

Voices of Infinite Value and Hope



Social Report 2025



Meeting Point International

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Who We Are



Watch how MPI and Luigi Giussani Schools started and what they are like today

Meeting Point International (MPI) is a Ugandan Non-Governmental Organization founded by Rose Busingye in 1992 and officially registered in 2003. Its main activity is the care of people affected and infected by HIV/AIDS and the education of their children in four slums of Kampala: Naguru, Kireka, Ntinda, and Nsambya.

In 2025, MPI directly supported 2,253 beneficiaries and impacted over 4,500 people. Its mission is rooted in a simple yet powerful goal: to ensure that every person discovers their own infinite value.

1992

MPI was founded

1993

Registered as a Community-Based Organization (CBO)

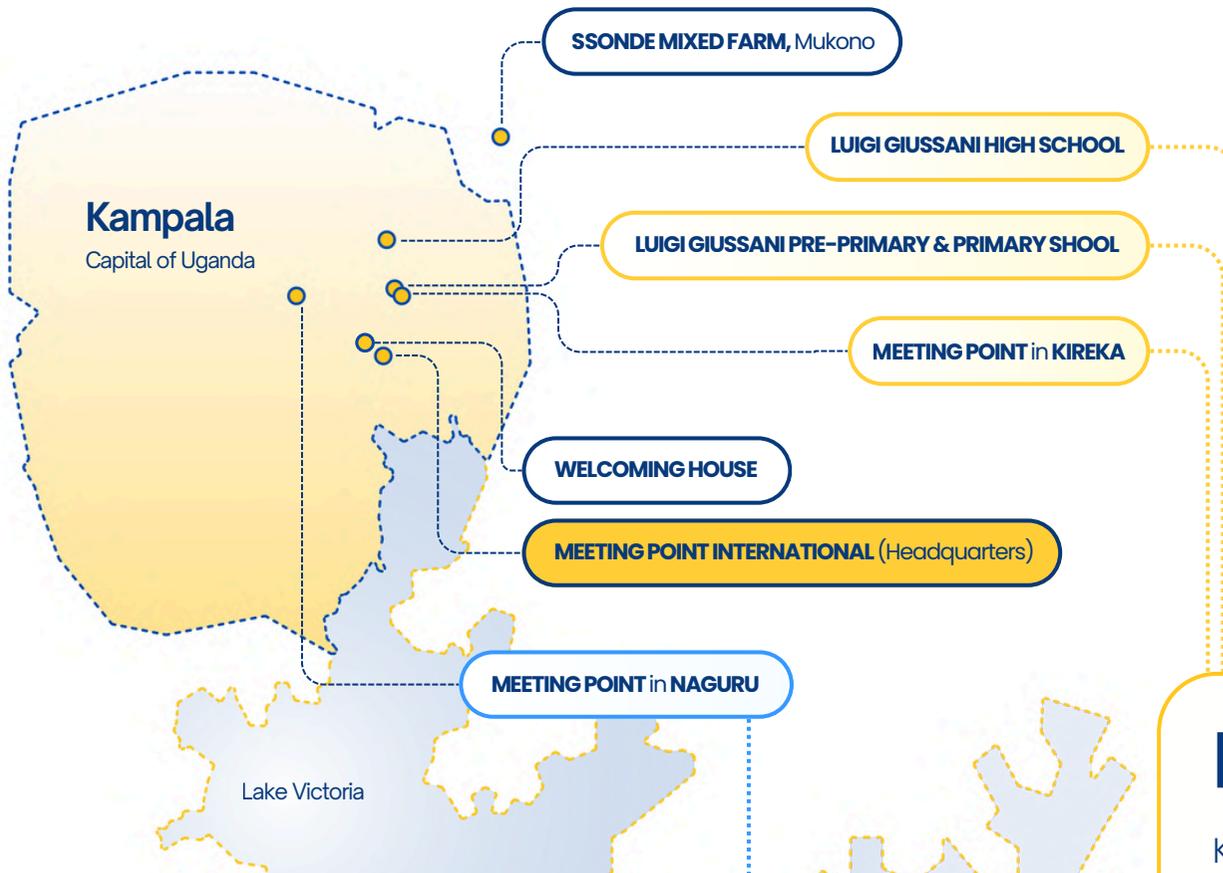
2003

Officially became an NGO

Now

Positively impacting over 4,000 beneficiaries

WHERE WE WORK



Naguru

Naguru is an urban neighbourhood in Kampala with mixed residential, commercial, and institutional functions. On its outskirts, the Go-down slum is an informal settlement characterised by poor housing conditions, inadequate infrastructure, limited access to basic services, and high levels of insecurity. Livelihoods are mainly informal; women are primarily engaged in street vending and small-scale hawking activities.

Kireka

Kireka is a densely populated peri-urban area in Kampala, shaped by rapid urbanization and informal development. Within it, Acholi Quarter is predominantly inhabited by Acholi* people who were displaced by the conflict in Northern Uganda, many of whom fled war-related violence. The area faces severe infrastructure gaps, limited access to services, and widespread informal employment. Economic activities mainly include stone quarrying and small “juakali” enterprises, largely led by women, within a context of long-term social marginalisation.

* Ethnolinguistic group of northern Uganda and South Sudan.



