTU STEPHEN
PROGRAMS MANAGER

The entire CHM has developed this year especially through infrastructural and human resource changes. Now we prefer to refer to the entire CHM office ground as “CHM Complex”, based on the different infrastructural and administration changes. These include;

- New office building
- Security fence around office premises and a security house
- New staff recruited

Projects

A donation of solar systems was received from Uganda Child Care Foundation, our partners in Netherlands targeting 150 households. The main objective of this program is to boost children education at home and provide sustainable lighting at household level. So far 95 homes have received the systems.



Receiving the systems



Installing them



A happy family after receiving light

Skills center commissioned

CHM works with two primary schools and one secondary school and we look at equipping the children with life skills. Focusplaza together with CHM started a skills development center at our secondary school in Kakuuto to train students skills in tailoring, plumbing, motorcycle mechanics, computing and fashion designing.



The skills Center



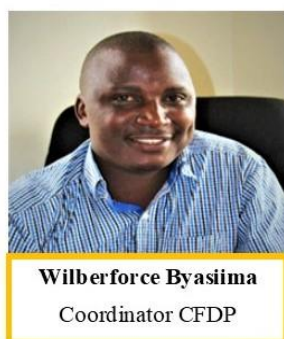
Students learning mechanics from the center

Other highlights of activities

In a period between January and March, the following activities that happened are highlighted

- We constructed a new office building
- Constructed 2 security houses installed with a gate
- We recruited more staff in administration

CELEBRATE HOPE MINISTRIES MANAGEMENT TEAM



CHURCH AND MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

CMDP has an objective of equipping and strengthening the church and church leaders to be relevant in responding to their community needs and in partnership with CHM.

Ministry development

As a ministry, we carry out periodic worship visits to our local partner churches to empower church leaders and do ministry with them. This year we had visits in Kimukunda Pentecostal Church, Kifamba Community Church, Minziro and Kabaale Blessed Community Church.



CHM leading service in Kifamba

Conferences and community outreach

We successfully organized our internal Pastors and church leaders Hope Connect Conference in August and a total of 150 pastors attended. Another one was the Kingdom Builders conference targeting professionals who were equipped with ways of building the Kingdom of God at their workplaces. A total of 170 professionals attended

Other conferences and outreaches that were supported included;

- Youth of Destiny Camp at Insula Christian High School
- Evangelism and crusade missions in Iganga.
- Pastor Namutebi's conference in Mutukula in June.
- Dr. Osborn Muyanja conferences and outreaches

Youth of Destiny Conference



Ps Pamela ministering in Hope Connect



Trainings

- Pastors / Church leaders training, coordinators and caregivers training in;

Sunday school training, monitoring and follow up on the sponsored children and key emphasis was put on practice of registering children when they attend church every Sunday. This training was attended by 30 pastors and 18 Sunday school teachers

- Coffee Evangelism training

Coffee evangelism is a unique model of preaching the gospel through coffee growing. This training was intended to equip the pastors with the updated information about coffee to be able to feed their farmers in their locality and boost the crop for sustainability of the communities we serve.



Coffee evangelism training



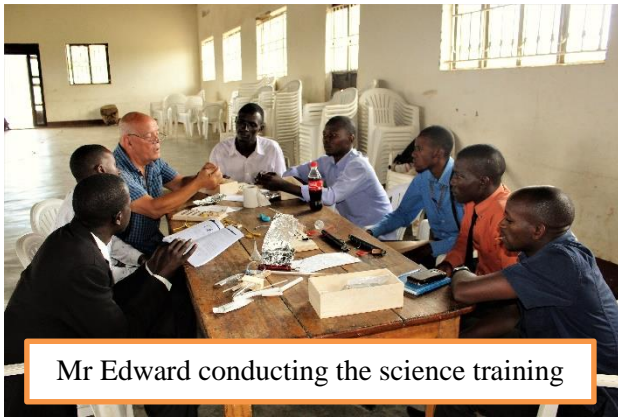
Sunday School training

Other key highlights

- Community support to Byonna Biyinzika Christian Church in Minziro with 40 iron sheets to roof the church
- Organized and had our annual medical camp in Kacanga village and treated 1,699 people and 4 people received the salvation of Jesus through this camp
- Constructed 2 new houses for widows and orphans in Simba and Nyanga villages

