



RAISING THE VILLAGE



As we share this report, our world is in a place of uncertainty and transition. Reflecting on this past year, I am filled with gratitude for our growth and learning, and how it has prepared us for the challenges ahead as we continue to support the most vulnerable in rural Uganda.

Raising The Village remains focused on our mission to serve people living in ultra-poverty, and transform communities through community-driven development. Looking back on 2019, we celebrate the transformation and remarkable improvements in self-sufficiency in our partner villages, the deepening of relationships with local government, and the ability to overcome many new challenges to reach the last mile, seeing us partner with over 67,000 beneficiaries.

Our team's drive and tenacity, the unwavering support of our partners and our committed supporters give us confidence in the road ahead. Thank you for sharing in our passion to create an equitable world filled with opportunity for all, demonstrated through your continued generosity and support.

Gratefully,

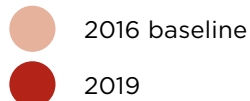


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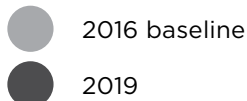


Results are based on a 3-year impact study on RTV programs. Since 2016, we have been surveying nearly 7,000 families to measure progress and understand the impact of our partnership. Below are some of our most recent findings.

RTV Kisoro Cohort



Control Group of 13 Villages



All figures in USD

INCOME AND EARNINGS

Partner households earned an average annual income and earnings of **\$887**, which is a rise from \$0.45 to **\$2.67** a day, over the past 3 years. This is nearly **\$1** a day or **\$357** annually more than their peers over the same period.

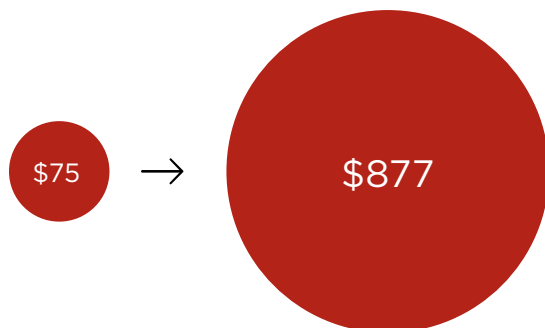


EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR

\$575 earned from employment and business activities outside of family farms, to diversify income sources. Nearly **11x** the amount earned in 2016 and over **\$310** more per year, compared to their peers at 3.6x.

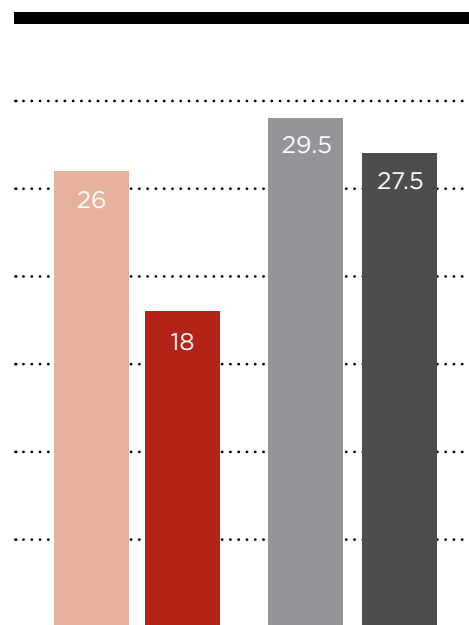
RTV INVESTMENT RETURNS

For a family of five, the one-time investment of **\$75** through RTV programs, created **\$877** in household income and assets, making a return of **1069%** over the past 36 months.



AGRICULTURE

\$90 of agricultural income was earned by partner households—56% more than their peers. Improved farming practices and seeds, along with better access to markets, has helped partner families increase their average annual agricultural income **1.7x**.



GRAMEEN POVERTY PROBABILITY INDEX

RTV applies the Grameen Poverty Probability Index, to measure the likelihood of a household falling below the poverty line. At 36 months, RTV partner families reduced their likelihood of falling back below the poverty line by a remarkable **8 percentage points**, placing these last mile communities above Uganda's national average of 20%.



BENEFICIARY PROFILE

Partner villages	103
Households	14,220
Direct beneficiaries	67,556
Children	37,100
Youth	15,450
Women	11,754



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

New community leadership positions	2,706
Women in leadership positions	1,173
Youth (male and female) in leadership positions	642
Community projects implemented	180
Trainings conducted	811
Hours of training conducted	3,757

- 26 new leadership opportunities created in every village on average
- 175% increase in new leadership participation across all 103 villages
- 43% of positions held by women
- 24% held by youth

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Community driven development gives community members control of their resources and decisions, in addition to playing an important role in strategies to reduce poverty.



HEALTH

Motorcycle ambulances	16
Health clinic days	371
Treatments administered	26,521

6 health outreaches and information sessions are conducted in each village. Health information and treatments are conducted by government health extension workers. Topics focus on family planning, pre and post-natal care, malaria and other disease prevention, as well as any other topics relevant to each village.