Vision

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

Mission

Meeting Point International aims to continuously **accompany every person and community**, prioritising the affected and Infected people with HIV/AIDS, promoting education at all levels and committing to poverty alleviation.

Method



MPI in Words

Weekly meeting at MPI Kireka

BELONGING

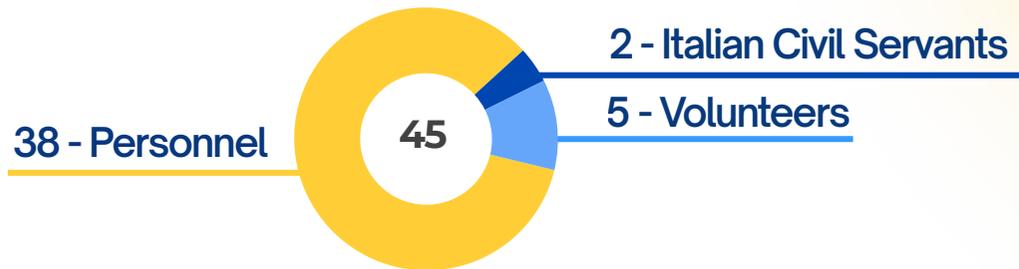
VALUE

HAPPINESS

Meeting Point International is more than an organization: it is a family. Those who become part of this community **discover their infinite value, beyond poverty, illness, or any condition they may live with.** No one is defined by vulnerability; each person is recognised as unique and worthy.

This strong sense of belonging reinforces individual dignity, bringing joy, confidence, and the freedom to express one's true self, while feeling seen, valued, and important within the community.

MPI Staff



62% Female

38% Male

Avarage age

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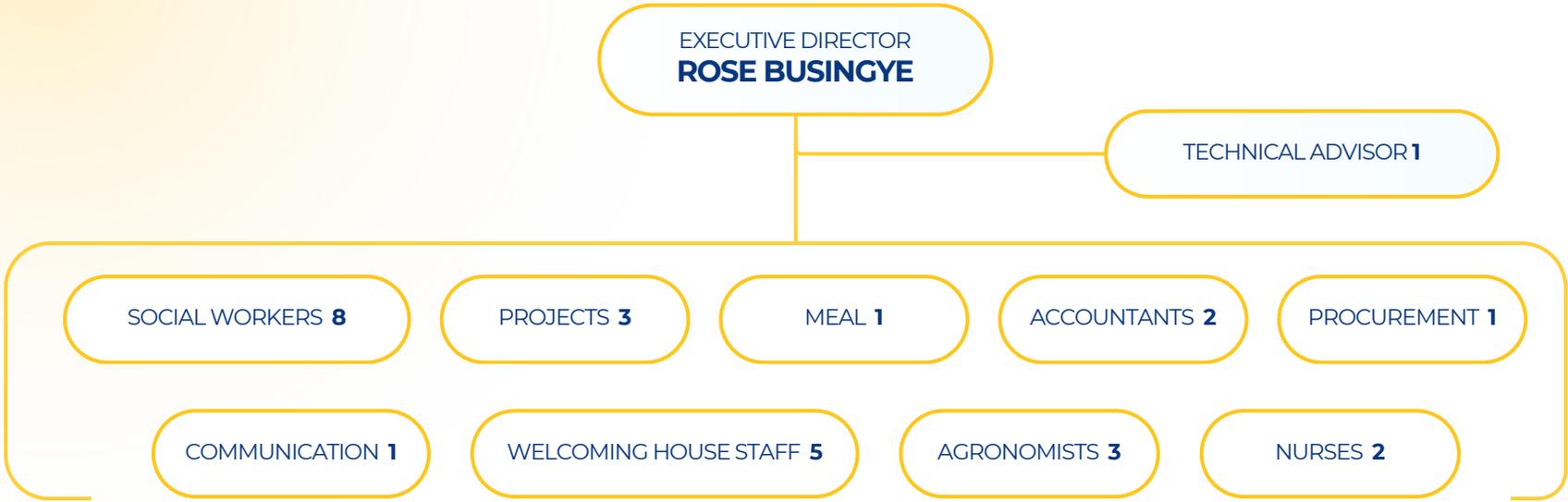


Social Worker at MPI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

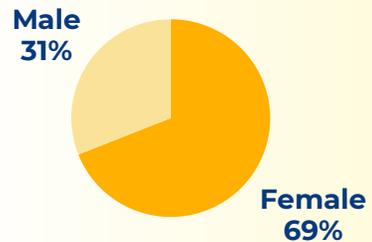
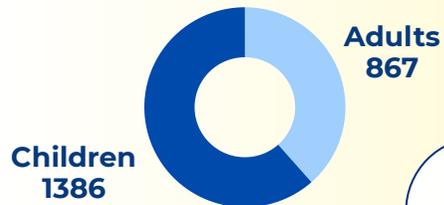


MPI HEADQUARTERS



2025 in Numbers

2253 Direct Beneficiaries



4536 Indirect Beneficiaries

648 Households



Weekly meeting at MPI Kireka



Sectors of Intervention

- ①  Health
- ②  Education
- ③  Protection
- ④  Livelihood
- ⑤  Smart Agriculture
- ⑥  Clean Energy

