



RURAL ORPHANS & WIDOWS AIDS NETWORK 2022 IMPACT REPORT



2022: A YEAR OF *growth*

a letter from our co-founder

Well Friends,

I'm going to be honest with you. When the ROWAN team heard the word "growth" for 2022 from the Lord, I was thinking, "Yay! Growth in supporters, donations, projects, and programs!"

What I didn't expect was "growth" of our spiritual muscles. As I reflect on all that transpired in 2022 (especially with the mining company), I confess I entered a season of fighting for hope. When I heard the news in March, I was paralyzed with fear. It was overwhelming, earth-shattering, and even hopeless. I didn't know what the next step was, except to go and be with the people we serve, believing together for God's miraculous intervention.

As I witnessed God's divine connection to the local lawyers to represent our people and the strong faith of the ROWAN team, I began to find my way back to hope again. I remember a widow crying out, "How can they break our buildings? Where are we going to go?" The ROWAN staff didn't respond in fear, but in deeply rooted hope and with the powerful history of fifteen years of committed love. In that moment the widow knew that, no matter what, we were committed to her.

In a community struggling to get through each day, ROWAN isn't just another out-of-touch non-profit. ROWAN is a lifeline to these people, a family, a safehouse.

We've faced insurmountable challenges over the years... and when one challenge ceases, another arises. This community has been struck down and pressed on every side. But hope is the only thing that cannot be taken from them, and it is the only thing that remains. I flew home with a renewed sense of hope and the resolve to choose hope every day. As an organization, we commit to dare to hope with Jesus instead of giving into fear.

Across all of ROWAN, it was a season of significant growth, and this Christmas was no exception. You rallied together to raise funds to protect 2 million people from unjust mining and displacement.

We are humbled to receive such love and support, and we are forever grateful. We press on in 2023 to focus our efforts towards our goals! And although we don't know the end of the story, we are confident in the God we serve as we believe: "Every widow a leader, and every orphan a beloved child being transformed in the image of Christ, to fulfill their divine purposes."

with love & gratitude,
kelsey hargadine
Co-Founder & CEO



the big picture

OUR PURPOSE

We exist to bring **HOPE** to widows & orphans affected by HIV/AIDS in rural Uganda.

OUR VISION

Every widow a leader and every orphan a beloved child being transformed in the image of Christ to fulfill their divine purposes.

OUR COMMITMENT

We ensure your generosity reaches & transforms every widow & orphan we serve through Christ-centered programs.

OUR MISSION

In partnership with the global body of Christ, we support & strengthen indigenous organizations & their leaders to meet the spiritual, physical, & social needs of widows & orphans.