Educational and Community Support

- In September, we had a training of science teachers from our partner primary and secondary schools around Kakuuto area. This one week training in physics and how to conduct practical sessions with students, was conducted by our partner Mr. Edward Wolf from the Netherlands at Glory Christian School and Insula Christian High School.
- The optical school that was under construction was finished this year. This means that soon, the 11 students that are undergoing training will start diagnosing the optical problems in the community and develop eye glasses for the people right here.



Mr Edward conducting the science training



Optical School completed



Ps Stephen Kintu – HOD Church Department



CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CFDP)

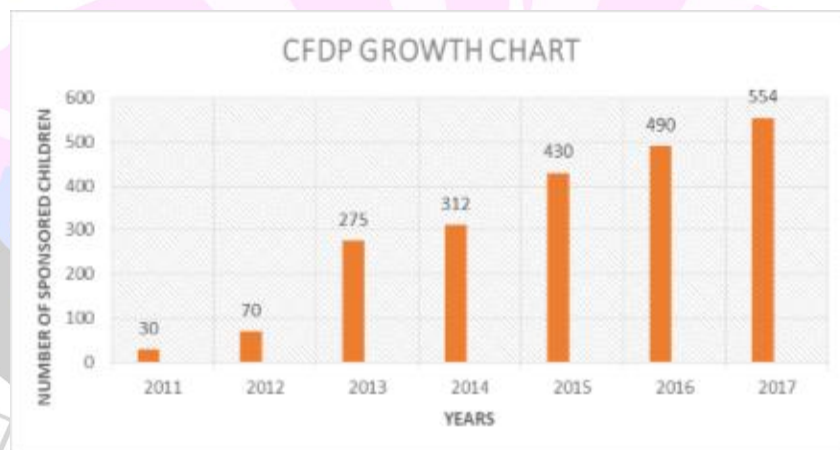
2017 has been a year of quality service towards the realization of our vision. We thank God for we have come to the end. We are grateful for the grace He has showed unto us to reach out to orphans and less privileged children and families.

Our operations have been segmented into the following aspects

- a. Child sponsorship
- b. Child - Sponsor correspondence
- c. Exit program

Child sponsorship

We thank God for the ever increasing number of the sponsored children. We have registered 106 newly sponsored children, however, 12 children were exited, 22 children were departed, and 8 children lost their sponsors and they were re-sponsored. Due to the loss in exit, sponsor cancellation and departures that is why the increase in number is only 64 yet the new sponsored children are 106



Child – Sponsor correspondence

In comparison to last years' statistics, we have grown by 22% in the year 2017. We have brought on board two new clusters and that is Ssanje and Kayung. We have managed to pay school fees for all our sponsored children in 49 schools for all the three terms in the year. General letters, reply letters, first letters, departures and thank you letters were done and sent to the coordinating office in the USA and Germany plus the local sponsors.



Ms Zainah Nanjeru supervising letter writing at Glory Christian School

Exit program

12 children reached their maximum years in the program. We managed to prepare families for this cause and all children wrote exit letters thanking their sponsors for standing with them during the past six years and stating how they have benefited from the program. However, some sponsors have shown interest to continue with their children for a while. Next year we are going to exit a total of 60 children from the program.



Shakira Nalubega (left) and Sumaya Babirye are among the 12 that have been exited from the program this year



Center day

A pilot center day together with a parents' meeting was held at Gwanda Cluster. This is a new model of center days we opt for the coming year. It was very successful, 70 parents turned up for the meeting and all our sponsored children also came. Children were taught the spiritual aspects and parents were taken through Banking and Saving, caring about the coffee project and parenting.