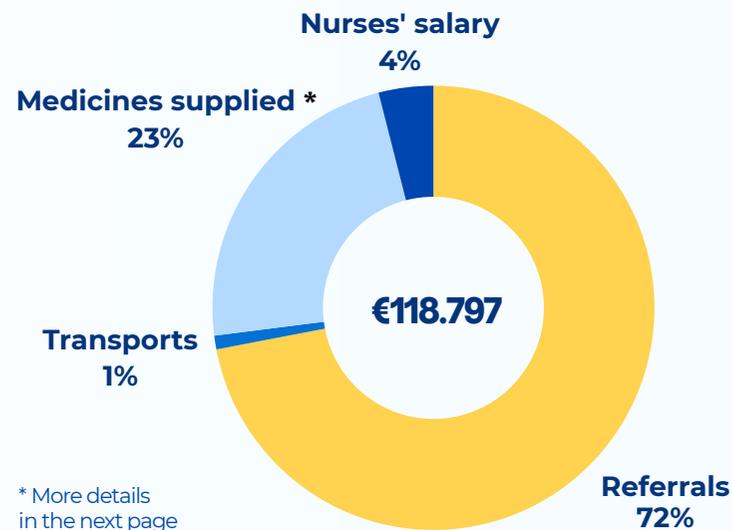
Health

MPI's medical support continued to be grounded in a holistic vision of well-being, addressing both physical and mental health needs, particularly people living with HIV/AIDS. Through thoughtful, person-centered care, MPI not only treats medical conditions but also provides psychological and emotional support, reaffirming the dignity and value of every individual.

1. MEDICAL TREATMENTS AND REFERRALS

Throughout 2025, MPI's two clinics in the slums of Naguru and Kireka, supported by two dedicated nurses, provided healthcare services to **2,253 patients, including 1,064 adults and 1,189 children.**

73 patients with severe and complicated conditions were carefully referred to MPI's three partner hospitals – St. Francis, St. Benedict Medical Center Luzira and Kitintale hospital – to ensure timely and specialized treatment. Some of the most commonly treated cases were lung problems, severe infections, cancer, hypertension, diabetes and heart diseases. These referrals were coordinated directly by MPI's nurses and Rose Busingye (the Executive Director).

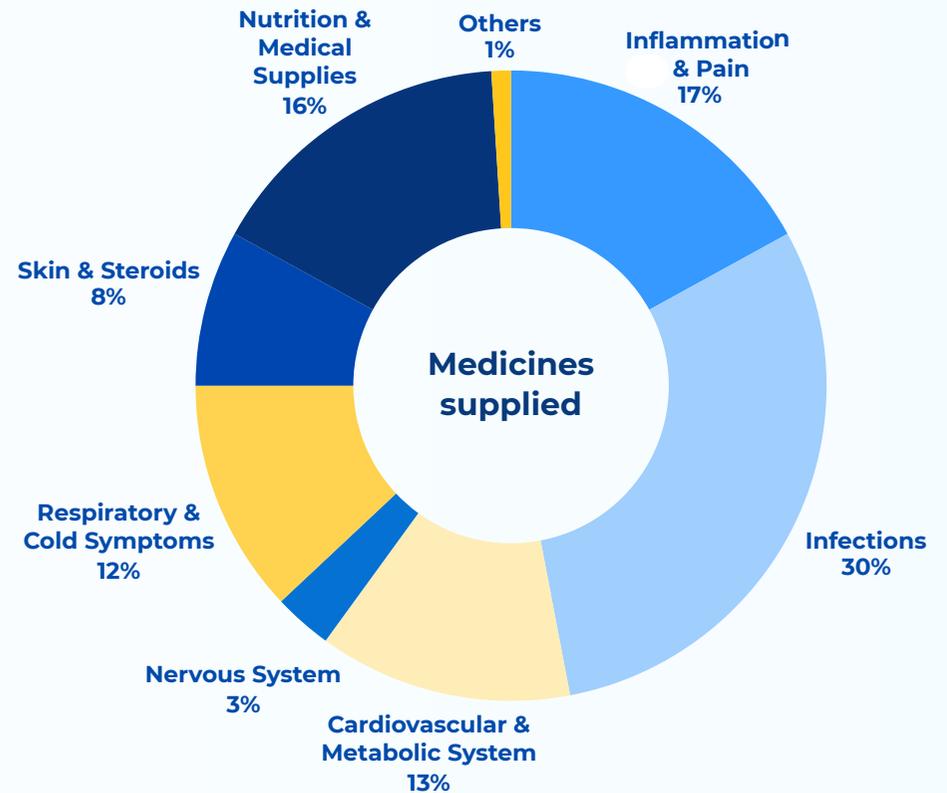


Betty
Nurse of MPI Kireka

Working primarily with people living with HIV/AIDS, nurses provide not only antiretroviral therapy but also a wide range of treatments addressing the most frequent and pressing health needs linked to immunosuppression and living conditions.

