

# ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT 2020

UNITED CULTURAL EMPOWERMENT AND SOCIAL  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (UCESCO)





**UCESCO:  
GROWING WITH  
HOPE**

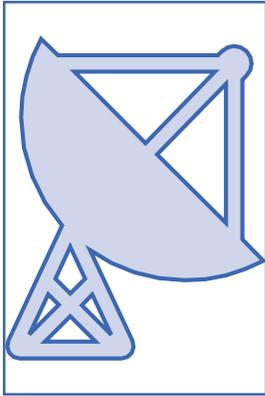
# HISTORY

- Kingsley Nyandika Kipros founded UCESCO Africa in 2010 in Rwanda, Gisagara District, in the Southern Province while Volunteering with the International Youth Fellowship. A former English student at the National University of Rwanda, Miss Umutoniwase would recognize and invite him to visit her family; that was then being accommodated by her mother's friend in a small mud house.
- Her father had passed on, after which their in-laws had evicted them leaving them internally displaced.
- In Africa, poverty and a lack of knowledge have rendered most families homeless and helpless especially Widows and women-led households. Most women are stripped of all their husband's wealth the moment they are departed; as was the case for Umutoniwase's mother, with 5 children to cater for.

# HISTORY CONT...

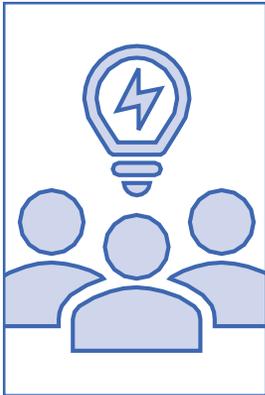
- Passionate about serving the less fortunate, especially the women, Mr. Nyandika was able to raise \$1000 US Dollars with the help of friends and other contacts of goodwill. This, he used to rent Umutoniwase's family a better house for 3 months, bought them food and clothes and established a small hotel business to sustain them henceforth.
- 3 months later, Umutoniwases's business was thriving, and her siblings had resumed school. From the experience, Kingsley would realize that what he had considered a small gesture had made such a huge social and economic impact not only for one family, but the effect was rippling down to the community.
- It was for this reason that the idea of establishing an organization that would sustainably empower vulnerable African women and children living in households located in slums and rural villages, later becoming what is today known as UCESCO Africa. The goal is to reach 1,000,000 empowered Women-led households in East Africa by 2030.

# MISSION & VISION



## **MISSION**

Actively and sustainably develop vulnerable women by diversifying their income streams, to increase their economic viability through the creation of an environment that promotes social change in enhancing their livelihoods



## **VISION**

A world where disadvantaged women living in slums and marginalized areas in Africa are valued in society and empowered to create sustainable and impactful change.

# UCESCO IN NUMBERS



## EDUCATION

172

- Girls have accessed our free, high quality primary and secondary level education.
- They are also active in sports, with UCESCO Girls Panthers Rugby Club students from Kibera shining at the national level competition.

58

- Children enrolled in pre-kindergarten and daycare programs at Light and Hope UCESCO Early Childhood Development (ECD Center) in the Mathare.
- The Mums and caregivers of the enrolled children also participate in workshops on the importance of parent involvement in their child's education.

22

- Women who lack basic literacy and numeracy skills were enrolled in our Adult Literacy Program to enable them obtain the necessary education and certifications required to move forward in the job market.

## SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

The Sustainable Livelihoods program enables Women living in urban slums and villages to make the transformation from a mode of 'day-to-day survival' to one of 'planning for the future'. Families are able to send more children to school, and their increased earnings and savings contribute to improved nutrition and better living conditions. Ultimately, this translates to lower incidences of illness and a more secure and prosperous future.

1800

- Women trained on entrepreneurship.

268

- Women have formed 7 groups after trainings in Kibera (30), Bungoma (30), Kayole (100), Samburu (30), Kisii (25), Mathare (35) and Migori (18) .
- They are now actively involved in empowering activities; voluntary savings and loans, handcrafting and small business and group farming.

182

- Young women placed in jobs after trainings. We were able to leverage relationships with 92 employers to provide internship and employment opportunities in different sectors including non-profit, hospitality, retail, beauty, homecare and fashion design.
- Interns placed with our partners were paired with mentors to provide personalized training, guidance, and advice throughout the internship period.

## COMMUNITY

15,234

- At least 15,234 community members have benefited indirectly from the women we have empowered.