Success stories

From our support to students in higher institutions of learning, we are glad to report that two students in the names of Remmy Balikuddembe and Emmanuel Sekyewa graduated with bachelor degrees in social work and administration and Bachelor of Community Health respectively.

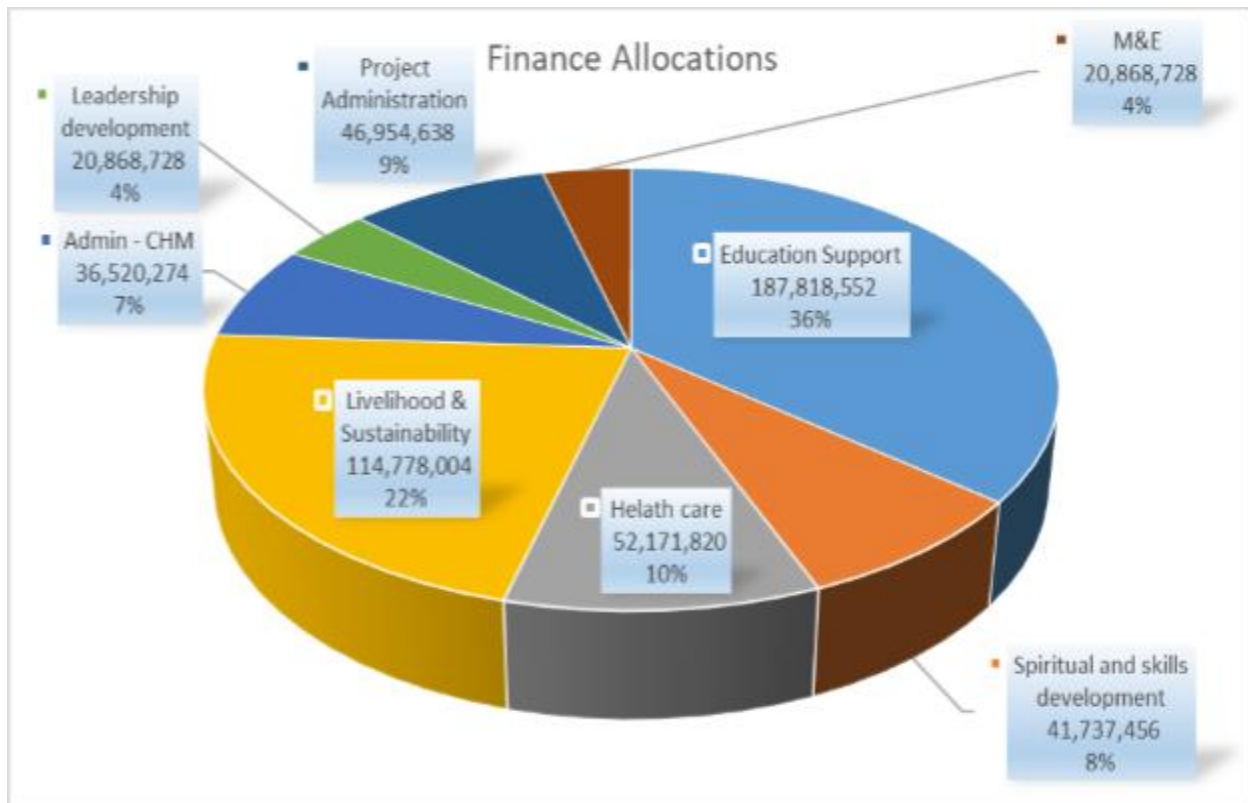


Remmy and Emmanuel

Other key highlights

- Sponsor visitations
- CFDP Family got a new house

CFDP Financial allocations 2017



Children of Hope Choir

This December, the children of Hope Choir USA 2018 has started the rehearsals and trainings. We greatly need your kind prayers for this tour to be a success. The children are fine and doing well and getting ready. More updates will come along but you can always check our Ministry Facebook page for constant updates.