The majority of medical support focused on treating infections, particularly through antibiotics and antiparasitic medicines, followed by pain and inflammation management for chronic conditions such as arthritis and musculoskeletal pain. A significant share of care also addressed nutritional deficiencies through supplements, alongside cardiovascular and metabolic treatments for hypertension and diabetes. In addition, nurses frequently managed respiratory conditions and cold-related symptoms, as well as skin and eye infections, which are common in the communities where MPI operates. Diseases linked to environmental exposure, including malaria and typhoid fever, were also regularly treated, bringing **the total number of medical cases supported in 2025 to 3,783.**

By linking community-based care with hospital treatment, MPI ensures that patients benefit from both accessible local support and advanced medical interventions when necessary, maintaining continuity of care and safeguarding the well-being of the most vulnerable.



2. RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

During the weekly meetings (Mondays and Wednesdays in Naguru; Tuesdays and Thursdays in Kireka), **433 participants engaged in recreational activities such as playing music, dancing, singing, and acting**, including traditional songs and dances from the women's regions of origin. Since the COVID period, the meetings have grown to include not only Acholi people but also participants from Buganda, Busoga, Kigezi, Ankole, Karamoja, Lugbara, and neighboring countries. Music and dancing, described by Rose Busingye as the greatest form of therapy, help participants feel happy, foster unity, and welcome new members. In addition to supporting physical and mental well-being, these activities allow Rose and the social workers to observe the beneficiaries' health and monitor adherence to recommended practices related to medication and nutrition.



Education



This sector remained a cornerstone of MPI's work and commitment, encouraging students and communities through education, mentorship, and skills development.

“Education is seen not only as a path to academic achievement, but as a way to support children’s overall well-being and happiness.”

Rose



Luigi Giussani High School Students

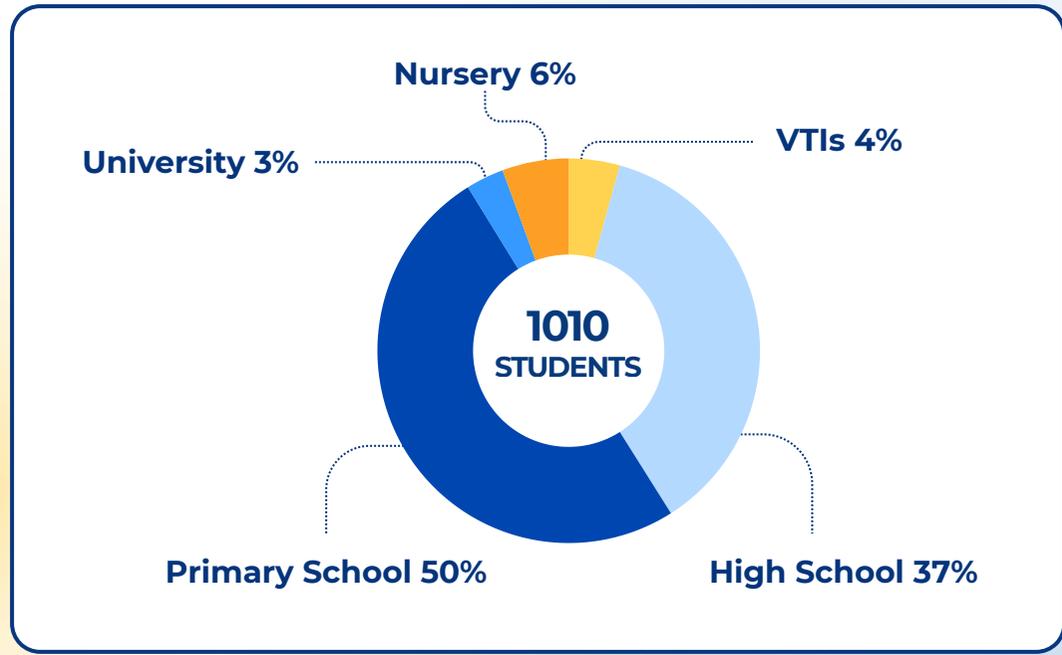
1. SCHOOL FEES & SCHOOL MATERIALS

Thanks to the continued support of our donors, in 2025 MPI provided **1,735 scholarships**, benefiting a total of **1,010 students** from nursery to university level, including vocational studies. Students attended **49 institutions** in total: 8 universities, 15 vocational training institutes (VTIs), 7 high schools, 13 primary schools, 4 pre-primary and primary schools, and 2 nurseries. Among these, there is a special bond with the Luigi Giussani schools - Luigi Giussani Pre-Primary and Primary School (LGPPS) & Luigi Giussani High School (LGHS) - which are strongly linked to MPI's history and the community in which we operate.

Alongside formal schooling, MPI offers alternative pathways through VTIs, responding to the diverse talents and circumstances of young people. **43 youths attended courses*** in **hairstressing, welding, electrical installation, and mechanics**, gaining practical skills that strengthen self-reliance, social inclusion, and local employment opportunities.

* More details in the 'Livelihood' section.

MPI also strives to involve parents and guardians in a shared commitment to their children's education. Special attention is given to 85 children, 65 from the Welcoming House and 20 from other vulnerable households, many of whom lack parental support. For these children, we provide **full support for school requirements**, ensuring access to education and a stable, nurturing learning environment.



2. SCHOOL VISITS

In 2025, MPI carried out **45 school visits and class meetings**. These visits allowed social workers to monitor academic progress, support psychosocial well-being, and provide tailored guidance, ensuring children were accompanied and supported throughout their educational journey.



