



# Deki

2019 ANNUAL REPORT





**OUR KIDS CAN  
DO ANYTHING!**

## **We're Making Change Happen**

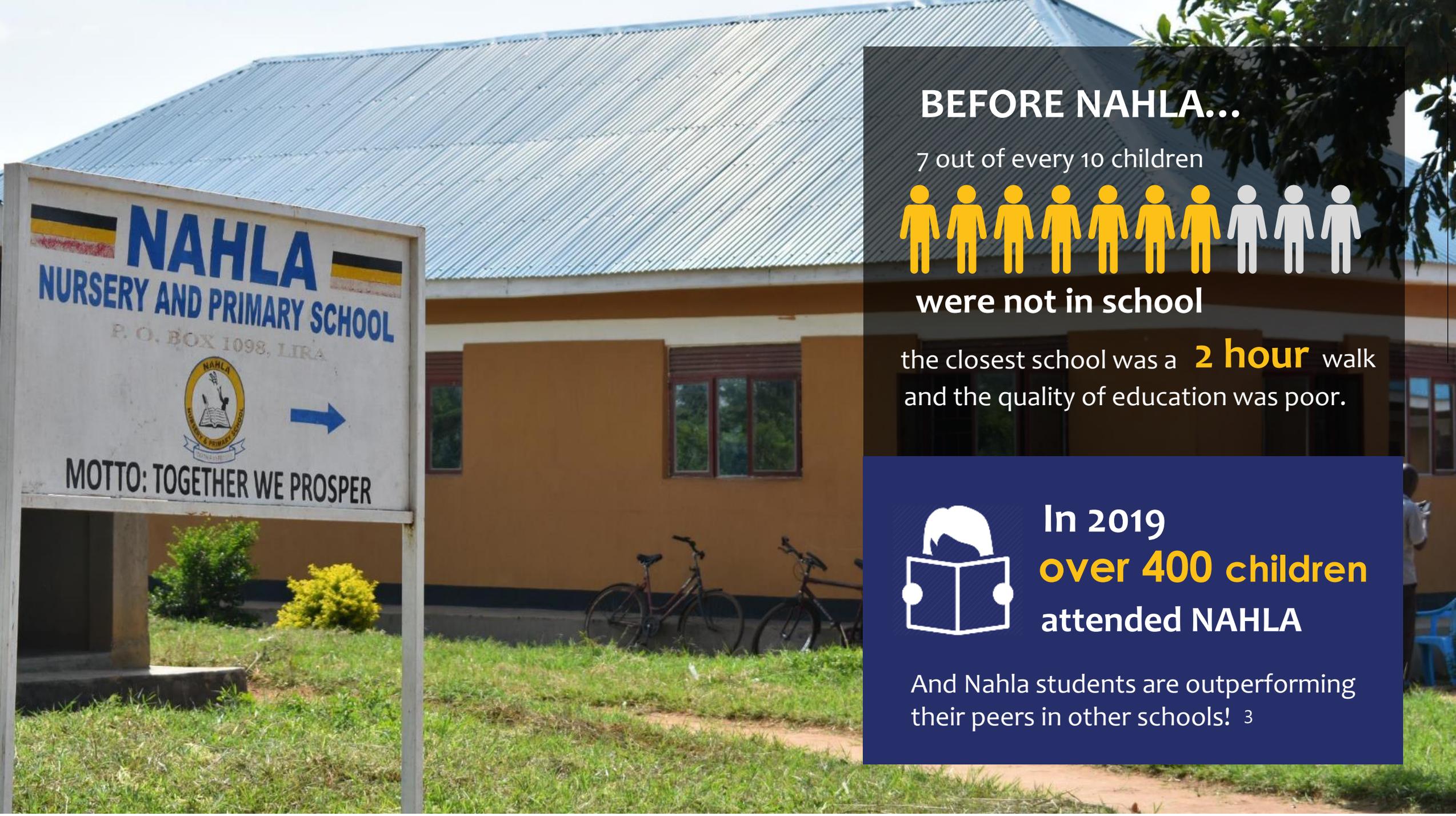
Ever since I can remember, Northern Uganda has been known as the most impoverished region of the country. We perform the lowest in educational attainment and literacy rates, with the highest numbers of school drop-outs.

**People in the village have told me that they feel left behind and forgotten. I want to change the way my tribemates see themselves and how others see them.**

I am proud to see how the children at Nahla Nursery and Primary School have changed! They're more confident and outspoken. They're excelling in their exams and they are able to attend good secondary schools in town!

I look forward to seeing what they become and how our schools continue to change the community.

*- Co-founder, Etyang Fred*



## BEFORE NAHLA...

7 out of every 10 children



were not in school

the closest school was a **2 hour** walk  
and the quality of education was poor.



In 2019  
**over 400 children**  
attended NAHLA

And Nahla students are outperforming  
their peers in other schools! 3

# Nahla Students Perform Best in Sub-County!

**Our first graduating class outperformed all the others schools in Agweng Sub-County!**  
**All 16 students scored in the top two divisions**, compared to the other closest school, Orit Primary, where only 19% of students scored in the top two divisions.



School Name	% D1 & D2
<b>Nahla Primary</b>	<b>100%</b>
Agweng P7	48%
Agak Primary	46%
Abala Primary	33%
Angolocom P7	25%
Wigweng Primary	24%
<b>Orit Primary</b>	<b>19%</b>



## TRAINING TEACHERS

In 2019 we continued to provide professional development trainings for our teachers to improve their teaching skills.

