

The Recreation Project Mid-Year Report

2023



letter from our Executive Director



Dear Friends of The Recreation Project.

I am delighted to share with you that this year from January to July 2023 has been a remarkable period for The Recreation Project. Our mission has always been to empower young people by exposing them to situations that are new and a little intimidating and allowing them to discover their own strength and resilience to thrive in those situations. In 2022, we ourselves have been facing numerous new challenges, and I am proud to say that we have been thriving. In February 2023, I assumed my new role as Executive Director and our primary focus was exploring opportunities for partnership with UNICEF Uganda.

I am thrilled to inform you about our recent project in collaboration with UNICEF, which is positively impacting the lives of young people in Northern Uganda. Our project is being implemented in five districts in West Nile province and has already reached out to over 2,200 adolescents, focusing on teenage mothers, pregnant girls, and refugees. The project's main objective is to equip young people with essential life skills and integrated UPSHIFT (social innovation). Our involvement in the UNICEF project has not deterred us from our work in Gulu. In fact, this project has helped us enhance our capacity in various ways, and we have also continued running our core programs besides the UNICEF project.

Again, I thank you all for supporting us and walking with us in the work.

Denish Acellam
Executive Director - TRP





Paul, Climbing Club Participant

"Before I came to TRP, I was not able to differentiate the kind of friends who stand with me in all situations. In scenarios where I had money, I had many friends and whenever I had no money, my friends disappeared yet for me I treat them uniformly no matter the situation. I cared much about pleasing others and I forgot myself. I learnt that I am not a people pleaser kind of person."

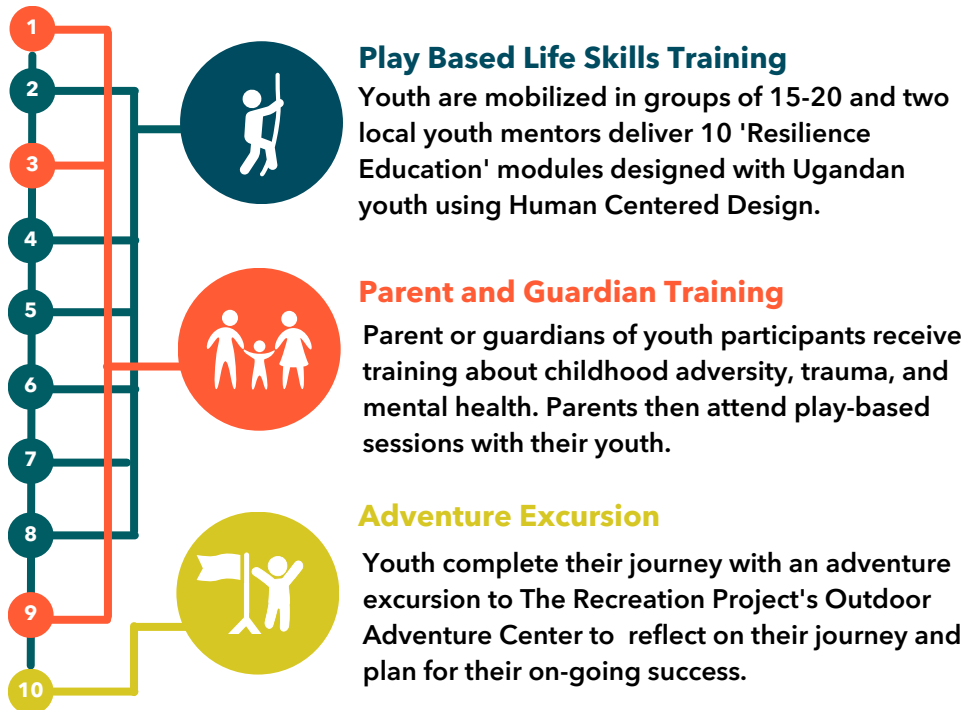
Paul is a very good mobiliser, leader, social and he creates a friendly environment that people love and he is good at advising others.

"From the community, the changes in me cannot be hidden. They tell me that I am not the person I used to be and I am proud to say that the major agent in the changes that I am having in the positive living today is through TRP. By the time I joined, I had nothing that belonged to me but now I am keeping 2 rabbits, some poultry that are in the village and I own a mowing machine."

"Personally, I am standing as a light out there to very many people. If they ask me, I will point at TRP. So they would want their sons and daughters even the elderly whose lives have been hidden would like to ignite their life through coming to TRP. I pray to God to open ways for funding TRP to continue so that more lives are transformed." he added.

program overview

Phase 1: Lifeskills and Resilience Education



NEW

Phase 2: UPShift Skills for Social Innovation

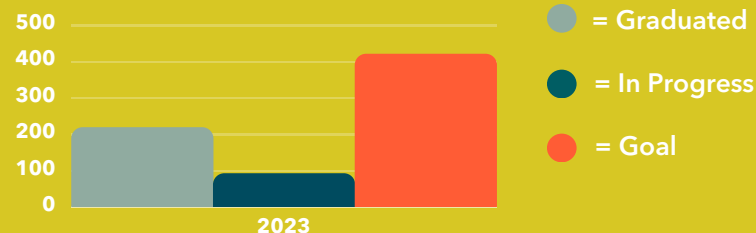


About UPShift

In 2022, we officially launched a phase 2 of our program, based on a UNICEF program called UPShift. UPShift is a three-month program that allows graduates from our resilience education program to put their newly nurtured skills to identify a problem in their community and then use human-centered design to design and prototype a solution. We run UPShift with graduates from a handful of our life skills programs.

219
youth graduated

Total Annual Reach



125
expected end of
year enrollment

our results

These are the graduate results for term one and term two.