Luigi Giussani Pre-primary & Primary School Students

3. SPORT AND MUSIC

In 2025, MPI launched initiatives at LGHS to enhance the well-being of young beneficiaries, whose health and social development are often affected by difficult living conditions. Recognizing the positive impact of sports and music on children from slum communities, MPI seeks to provide an education that goes beyond the traditional Ugandan curriculum. At LGHS, **654 students benefited from football, basketball, and volleyball training sessions conducted with the support of the Real Madrid Foundation**. Additionally, through a project with Support International, the school established a **50-student brass band**, equipped with instruments, which successfully exhibited at community events.



Luigi Giussani High
School Brass Band Class

4. REMEDIAL CLASSES

MPI provided tailored remedial classes to support children facing academic challenges. **Weekend sessions** and **accelerated literacy classes** ensured additional guidance for those needing extra help, with social workers monitoring progress to strengthen learning outcomes and build confidence.



The Power of Sport:
Changing Young Lives



Protection



MPI works to protect its most vulnerable beneficiaries, particularly women and children, by ensuring continuous presence, support, and safe spaces. In 2025, MPI committed to strengthening its capacity through new initiatives to better support its most vulnerable beneficiaries.

1. CHILD PROTECTION THROUGH WELCOMING HOUSE

The Welcoming House is a safe space where MPI works to recreate a family-like environment for vulnerable children. In 2025, the facility hosted **65 children**, supported mainly by **5 caregivers** and followed up by Rose. During the year, with the help of MPI friends and Support International, living conditions were improved through the addition of new beds, interior and exterior repainting, and the creation of a dedicated space for older boys. Additionally, to encourage hands-on learning, a connection to nature, and self-sufficiency, the children participate in rearing birds, rabbits, and goats in the garden of the house.

Children at the Welcoming House

2. COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

During the **356 home visits** and **201 weekly meetings**, Rose and social workers raised awareness on rights, child protection, positive parenting, and gender-based violence. Beneficiaries view these sessions as safe and free spaces to ask for guidance and report concerns. Last year, we did intensive work encouraging parents to acquire birth certificates so they could access government services more easily, besides it being a donor requirement. MPI's Kitintale office also remains open to the community, welcoming everyone to share their needs, concerns, or suggestions with our social workers and Rose.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT, SAFEGUARDING & STAFF TRAINING

In 2025, MPI began strengthening the risk management system through the Internal Risk Management Group (IRMG). All staff underwent an assessment to guide the update of the organization's risk management and safeguarding policies. Additionally, part of the staff received child protection training provided by the Real Madrid Foundation, further enhancing MPI's capacity to safeguard vulnerable beneficiaries.



Livelihood



Livelihood initiatives implemented during the 2025 were meant to promote the economic empowerment of our beneficiaries and their families. These programs aim to strengthen entrepreneurial skills and support individuals in becoming more self-reliant and financially independent.

1. VSLA, FL & SPM

Thanks to the ongoing project with Support International and the partnership with AVSI Uganda, **275 beneficiaries** received training in **Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA)**, **211** in **Financial Literacy (FL)**, and **214** in **Selection, Planning & Management (SPM)** for income-generating activities (IGA) during the second half of the year.

These initiatives are helping our women and men improve financial management, access capital, and develop sustainable income, strengthening the stability and self-sufficiency of their households. The number of VSLA groups grew from 8 to 10, reflecting increasing community interest. Throughout the year, participants actively saved and benefited from being part of VSLA groups, with guidance and support from trained social workers.

648
HOUSEHOLDS



"On the Way to
Self-Determined Life
(Bengo Project)"



MPI Naguru Member - Business

2. ADULT LITERACY

In 2025, MPI continued the adult literacy program, running **4 literacy classes per week** for **123 adults** with limited or no formal education. The program focused on basic reading, writing and numeracy skills, empowering women and men to communicate independently and manage everyday tasks such as accessing health services, supporting their children's education and engaging more confidently within their communities.

3. APPRENTICESHIP

Throughout 2025, MPI supported **5 young people** through apprenticeship opportunities, focusing on students who have dropped out of school. This activity connects participants with companies offering hands-on training in fields relevant to the local labour market. Participants receive ongoing guidance from project officers and, upon completion, earn certificates that enhance their employability.



Apprenticeship in Welding and Metal Fabrication.

4. COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SENSITIZATION

A lot of dialogues were held about hypertension and diabetes, as these cases are high among our clients. Our social workers also closely follow up on clients with chronic diseases and accompanied some patients to hospitals. Sensitization is a continuous, daily activity integrated into all MPI interventions, as beneficiaries live in conditions of vulnerability linked to both their health status and the challenging social and environmental context. The focus is on promoting healthy practices related to nutrition, hygiene, and prevention, as well as encouraging adherence to prescribed treatments for chronic conditions, particularly HIV/AIDS.

5. HOME VISITS

In 2025, **356 home visits** were conducted by MPI's 8 social workers, making this activity a key pillar of ongoing support. Through regular home visits, MPI provided emotional support, reduced isolation, and ensured continuity of care for its **648 households**.

MPI Kireka



Paper Beads
Making at
MPI Kireka



6. ART AND CRAFT

Throughout the year, our women continued to create bracelets, necklaces, trays, bags, table clothes and other handcrafted items. In addition to being featured in MPI's craft catalogue - where supporters can receive them through donations - these activities contribute to both personal and community well-being, as the women gather together to create these beautiful items.