2017 key achievements

- We have done over 90% of our planned activities this year.
- We have reached the targeted increase of 100 new sponsors this year
- We acquired two heavy duty motorcycles to enable us work effectively
- We have increased on our staff by employing Isaac Mugula.

Mr. Wilberforce Byasiima – CFDP Coordinator



Sustainability Department – Coffee Development

The Coffee Law

CHM in conjunction with NUCAFE conducted a training for the farmers with the purpose of having discussions prior to the establishment of the coffee law by government and how it will affect the local stakeholders in the coffee industry. A total of 25 farmers participated in this training.

Other trainings this year included;

- i. Mature entrants training: this is a group of farmers who join CHM at a stage where they are already or are preparing to harvest coffee. 25 farmers joined us this year through this program
- ii. Coffee drought insurance training: farmers taught how to insure their farms against the occurrence of natural hazards like drought.
- iii. Two Fair trade Trainings

Coffee Distribution Exercise

Earlier this year, the department received more coffee from the Government of Uganda through operation wealth creation which were distributed to the farmers. The main focus was on the farmers under CFDP. Alongside coffee, the department was able to receive 1000 orange trees and these were given to different farmers. 12,000 coffee seedlings were distributed to farmers in 2 villages and in October, 46,700 coffee seedlings were distributed in 8 villages. 232 families benefited from this exercise.

Special Coffee Projects

In October, 12 special farms were established in Buubwe and Kabaale. They are referred to as special because they were started and funded by special churches and families in the USA. These farmers received farming implements as part of their package and like other farmer groups, they are led by the local pastors.



Coffee seedlings that were distributed in quarter



Special project farmers after receiving implmenets

Annual Coffee Farmers' Day

On the 13th of July this year, we had this day. 1,200 farmers, friends of CHM and leaders at all levels from Rakai and Kyotera districts attended. One of the key activities on this day was to commission the coffee hulling and grading facility and create awareness of this change and step in the coffee value chain.

The guest of honor, Hon Gume Fred, also on this day launched the drought management flip chart for the farmers to get knowledge on how to harvest water in preparation for the long drought periods, taking example from the one that hit the region last year.



Hon Gume visiting the exhibition



Launching the drought management flip chart

Other activities in the year

- Developed and launched water harvesting systems to reduce the risk of coffee drying due to drought
- Started on the data collection and GPS tracking for online coffee marketing



Mr. Joshua Twatunga – HOD Sustainability Department

Hope Coffee Uganda

Hope Coffee-Uganda is a business arm of Celebrate Hope Ministries primarily handling marketing of CHM farmers' coffee both locally and internationally and also to engage in other coffee value additions (Coffee Roasting) all geared towards sustainable economic independence among households.

Producer Farmer Support

- i. We distributed 16 tarpaulins to Joy farmer group-Kakuuto under our Quality and Quantity coffee campaign.
- ii. We also held CHM Coffee programs awareness business meeting in Buubwe village –Kalisizo with 41 members in attending and the group expressed interest to partner with HCU in terms of coffee processing services and selling.



Joy group after receiving the tarpaulins



Mr Fred Kasiita demonstrating how coffee grading is done

The coffee Processing Machine Commissioned

Many years before when the ministry started with the coffee program as a way of lifting peoples livelihoods, there was constant need of achieving this through production of quality coffee and also reducing middle men in the coffee business. All this led to a need to purchase a high tech machine to add value to farmers' coffee.

Last year in December, the machine was purchased, brought in April this year, installed in June and commissioned on 13th July this year during the annual coffee farmers' day.

This has been our key highlight this year and we thank the Lord for this achievement. The machine has a component of hulling and grading of the coffee to the saleable international grades.



