





At Lift Up the Vulnerable (LUV), we believe that when vulnerable children and women are empowered, they can transform the world. Children growing up in Sudan and South Sudan face the immense adversity of being orphaned and vulnerable to human trafficking every day. According to UNICEF, in 2021 the total number of vulnerable children living in extreme poverty throughout sub-Saharan Africa saw its largest single-year increase ever recorded.

**But because of your support, LUV is making the prevention of human trafficking possible.** Your generosity directly <u>protects</u>, <u>educates</u>, and provides <u>economic development</u> for hundreds of children and women in these regions. Those who were once the most vulnerable people in their war-torn communities are now gaining the strength and confidence to thrive in the face of conflict and shine Christ's light in one of the harshest corners of the world!

Throughout 2021, we saw donors from around the globe give generously to grow LUV's mission. This achievement was championed by individuals, foundations, and companies committed to building a better life for the vulnerable children and women of Sudan and South Sudan. It was sustained by our monthly giving community — The LUV Collective — which leads the way in providing a consistent and reliable source of support for our programs. It was energized by new initiatives, like the LUV Ambassadors Council, made up of motivated and compassionate individuals who helped us expand our reach and impact.

This growth enabled us to deepen our Sudan, South Sudan, and USA operations. In September, our stateside team welcomed two new staff members: Cassidy Winters, Communications and Development Officer, and Tara Herget, Finance and Administrative Officer. In addition, we hosted our third annual Month of LUV — celebrating the true meaning of Valentine's Day, or as we like to call it, **LUV Day** — and the second annual Longest Night Prayer Vigil for ending oppression. We're excited to see many new individuals (like you!), companies, and churches participate in these opportunities in 2022 and beyond.

### Your continued partnership prepares LUV for a strong 2022 as we launch ambitious program plans that will enable us to show Christ's love to more vulnerable children and women through holistic care.

To follow is a snapshot of the impacts your generosity made possible this past year. We have big goals we want to accomplish in 2022. Your support will enable us to reach those goals, prevent human trafficking, and empower even more changemakers to transform the world with faith, hope, and LUV.

With Gratitude,

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Audrey Moore Chief Executive Officer



"Aduany" was too young to remember her parents' death during the war. But she does remember the painful struggle to survive that came after.
Without any protection, she was at a high risk to be trafficked – as too many orphaned girls are in Sudan & South Sudan. In 2009, Aduany was rescued through LUV's anti-trafficking network. In 2022, she'll join the growing number of high school graduates from our trafficking prevention programs. <u>Your generosity</u> is transforming lives!





In conflict zones such as Sudan and South Sudan, which are marked by violence and extreme poverty, the most vulnerable are kidnapped as child soldiers, sold as sex slaves, and trapped in forced labor.

LUV's solution is a holistic empowerment model that prevents human trafficking and empowers children and women to thrive as change agents in their own lives and communities.

Through the only indigenously directed anti-human trafficking network spanning Sudan and South Sudan, LUV provides protection, education, and economic **development** to eliminate the exploitation of vulnerabilities, provide freedom, and restore hope.

Your monthly or one-time gift today will help us protect and empower even more children and women in 2022!



# **YOUR PARTNERSHIP**

Throughout 2021, your generosity made an incredible difference in advancing our mission to prevent trafficking and **empower** changemakers in warzones. With your help:





Education is LUV's largest trafficking prevention program and provides academic excellence, spiritual mentorship, and practical tools that equip students to transform their own lives and communities.

1,184 PRESCHOOL-8TH **GRADE STUDENTS** 

**HIGH SCHOOL** STUDENTS

255

53 **CONTINUING ED\*** 

STUDENTS

1,066,255

NUTRITIOUS **MEALS SERVED** 

99 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES SINCE 2016; INCLUDING 49 IN 2021! \*34 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS & 19 INTERNS

70

**TRAINED IN FARMING** 

& NUTRITION

COMMUNITY WOMEN

ACRES CULTIVATED AT TWO SCHOOL FARMS

120

**PLANT VARIETIES** HARVESTED FOR DIET DIVERSITY

30+

Read about lives protected and empowered through your support: LiftUpTheVulnerable.org/Blog



## **2021 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

### **REVENUE SOURCES**

Your generosity helped Lift Up the Vulnerable raise **\$1,715,261** for our protection, education, and economic development programs in Sudan and South Sudan.



### **ORGANIZATION EXPENSES**

**82%** of organization expenses were used to directly support the anti-trafficking network in Africa: including protection, education, economic empowerment, food, medical care, and infrastructure development. **18%** of organization expenses were used toward administrative costs: including management, development, and financial planning and reporting.



Transform the world by empowering the most vulnerable.

As stewards of the love you extend, we take financial integrity seriously and appreciate the faith in us that your giving represents.

# **OUR MODEL**

Preventing human trafficking in warzones requires an agile, integrative process — addressing extreme poverty, instability, lack of infrastructure and resources, which leave millions in Sudan and South Sudan vulnerable or exploited. Women and children are at the highest risk. Our model takes a holistic approach by extending practical training, tangible support, and spiritual care to empower change agents in their own lives and communities. These essential resources are critical components to addressing vulnerabilities and preventing trafficking.



#### **PROTECTION**

We provide safe housing, nutrition, clean water, clothing, and medical care for those who have no other options.

#### **EDUCATION**

We increase the capacity for children and adults to grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We support local income generation, agribusiness innovation, and other initiatives to ensure self-sustainability.



### BREAKDOWN OF PROGRAM EXPENSES IN SUDAN & SOUTH SUDAN

- 82% of LUV's organization expenses were used to directly support our Africa anti-trafficking network.
- Infrastructure included finalizing construction of high school classrooms and latrines at Hope For South Sudan (pictured below) and renovations of classrooms at New Life Ministry.



# INVESTING IN CHANGEMAKERS

Since 2016, your partnership has **helped launch 199 seniors** who have graduated from our anti-trafficking network — including 49 in this class of 2021.

What's more, the class of 2021 had the largest cohort of female graduates in our history! Eleven tenacious young women graduated from New Life Ministry (along the border of Darfur), two from Hope For South Sudan (along the border of Uganda), and five from Our Father's Cleft (in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan).

With your help, LUV's anti-trafficking network provides a sanctuary for young girls and boys to flourish. Our holistic education model is our largest trafficking prevention program that provides academic excellence, spiritual mentorship, and practical tools that empower students to transform their own lives and communities.

As they grow into adulthood, these students are full of hope for the future ahead of them because of the compassionate love you extend through your generosity.

With your continued support, even more young women and men in our network will be given the tools they need for success.

Your gifts make a direct impact on the lives of vulnerable children and women at-risk of human trafficking and empower them to be agents of change in Sudan and South Sudan.