# ACTIVITIES IN PICTURES

Kibera Women Curio Shop



Women Football Team Kibera



Kisii Training Centre



Ucesco Girls Rugby Team





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# UCESCO NETWORK

- UCESCO Network is a grassroots movement that is providing an overarching structure to organize Women groups and community members to come together, become leaders within their own communities, and effectively advocate for their rights and learn to give back to the community.
- We use a bottom-up approach, with groups at the village level as the lowest tier.



# UCESCO NETWORK

- We continue to facilitate community groups and peer-to-peer savings networks to create an entrepreneurial investment fund for businesses, and micro-life insurance to mitigate the risks of unexpected death that can devastate family finances.
- It's an opportunity to serve as the liaison for cross-root community knowledge sharing, project development and advocacy efforts.
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# UCESCO KIBERA & SAMBURU CURIO SHOP SAMPLE PRODUCTS



**UCESCO**  
**UCESCO Masai Shop For "Wezesha Wamama Project"**  
**"Project for Single mums to keep their Children in School and their Daily Bread"**  
 Please note that unless a custom design and color is specified on the order, your order will come in a mixture of all the colors & designs

**KENYAN BASKETS AND RUGS**

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**AFRICAN WEAR "VITENGE"**



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Table mats, linens and Belts in all designs

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**MASAI SANDALS**



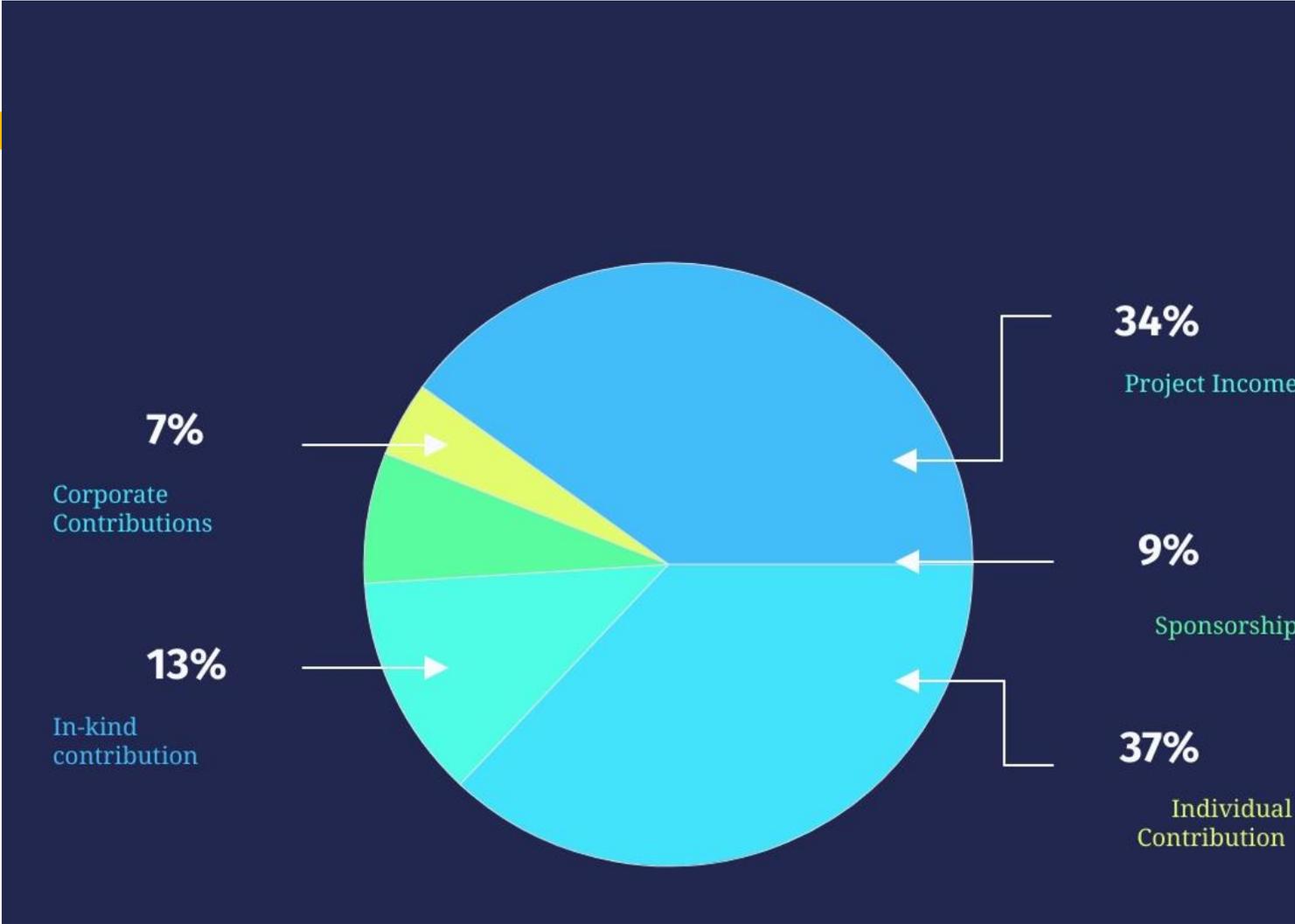
## FARMERS TRAINING PROGRAM

- Helping vulnerable women in Bongoma, Kisii and Migori, create sustainable farm businesses to feed their families and community.