Arrival of the machine



Installation of the machine

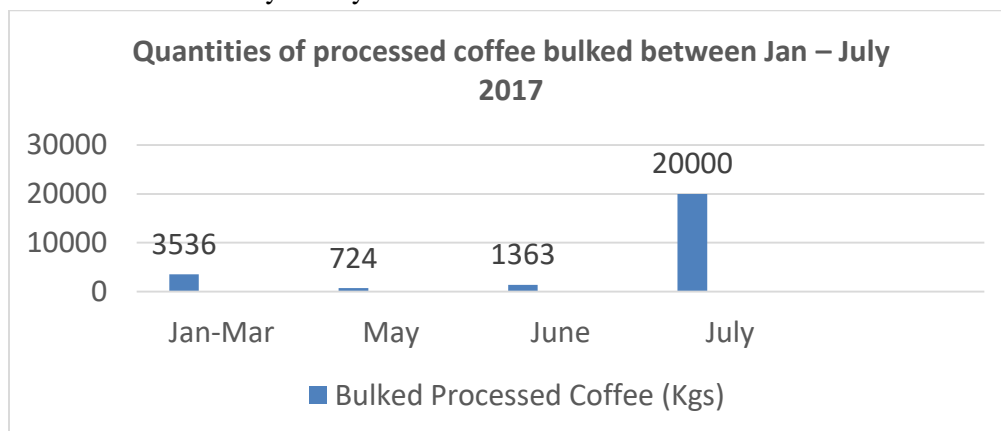


Commissioned machine

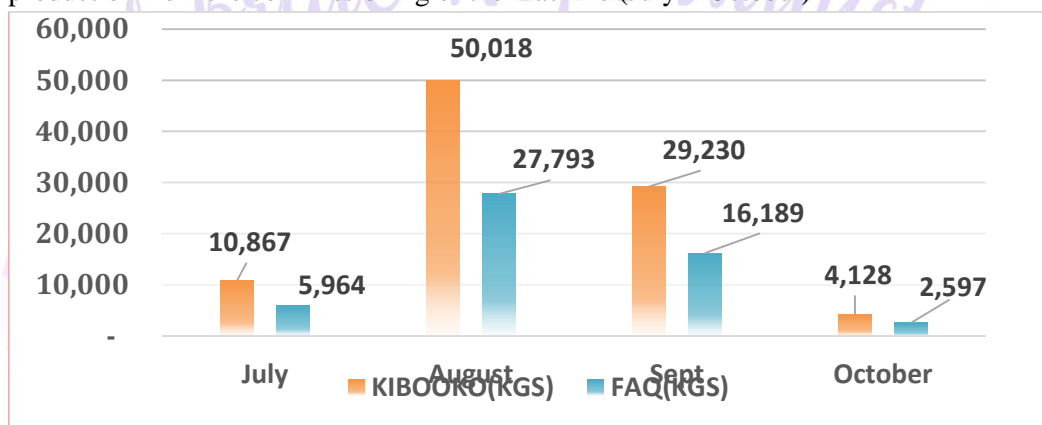
Coffee production 2017

The charts below show the variations of coffee purchases this year

i. Coffee Production from January to July



ii. Coffee production from the commissioning of the machine (July – October)



Explanation of figures: comparing both charts, coffee production greatly increases after the commissioning of the machine from the 5,623 Kgs in season one to an amazing 52,543 Kgs in season two. This gives us a bigger projection into the next season starting January 2018.

Key highlights from quarter one

- Signed the first coffee contact with Delight and Style, Germany
- Bought a 12 ton truck
- Participated exhibited and showcased Hope Coffee and CHM model in various exhibitions, trade shows and conferences e.g. Lead Conference and Renewal Summit in Gaba, Annual trade show in Lugogo.
- The “Kawa” Center (a place that will handle all roasted coffee processes) in under construction and nearing completion

Mr. Fred Kasiita – Manager Hope Coffee



Celebrate Hope SACCO

After the farmers have gone through the development and are doing business, they have been taught to learn how to save and develop through saving. When the bank was officially opened and registered in 2016 January, it had 65 members that had shares and accounts. By the end of the year 2016, it had 219 members. By 20th December 2017, the SACCO has 458 members, showing a 109.1% growth in membership.