Our craft catalogue



Smart Agriculture



1. AGRI-PRENEURSHIP

As agriculture remains one of Uganda's most productive sectors, MPI strongly believes in the importance of training youth for meaningful participation in the agri-preneurship sector. In 2025, **MPI trained 160 students** from Luigi Giussani High School in horticulture under a project funded by the German Government in coordination with Support International. The students, who already study agronomy at school, were able to put theory into practice through modules such as nursery bed establishment, compost making, and seedling transplanting. Upon completion, they received a UVTAB certification to support their future job opportunities in the agricultural sector.

2. PRODUCTION

Ssonde Farm plays a key role in ensuring food security for the children at the Welcoming House. It produces a wide range of fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as raising poultry and rabbits, thereby creating the conditions for the sustainability of the Welcoming House.

MPI continues to operate actively at its farm in Ssonde, located 17 km northeast of Kampala, which is officially registered with the Uganda Vocational and Technical Assessment Board (UVTAB) as an assessment and training center (Registration No. UVT977), following previous registration with the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT). In 2025, Ssonde Mixed Farm expanded its production and training activities through the work of 4 agronomists and structural improvements* aimed at addressing persistent water shortages and enhancing the farm's overall sustainability. MPI's "smart" agriculture approach promotes environmentally friendly practices through the use of locally available materials in activities such as urban and extensive horticulture, poultry, piggery, and rabbit production.

* More details in the 'Clean Energy' section.

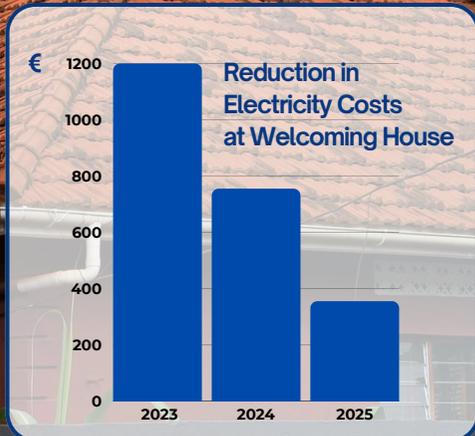
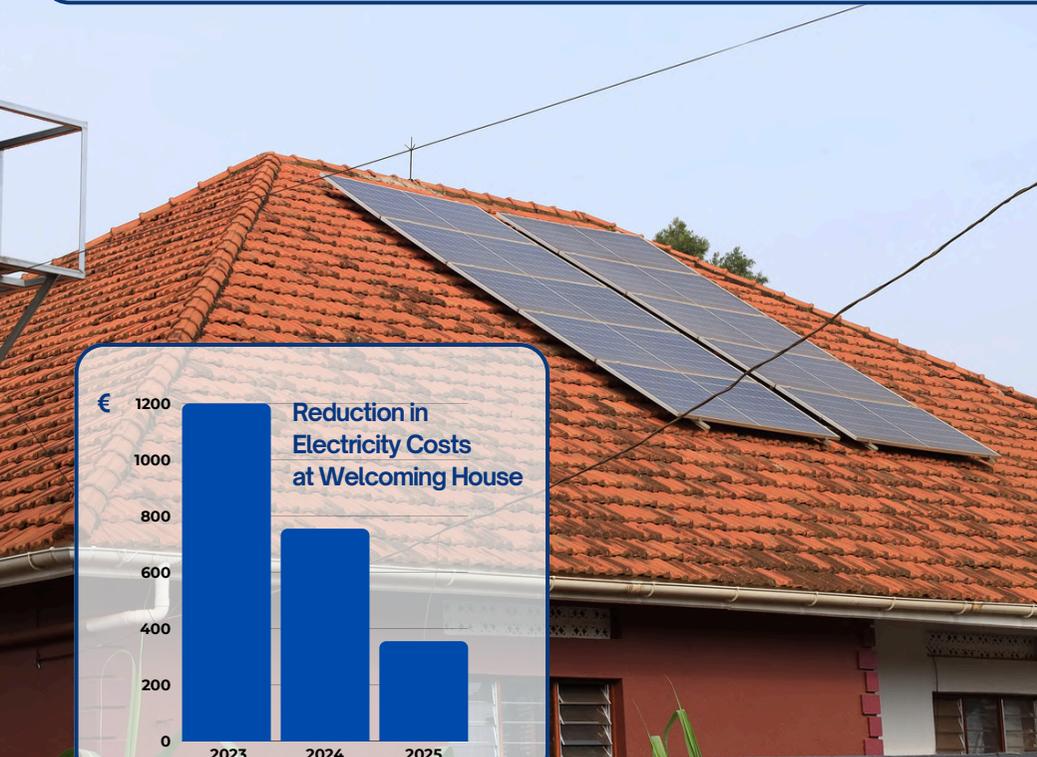