2022 FINANCIALS

DONORS

1,868

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$347,352

DONATIONS

3,095

LARGEST DONATION CATEGORIES

SPONSORSHIPS:
\$127,538

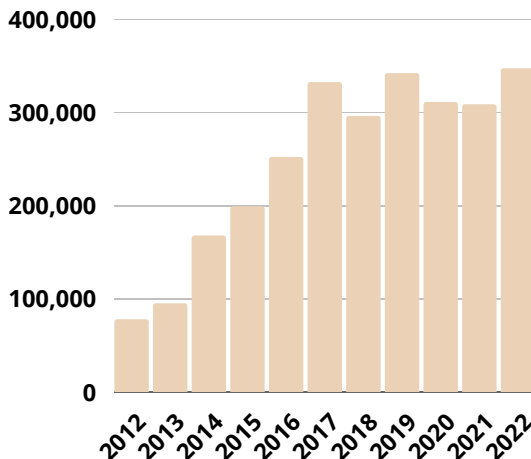
URGENT NEEDS:
\$84,492

SPECIAL GIFTS:
\$51,829

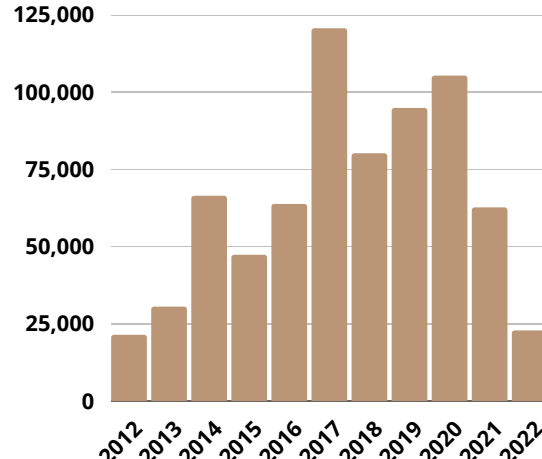
UNSHAKEN CAMPAIGN:
\$81,000

CONTRIBUTIONS & ASSETS OVER THE YEARS

CONTRIBUTIONS:



NET ASSETS:



THE PEOPLE WE'VE IMPACTED



115
primary
school kids



20
secondary
school kids



19
college/trade
school students



13
graduates
in 2022



88
widows in
entrepreneurship
training



188
households in
our farming
program



1700
patients
treated in the
Hope Clinic



FAST FACTS



220
active
sponsorships
(+87 from 2021)



50
acres for
programs
owned by
ROWAN



2
sustainable
businesses:
goat farm +
med center



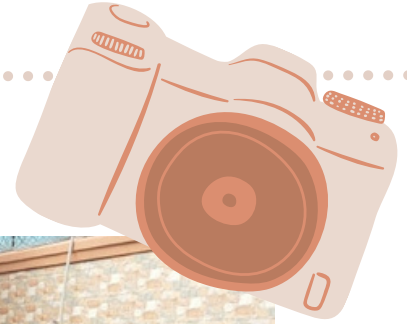
20
local staff
members
(+3 from 2021)



2022 STORIES & SNAPSHOTS

JANUARY + FEBRUARY

ROWAN staff in Uganda went on a retreat together to reflect on 2021 and cast vision for 2022.



MARCH + APRIL

ROWAN was recognized as a regional leader for our human rights based approach to working with those in extreme poverty. The district committee honored ROWAN for our great influence across the region.

Pastor Paul shared concerns about a mining company testing the underground minerals at his home & ROWAN properties. For the foreseeable future, it's business as usual for all of our programs.



MAY



Kelsey traveled to Uganda as she heard ROWAN & the surrounding villages were identified as having rare earth metals underground. During her trip, God connected Kelsey & Ugandan Board members to private lawyers who specialize in land rights.

She offered comfort & as much clarity as possible, given the uncertainty. Ultimately, her message to them on behalf of ROWAN was firm: we will be with them until the end. The Uganda board & staff were also unified in mission and focused on continuing supporting our widows and orphans in this fearful time.

Upon returning to the states, Kelsey focused much of her efforts & ROWAN attention to researching the mining project, weekly zoom meetings with key stakeholders and lawyers as the urgency of the situation increased.

JUNE, JULY, + AUGUST

Meanwhile, we expanded our Maternity Center to accommodate all of our new mamas & growing families! During this summer-long project, we expanded our center with another outpatient room, dug a pit latrine for the maternity department & hired a new ultrasound technician for our ultrasound machine! This was one of the 3 new hires in 2022.



SEPTEMBER + OCTOBER

We sold bananas & pineapples from the ROWAN Farm for local income. This is a small part of our major initiative to make ROWAN more and more sustainable with on-the-ground efforts!





Two higher level students graduated in Education and Health! We are so proud of them. When an orphan we serve graduates with a higher degree, it represents so much to our community. It's a sign of hope to the young students looking up to them, it's a sign of God's provision to their family, and a show of God's faithfulness to that individual, that He is with them, guiding them, that He cares for them and has big plans for their life!

DECEMBER



We held an event in Denver for the first time since 2017 to fundraise for our Christmas campaign, "WE WILL NOT BE SHAKEN."

Together, ROWAN supporters raised \$81,000 in December to protect the people during this mining crisis. With a donations trickling in during January, the grand total raised ended up being over \$87,000. Praise God!





To every prayer warrior, sponsor, board member, supporter, & follower:

THANK YOU.

You've cared for the "least of these" in their darkest hours.
In all the numbers here, we pray you see the HOPE you give!