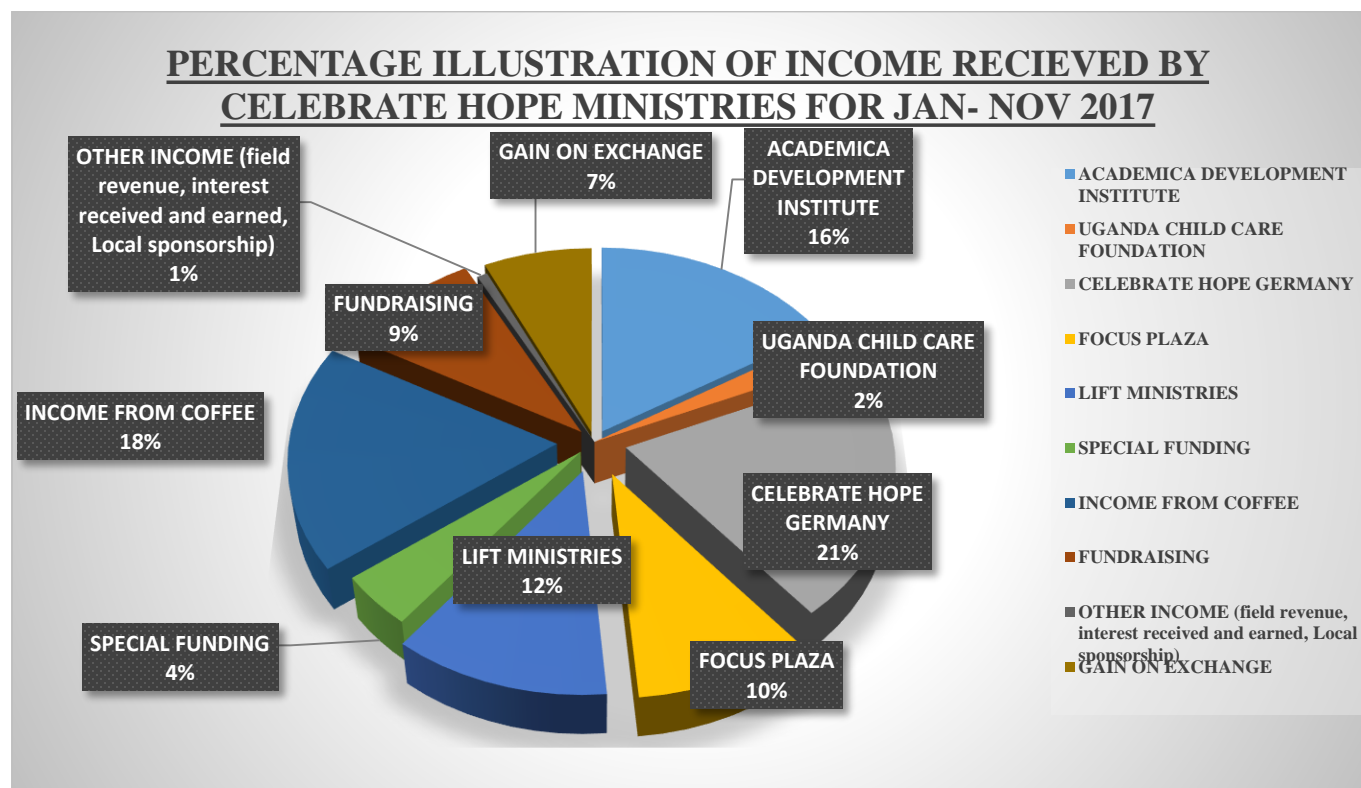
The founders paid a share capital of Ugx. 500,000 each and they were 56 in total. So every founder had 20 shares. Last year, the shares held were 723 but by December 2017, shares are 1,011, representing a 40% increase in shares.

The bank has also advocated for the families to develop and grow alongside their savings. In this we have three main loan packages i.e. school fees loans, farm improvement and home improvement. Between April and June 30th, we disbursed a total of Ugx. 38,415,000 to 28 members. From these loans, the bank has managed to earn an interest totaling to Ugx. 3,374,100.