Clean Energy

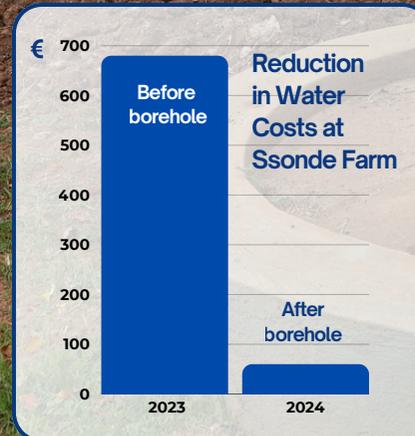
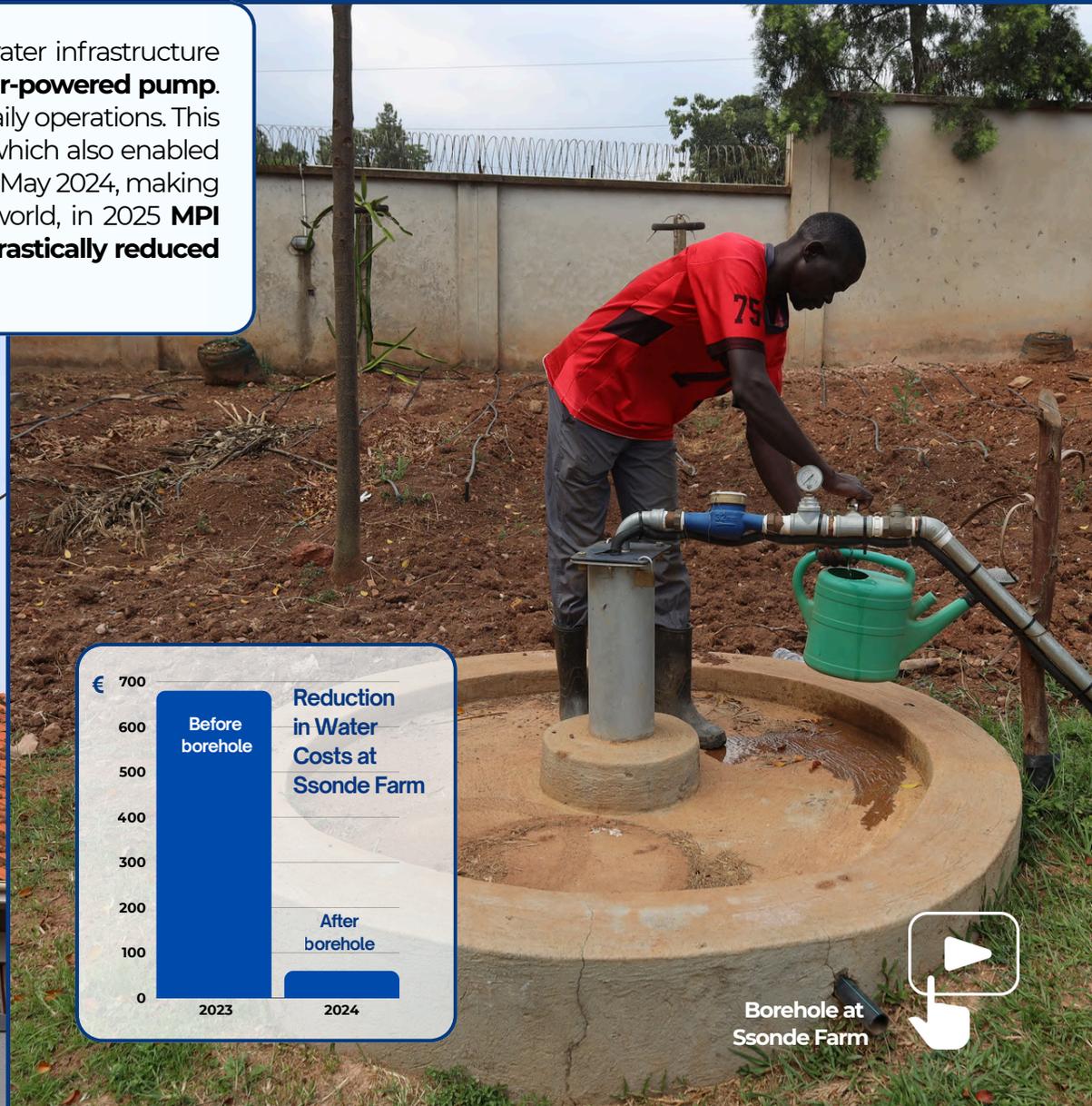


Clean energy is a cross-cutting sector for MPI, integrated into all projects to promote sustainability, reduce ecological footprint, and strengthen community resilience, while respecting local contexts and traditions.

In 2025, Ssonde Mixed Farm benefited from a key clean energy and water infrastructure improvement with the **installation of a borehole equipped with a solar-powered pump**. This intervention significantly improved water access, productivity, and daily operations. This was made possible thanks to the MPI's ongoing fundraising initiatives, which also enabled the installation of a solar power system at the Welcoming House (WH) in May 2024, making it energetically self-sufficient. Thanks to these steps toward a cleaner world, in 2025 **MPI saved €676 in annual electricity costs** at the Welcoming House and **drastically reduced expenses related to the national water supply at Ssonde Mixed Farm**.