LIVESTOCK

Total livestock and poultry	3,913
Pig, sheep, goat, chicken	
Total animal feeds	30,298 kg
Pig and chicken mash	

Livestock provisions are part of RTV's revolving pass-on methodology, ensuring all community members benefit from increasing their asset management.



AGRICULTURE

Improved seeds	66,050 kg
Variety of vegetable seeds introduced	18
Number of trees seeds distributed	117
Number of tools distributed	13,540
Organic pesticides	417 kg
Neem, hot pepper, tobacco, ginger, garlic, and onions	

66 tonnes of beans, cow peas, rice, and maize, sweet and Irish potatoes, among other cash crops and vegetables were delivered to diversify food and income sources. Every household received between 12-18 new varieties of fruits and vegetables to grow in their gardens and farm fields.



WATER

Protected/rehabilitated springs	34
Taps installed	29
This stretches over 16.3 km	

RTV partnered with district water departments to allow easy access to safe water and reduce time spent accessing it. A direct relationship exists between saving time and increasing incomes.



BEEHIVE FENCE

Elephant-beehive fence constructed	5.35 km
Made with 527 beehives to prevent animal raids and additional income source	



CHANGING LIVELIHOODS THROUGH WORKING WITH RAISING THE VILLAGE

In the quiet neighborhood of Kigando village, we find Mrs. Jane, a soft spoken 57-year-old widow looking after her three orphaned grandchildren. She is the treasurer of the agricultural livestock group and a member of the Kigando village local council.

About two years ago, Jane was worried about how she would feed her family. The traditional farming methods she knew resulted in poor yields. She produced a meagre 25 kg of beans in a season that fed her family for a brief period, leaving the family hungry and malnourished. To meet her family's basic dietary needs, her sparse income was consistently spent almost entirely on food.

In December 2018, Jane was introduced to RTV project activities and became fully engaged in agricultural trainings. She also attended WASH training, livestock care and management training, and received training in financial literacy and gender roles.

The skills and knowledge gained from these trainings have become part of her daily life. Jane is applying them to improve not only her own agricultural production and quality of life, but also that of her entire community— especially the women of Kigando village.

"I have observed a remarkable change at the community level," says Jane. Almost every household in Kigando village has adopted improved agriculture practices, resulting in

increased production, food security, and improved household income. There is also significant improvement in general hygiene and sanitation as every household now possesses a pit latrine and hand washing facility.

As part of RTV's methodology of ensuring that 100% of households benefit from agricultural seed, new and better crop varieties—particularly beans and ground nuts—were introduced to farmers and passed on to secondary households. This has simultaneously improved nutrition and dietary intake at the household level.

"When I participated in demo planting in February 2019, we applied organic manure and pesticides and practiced row planting. This led to higher yields than every expected. Since then, I have adopted these methods as part of my farming practices. Last season I harvested 170 kg of beans!"

Jane is positive that she and her grandchildren have a bright future. By utilizing funds from VSLA* money, and sales of beans and ground nuts she harvested, Jane was able to purchase one goat and start a chicken project.

Having sold 70kg of beans, Jane could pay for school supplies and fees for her grandchildren, while also adding to her savings in VSLA. The balance of the bean crop provided food for the whole family.

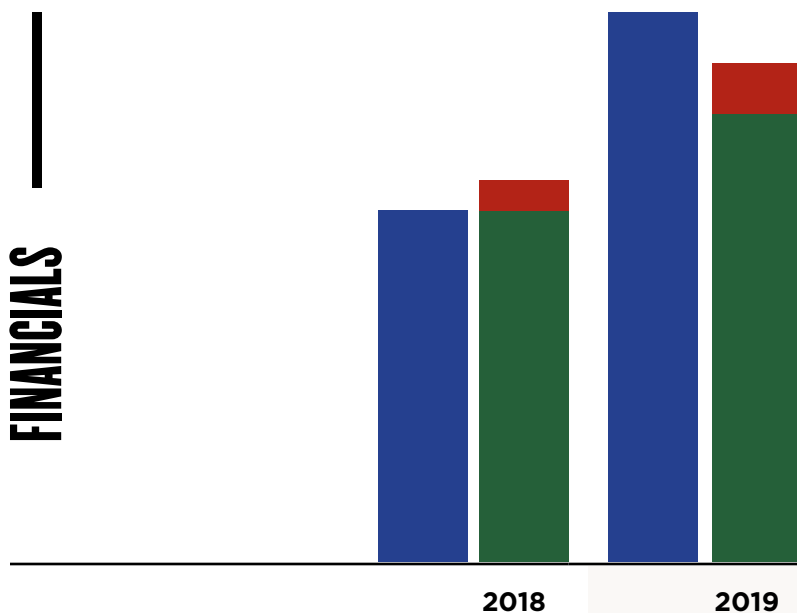
"Raising The Village is different from other organizations—they work with all the farmers in the village without discrimination. RTV puts more emphasis on household hygiene and sanitation, coupled with regular follow-ups and home visits."