Overall Term 1 and Term 2 Graduate Results

20% increase in resilience

31%

increase in internal resilience

43% ↑

Social competence

29% ↑

Autonomy

32% ↑

Problem solving skills

25% ↑

Sense of purpose

19%

increase in external resilience

12% ↑

Social support in the community

7% ↑

Social support at home

12% ↑

Social support at school

6% ↑

Social support from peers



Climbing Club

22% ↑

Resilience

37% ↑

Internal

5% ↑

External



Children in Conflict with the Law

20% ↑

Resilience

30% ↑

Internal

7% ↑

External



Primary School

19% ↑

Resilience

28% ↑

Internal

11% ↑

External

our program updates

Term 1

- January
- February
- March
- April

Term 2

- May
- June
- July
- August

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We're here!

Term 3

- September
- October
- November
- December

Primary School Program

112 Students Enrolled

Highlight: As part of our sustainability program, we trained focal teachers of our partner schools to deliver the life skills program in their school. We are yet organizing another refresher training of ToT in September 2023. Extension of the program to hard to reach areas which attracted more schools in the peri-urban schools to partner with us

Challenge: Inadequate funding to extend our program to schools in the villages. We believe that there are so many disadvantaged pupils, schools and families in the villages who may need this program even more than town dwellers but our hands are tied up financially to support them.

Climbing Club Program

76 Students Reached To Day

Highlight: We received some new equipment from Black Diamond who donated to the program helmets, karabiners etc. This eased the work of facilitators and also saved time especially at Fort Patiko when the participants are taken for excursion.

Challenge: A number of youth are in need of the life skills program yet the project does not have enough resources to register all for the program. This still remains a challenge.

Children in Conflict with the Law

122 Students Enrolled

Highlight: We managed to split the participants into groups according to their age brackets. Participants who didn't understand both Acholi and English were put in their separate groups and a translator was got to ensure better understanding.

Challenge: The number of participants was overwhelming which made co-facilitation impossible, the space for conducting the program also became a challenge because the number kept increasing. It became worse when there was rain or too much sunshine since there was literally no shelter for the participants.

UPShift

40 Students Enrolled

Highlight: TRP UPShift participants were invited to participate in the international Generation Unlimited competition. Two TRP teams will represent Uganda by pitching their innovative solutions to a problem in their community.

our highlights



New Partnership with UNICEF in West Nile

In January this year, we launched a partnership with UNICEF Uganda after attending a training on UNICEF's i-UPShift program in October 2021. We are so excited that we finally started our eight-month pilot project in the West Nile region (Adjumani, Obongi, Yumbe, Terego, and Madi Okolo District) with our core program of delivering play-based learning in life skills and i-USHIFT, which is about social innovation and entrepreneurship skills. In this program, adolescents identify problems in their own communities and develop innovative solutions. This pilot project has touched the lives of 2,200 adolescents in both refugee and host communities. Of these, 807 are teenage pregnant girls and child mothers, and the project only targeted out-of-school adolescents.



organization updates

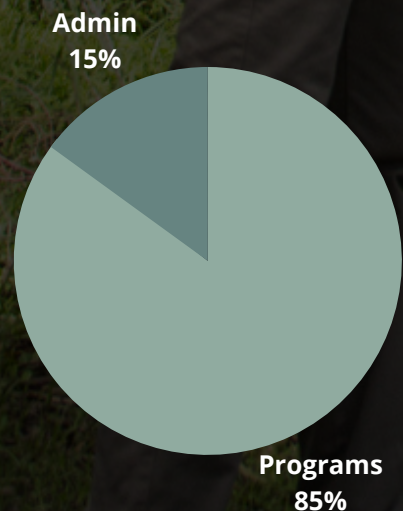
TRP USA Budget and Finance Update

In the first half of 2023 (January-July) TRP USA raised \$81,373 and spent \$53,071. A break down of income and expenses for TRP USA is shown below.

Income

<u>Total:</u> \$81,373
<u>Grant Funding:</u> \$52,550
<u>Individual Donors:</u> \$28,823

Expenses



<u>Total:</u> \$53,071
<u>Programming:</u> \$45,000
<u>Administration:</u> \$8,071.3

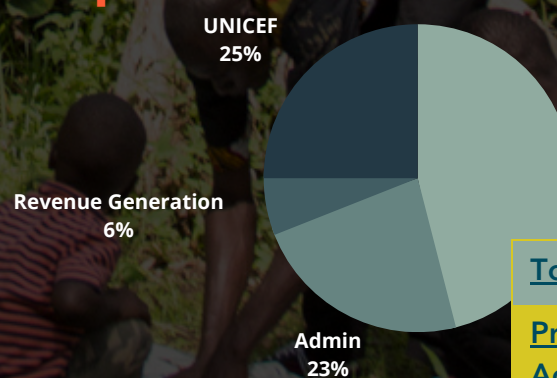
TRP Uganda Budget and Finance Update

In the first half of 2023 (January-July) TRP Uganda brought in 304,436,490 UGX in revenue and spent 288,151,948 UGX. Income and expense breakdowns are shown below

Income

<u>Total:</u> 304,436,490 UGX
<u>TRP USA Funding:</u> 166,970,000 UGX
<u>UNICEF Uganda Funding:</u> 137,466,490 UGX
<u>Internally generated revenue:</u> 40,323,900 UGX

Expenses



<u>Total:</u> 288,151,948 UGX
<u>Programming:</u> 133,590,554 UGX
<u>Administration:</u> 65,172,092 UGX
<u>Revenue Generation:</u> 16,990,390 UGX
<u>UNICEF Project:</u> 72,398,912 UGX



thank you!

**Together, we can
create a world in which
all children fulfill their
limitless potential.**

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