



# 2023 Annual Report

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# Letter from the Board



2023 was a year marked by many exciting changes for SPOUTS Impact. We started out the year wrapping up a baseline assessment of the water status of Ugandans after a long closure of schools and other facilities during COVID. Learn more about the results of this study on page 3. Through these efforts, we were able to reevaluate our priorities and identify areas where SPOUTS Impact can do the most good. Moving forward, our focus will be on partnering with implementing organizations in these 4 types of vulnerable populations: slums\*, orphanages, elder homes, and refugee settlements.

With these exciting changes, we are pleased to announce that Theopista Fokukora joined the SPOUTS Impact team as Community Impact Manager, responsible for implementing our new strategy for the organization. Theo has made tremendous strides on the ground since she joined in July 2023 and we look forward to continuing to work with her to help provide clean drinking water access across Uganda.

This work would not be possible without the support of our partners, community members and donors. Thank you.

Janae Lloyd  
Kathy Ku  
Linda Nsababera  
Mariko Fuwa

\*"Slum" typically refers to a heavily populated urban area characterized by substandard housing and inadequate infrastructure. Although it can carry negative connotations when used inappropriately, it is a term used on the ground to describe certain housing regions. Therefore, we felt that it was appropriate to use at this time.

# Introducing Theo Fokukora



Theopista “Theo” Fokukora brings vast experience in community work from her previous workplaces. She has worked as a monitoring and evaluation consultant with Obstetric Care Project in greater Masaka Region, where she has been in contact with grassroots vulnerable people. She is a lecturer at Cavendish University Uganda and a fellow of the African Institute of Public Health Professionals. Theo completed her PhD in Family, Population and Reproductive Health from the University of Ghana. Her passion is to create a world where vulnerable communities access safe drinking water and reduce preventable communicable waterborne diseases.

We are thrilled to have Theo leading SPOUTS Impact’s work as Community Impact Manager and look forward to seeing all that we can accomplish together.

# Recap of 2023



2023 began with the SPOUTS Impact Board commissioning a study of the status of clean water availability in Uganda and reviewing the landscape for providing access.

Key findings included:

- Access to safe water sources has improved from 68% in 2013 to 78% in 2017 according to the 2020 Voluntary National Review of Sustainable Development Goals
- Ugandans access to safe water sources is as follows: 42% of the population use deep boreholes, 24% use shallow wells, 22% use protected springs, and 10% access tap water using public tap stands. These sources are also subject to contamination across many touch points.
- The Ministry of Health's strategic outcome is to reduce mortality rate attributed to unsafe water, sanitation and hygiene from 54% in 2019/20 to 43% in 2024/25 (MoH Strategic Plan, pg 187)
- Uganda has a population of 41 million people (UNHS, 2021), of which 27% reside in urban areas. Uganda's urban population growth is at a higher rate and has outstripped the rate of water infrastructure development.
- Per Water.org, urban people living in poverty pay as much as 22% of their income to access water from vendors

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## Recap of 2023 cont.

Using these findings, SPOUTS Impact created a new strategy for direct implementation:

- **Distribution focus areas:** Urban populations with high levels of vulnerability. Specifically slums, orphanages, elderly homes, and refugee camps.
- **Strategic Partnerships:** Partner with implementing organizations who have proven impact working with the target population and demonstrate capacity to deliver quality M&E.
- **Capacity Building:** Providing capacity building for partners is a critical aspect for the long term success of the filters (filter maintenance, WASH training, behavior change, filter monitoring, and reporting).

We relaunched direct distribution of filters in November of 2023. We identified and assessed 13 potential partners. 4 partners were selected for initial distributions carried out in 2023 for a total of 170 regular filters and 33 XL filters installed. We continue to work with these organizations to expand our reach in their communities. The remaining organizations will be candidates for 2024 partnership.

If you know of any organizations that would benefit from a partnership with SPOUTS Impact, please direct them to our website to fill out an [application](#) for filters, or email us at [ngo@spouts.org](mailto:ngo@spouts.org).

# Projects in Detail



## **Kamwokya Christian Care Community**

50 regular filters  
10 XL filters  
*for slum inhabitants*



## **Sanyu Babies Home**

20 regular filters  
8 XL filters  
*for an orphanage*



## **Mama Tulia**

50 regular filters  
5 XL filters  
*for at-risk mothers and babies*



## **Rwenzori AID**

50 regular filters  
10 XL filters  
*for refugees*

# Impact

**170**

regular filters  
installed

**~80000**

tons of carbon  
emissions avoided

**33**

XL filters  
installed

**>10000**

people with access to  
safe drinking water

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# Partner Highlight

## Mama Tulia Ministries



Mama Tulia is a non-profit organization dedicated to working with vulnerable women with premature babies; transforming the lives of both mother and child by providing for their physical, economical, spiritual and emotional needs. In 2023, Mama Tulia provided support to 110 babies and 100 mothers.

Ms. Isabelle Furaha, the CEO of Mama Tulia Ministries gives this testimony about the distribution, "2nd November 2023 was such a historic day as SPOUTS Impact and Mama Tulia Ministries distributed 55 water filters to mothers. These mothers reside in slum areas of Namuwongo, Kasanvu, Kanyogoga, Soweto, and Go down. Some mothers also reside in faraway places like Buloba, Bunga, Busabala and Ggaba Katoogo. Together, we distributed 50 regular Purifaayas and 5 XL Purifaayas. The XL Purifaayas will be used in places where mothers gather for outreaches like in Namuwongo community Hall, Ggaba Katoogo community area, Muyenga uphill, Buloba and at the Mama Tulia center.

Amazingly, the rate at which our mothers and babies fall sick has already reduced because they now have access to clean and safe drinking water. Water filters are time saving and enable mothers to save more money since filtered water doesn't need to be boiled but ready to drink".