Looking back on the past year, Jane has a deep appreciation for the presence and support of RTV in her community. She also recognizes that other communities across the region haven't yet received this opportunity.

"I hope to see those communities receive the same opportunities as we did."

* A Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) is a group of 15-25 people (most often women) who save together and take small, low interest loans from those savings.

FINANCIALS



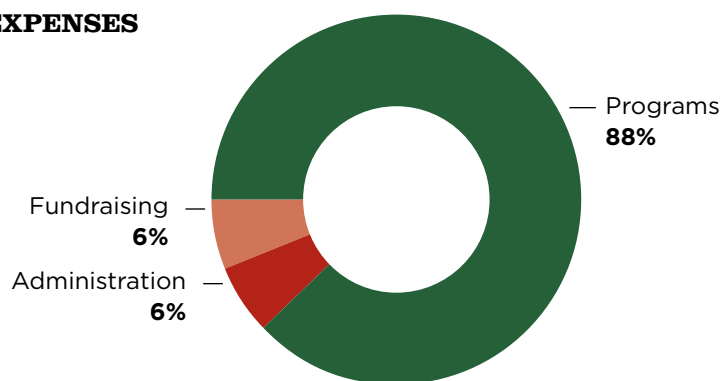
REVENUE

Total revenue	\$ 1,068,774	\$ 1,630,196
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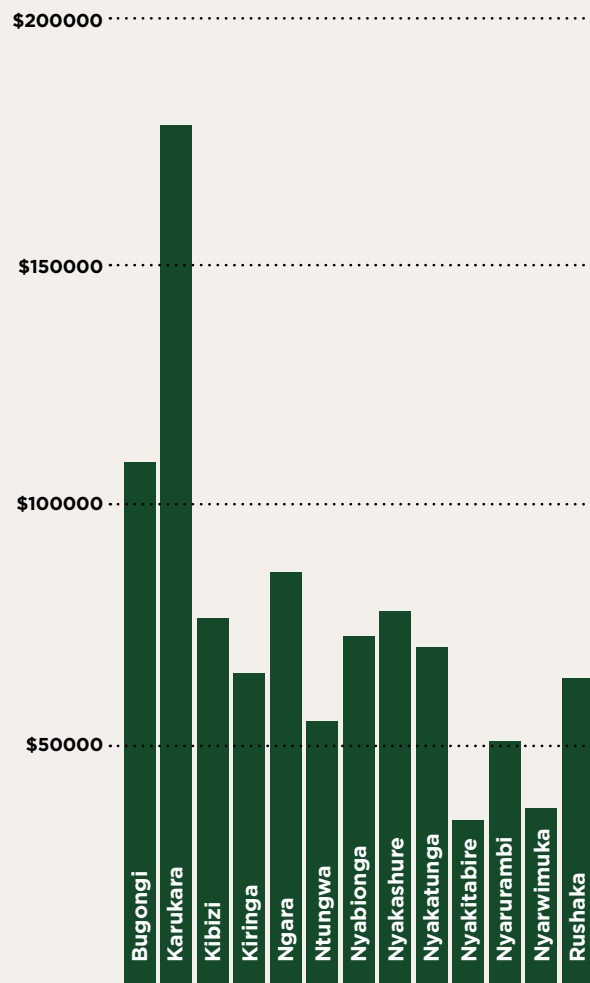
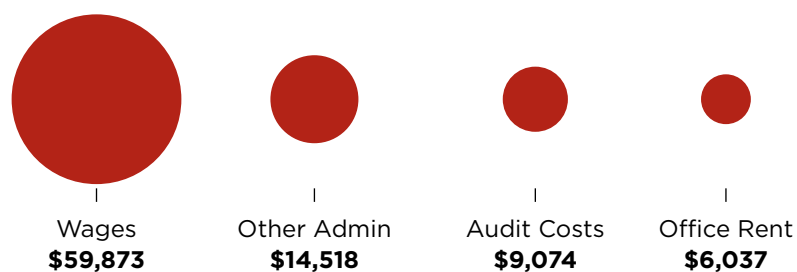
EXPENSES

Program expenditures	\$ 1,065,020	\$ 1,327,505
Non-program expenditures		
Fundraising	45,581	84,044
Administration	49,684	89,501
Total non-program expenditures	\$ 95,264	\$ 173,545
Total expenses	\$ 1,160,285	\$ 1,501,050

EXPENSES



ADMINISTRATION



PROGRAM SPENDING

2019 Cluster Projects	\$ 975,867
Bugongi	108,651
Karukara	178,243
Kibizi	76,364
Kiringa	64,927
Ngara	85,740
Ntungwa	55,044
Nyabionga	72,572
Nyakashure	77,724
Nyakatunga	70,350
Nyakitabire	34,456
Nyarurambi	50,854
Nyarwimuka	37,031
Rushaka	63,912
Prior year programs	\$ 203,023
Monitoring and Evaluation	\$ 87,038
Planning, Research, and Innovations	\$ 61,577
Total programs	\$ 1,327,505

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