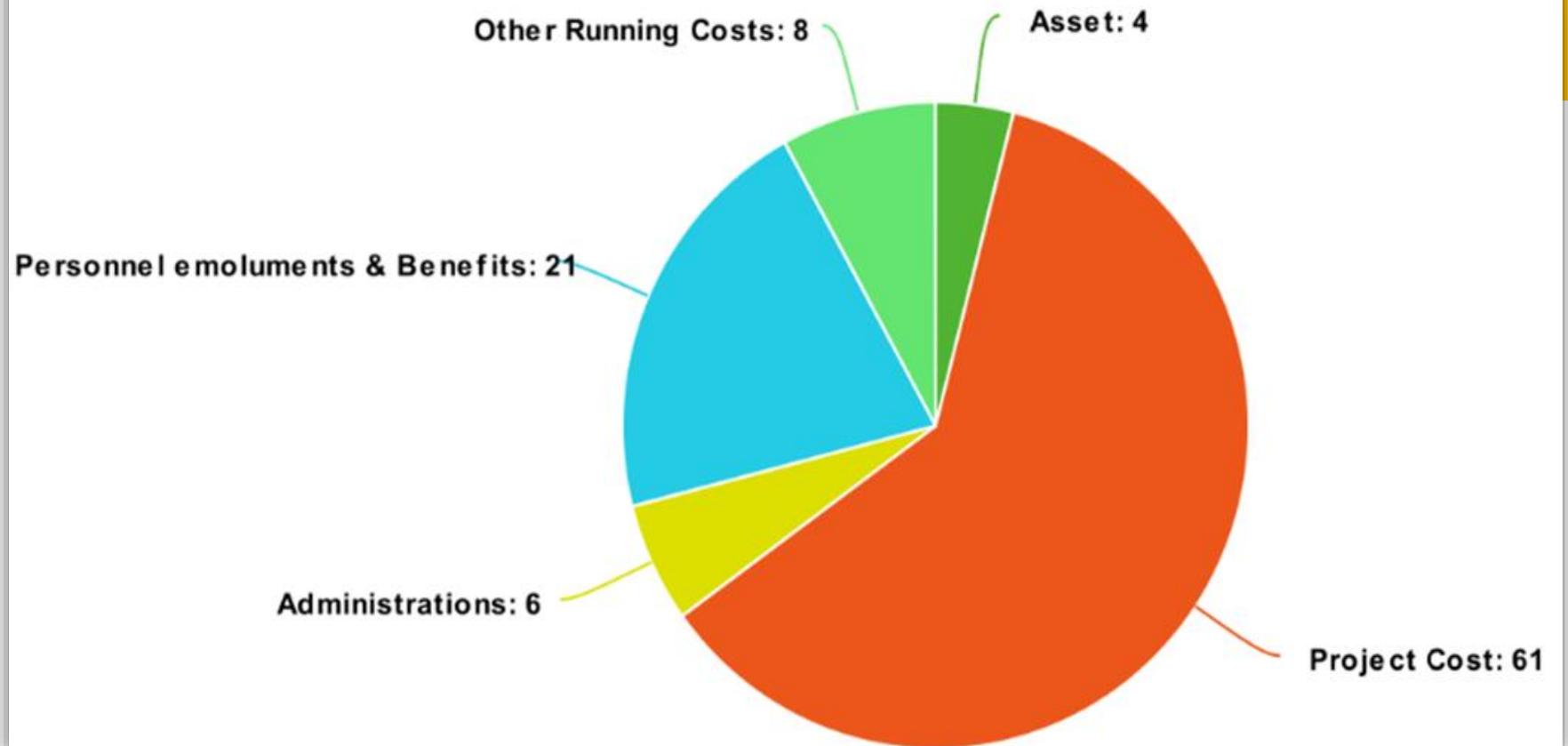
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**Support and Revenue**  
• **Kshs. 10,279,555**



# FINANCIALS

**Expenses in %.**



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