*Mama Tulia aims to meet the needs of mothers and support their preterm babies as they grow and live life to the fullest.*



# Way Forward

## Action Plans for 2024



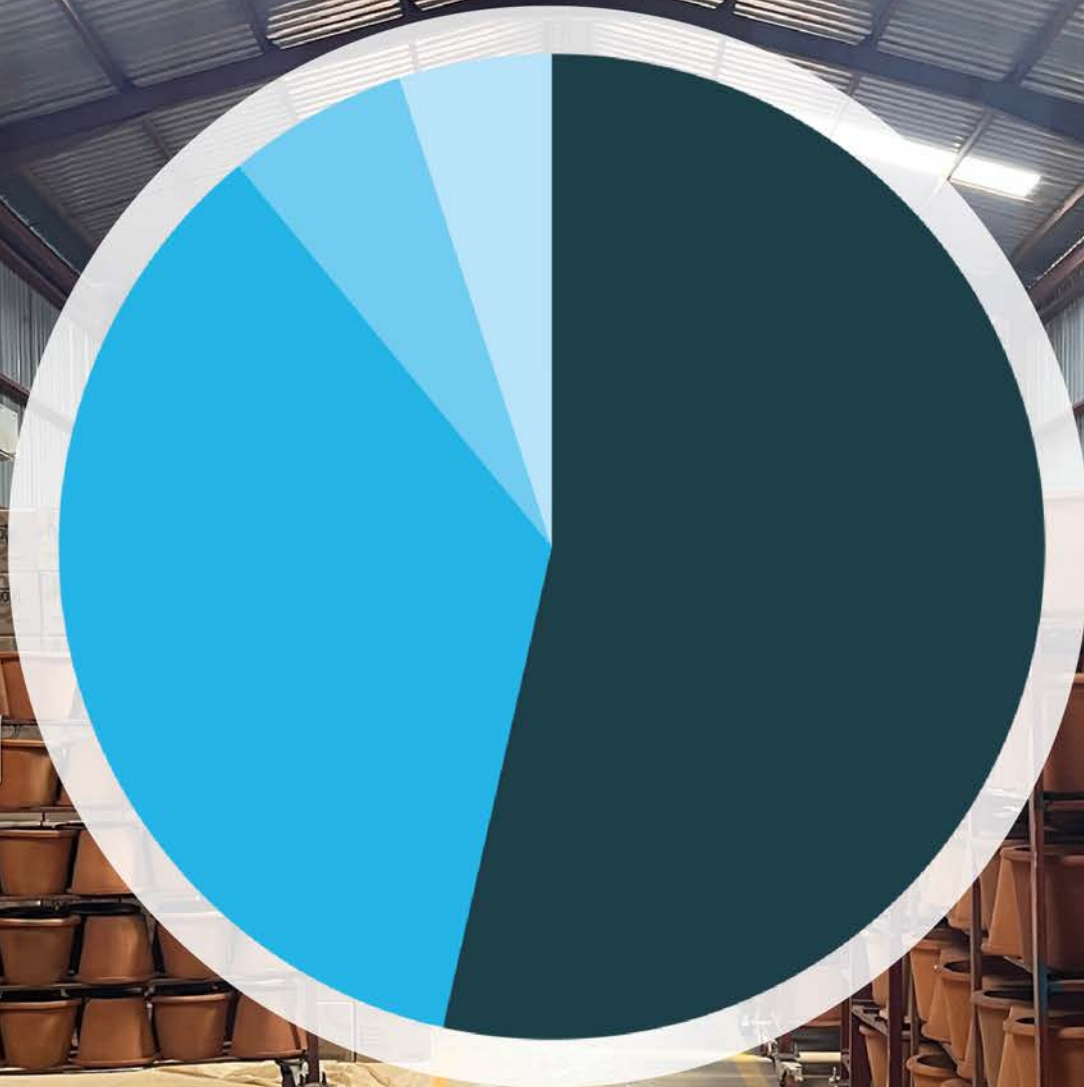
In 2024, SPOUTS Impact will continue to focus on testing and adapting our new strategy. We want to ensure that our partners have the resources they need for proper installation and maintenance so that filters are utilized correctly and are used long-term.

1. **Strategic Partnerships:** We will continue partnership with organizations approved in 2023 for 2024 filter distributions. We will identify additional potential partners to be assessed. We will also continue to receive applications for filter donations.
2. **Continual Learning:** We will build our assessment toolbox as we learn from partner organizations. This will help us improve the installation process and ensure that filters are being equitably distributed, properly used and continuously maintained.
3. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** We will work with partner organizations to follow up the households which have received filters on how well they are using them or if there are any challenges encountered. This will inform how we adapt our programs.

We have initially started with smaller installations (max 50 regular and 10XL filters) as a starting point for new partners. As our relationship grows, SPOUTS continues to expand the number of filters made available to community members in a sustainable way.



# Financials



**Field operations**  
\$8,563 (53.5%)



**Filter purchases**  
\$5,676 (35.5%)



**Overhead**  
\$951 (6%)



**Field facilitations**  
\$801 (5%)

**\$15,991** total expenditure

# About

## SPOUTS of Water and SPOUTS Impact



SPOUTS of Water was founded in 2011 with the simple idea that ceramic water filters could be made locally and provide affordable access to clean drinking water. The first factory was in Kumi, Uganda, and the second factory was an old chicken farm! Today, SPOUTS of Water is a social enterprise producing more than 100,000 filters per year. It's focused on reinvesting profits to achieve sustainability and expand reach. SPOUTS Impact is a registered charity and a strategic partner of SPOUTS of Water. Funds received from the social enterprise cover our operational costs and a portion of our filter costs.

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