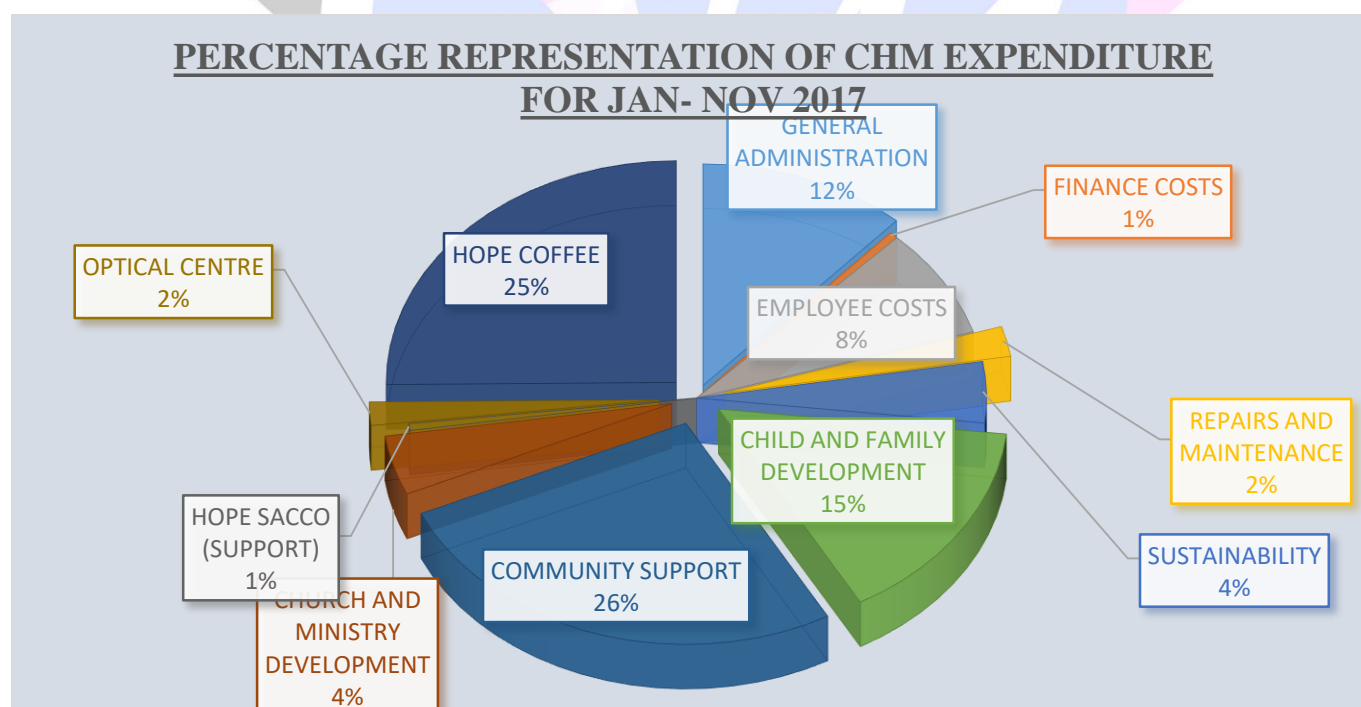
... Therefore, Our Hope Is In You...

FINANCIAL ILLUSTRATIONS FOR 2017

GRAPHICAL ILLUSTRATION OF THE INCOME EARNED BY CELEBRATE HOPE MINISTRIES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY- NOVEMBER 2017



GRAPHICAL ILLUSTRATION OF THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF CELEBRATE HOPE MINISTRIES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY- NOVEMBER 2017



Conclusion

Among the many planned activities, we want to thank God for his enabling grace that we have fulfilled these activities and more. He has continued to provide for us and encouraged us in ministry. Big thanks also go to our partners and wonderful sponsors of our children. Thank you for supporting this work and mostly believing in our vision and dream. God bless you abundantly.

“Celebrate Hope Ministries wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed new year 2018”