Solar panels at Welcoming House



Borehole at Ssonde Farm



Partners



UGANDA



USA



St. Francis Hospital
Nsambya



BENEDICT MEDICAL
CENTRE

Donors

An overview of donations in 2025

814.778,63 €

24% PRIVATE DONORS

76% INSTITUTIONAL DONORS

58,4%



People for development ITALY

2%



24%

PRIVATE
DONORS

1,2%



7,5%



0,5%



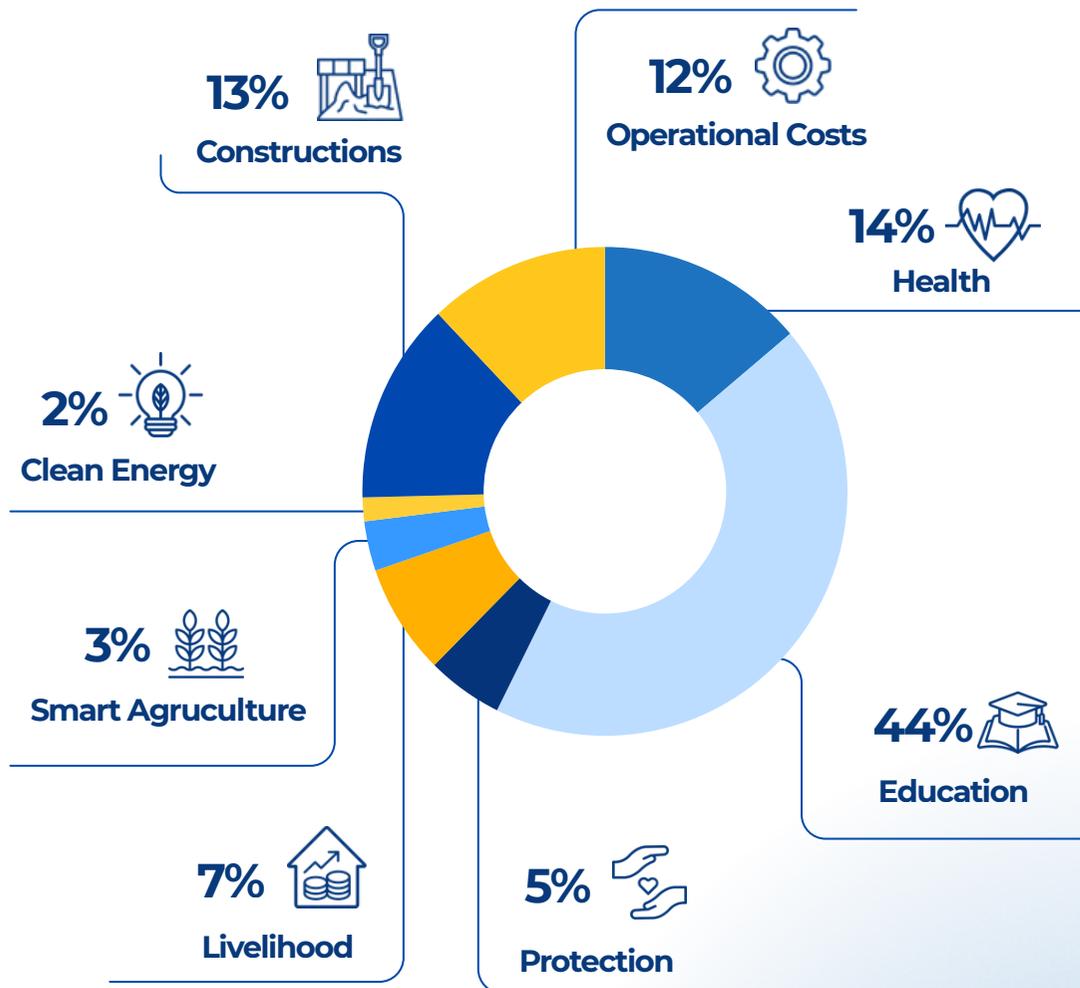
6%



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FRONTIERE

Expenses



Objectives 2026

In 2026, MPI aims to expand support to more beneficiaries through medical care, school fees, and community programs, while strengthening the impact and sustainability of its initiatives across all sectors.

Health



- Increase prevention and awareness initiatives, particularly for cancer, to reduce late diagnoses and associated high costs.
- Improve transportation support for beneficiaries to ensure timely access to medical services.

Education



- Secure additional donors to support students who lose their funding, including those over 18 who wish to continue with their studies.
- Provide special support for children with disabilities and girls to create a more inclusive learning environment.
- Enhance sports activities and improve facilities at the Luigi Giussani schools.

Protection



- Build a new safe and multifunctional play area for children and youth at the Welcoming House.
- Strengthen psychological and legal support for beneficiaries whose rights are violated, including enhancing staff expertise and policy frameworks through targeted trainings and regular assessments.

Livelihood



- Provide women with vocational training in hairdressing, soap making, bakery, and tailoring.
- Construct a tennis court/multipurpose field to support sports and community activities.
- Reach more youths with career guidance and strengthen support for apprenticeships.

Smart Agriculture



- Train and assess LGHS students in smart agricultural practices.
- Develop the farm into a production center capable of supplying products to local markets.

Clean Energy



- Equip MPI facilities with clean energy solutions to make operations increasingly sustainable.

***“Happiness is contagious.
Peace is a path we walk every
day through small acts of
inclusion and compassion.”***

Rose

SUPPORT US

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