## INDEPENDENCE CUP

We also hosted our first **Nahla's Independence Cup Soccer Tournament!** Children from our school and the community competed to win a prize.



NAHLA ACTIVITIES



## NEW NURSERY BUILDING

Thanks to generous donors, we built a new nursery (aka pre-school) building!

The pre-school classes used to be held in our kitchen. The new building has four rooms -- three for three levels of pre-school, and one office.

We hired three new teachers to teach each pre-school class.



NAHLA ACTIVITIES

Sept 2019



We began construction on our second school

# Hayden Primary School

Which we expect to open in 2020.

# Finding and Purchasing Land

At the beginning of the year, we searched for another community in need of education for their children.

Our new site was selected due to the **high population of out of school children** and is a one hour drive from Nahla Primary School which will enable easy management.

## Our Land Search Strategy:

- ➔ Talk with residents in areas where people gather (trading centers), to inquire which areas are in need of schools.
- ➔ Visit the locations that were recommended to evaluate how they stand up to the indicators we are looking for.
- ➔ Bring together the community and the LC1 (local government leader) to find uncontested land for sale in a location that would be good for a school.

# Kids Helping Kids



**We decided to name our second school Hayden,** after a thirteen year old boy from New Jersey that donated money from his bar mitzvah to building a school in Uganda.

Hayden realized he had everything he needs in this world and knew he did not want gifts for his bar mitzvah. Instead, he asked guests to donate to the Growing Hearts of Africa Foundation so he could better the lives of those whose basic needs were not being met. He never imagined the huge amount of support that would ensue and was beyond thrilled that he raised \$30,000!

We hope that all the children at our school have that same giving spirit, and use their education to make a difference for others in their community.



## Changing Lives Fiona & Alex

Alex and Fiona are a married couple living in the village near the Nahla school. Alex had a small barber shop far away and used to drink during work, which caused him and Fiona to fight all the time.

**Now**, Alex is employed as store keeper at our school, and Fiona is employed as a cook. After working for a year at our school, Alex bought a motorcycle, and they have purchased a TV. Alex and Fiona have two young children, Vivian and Elvis, and they just had a third.

**These kids would have grown up helping their parents farm, and would get married at a very young age. Now, they are attending our pre-school and their parents have dreams and plans for their future.**

# Sustainability Planning

## Pilot: Truck Rental Company

**Our goal is to have our school operations fully self-sustainable through social enterprises**

In 2019 we purchased our own truck, which saves us a lot on transportation costs for construction!

We've started renting out the truck to bring in an income that will help cover the operating costs of our schools! We are excited to pilot this rental business and are looking forward to what we can earn.



# 2019 Impact

- 1 Primary school operated in the village, and kids were able to attend school close to home
- 1 Community had access to water at the school



**13 teachers**

had stable employment and received trainings

**Over 400 kids**

received quality education in their village



# FINANCIALS

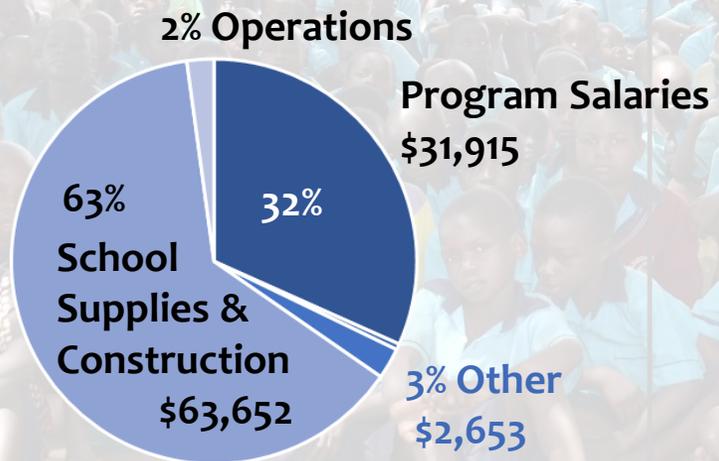
## Our schools are built in partnership with Growing Hearts of Africa Foundation

2019 Assets	\$26,616
2019 Income	\$142,116
2019 Expenses	\$100,709
<b>2019 Net Income</b>	<b>\$41,406*</b>

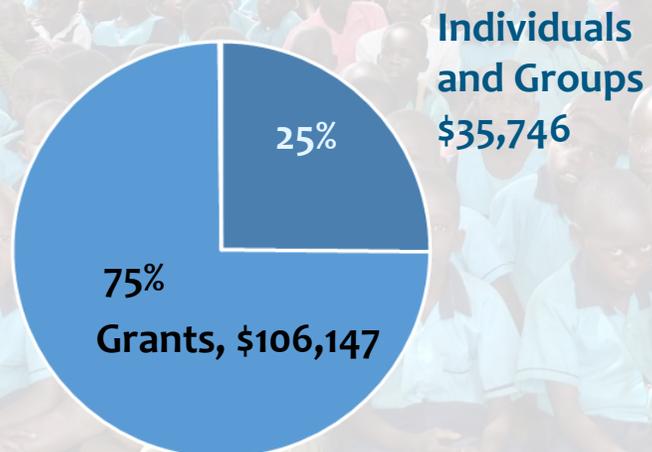
*Thank you Growing Hearts of Africa Foundation, and all of the individual donors and groups that made this all possible!!*



### 2019 EXPENSES



### 2019 INCOME



\*Remaining net income has been raised to finish construction and operate Hayden Primary School in 2020.



**Thanks for Believing in Us!**