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Mission & Vision



Mission

To provide life changing opportunities to rescued children and youth living within impoverished villages around the world through education, life skills and enrichment activities.



Vision

I CAN FLY International imagines the world free of abuse, oppression and crimes committed against defenseless children and youth. We envision girls in the developing world having the chance to live up to their GOD-given potential by exercising their basic freedom to access education while in pursuit of their dreams.

Letter From the Founder

Hello,

Another year brings a new level of opportunity and adventure. This year will always be remembered as a season of growth. For years, there were friends and donors who prayed for our expansion. I wasn't sure when and how that prayer would be answered but now its here. Our mission spread to the western side of Kenya by formally registering the I Can Fly Rescue Center in a remote village not far from the border of Tanzania. This new project is so near and dear to my heart because of the children I met and fell in love with in the region.

I have to admit, opening a new facility was not easy. I was forced to learn a lot. Working with new tribes, different languages and cultural traditions made the experience more intriguing. The run-a-way girls we met last year in a small house in the middle of nowhere are now the pioneers of the I Can Fly Rescue Center. We are one big family, moving forward together. The I Can Fly Rescue Center is a place of refuge for those who often feel forgotten. It's the Lord's way of smiling down on them.

Flying,



Sha' Givens, Founder
I Can Fly International Inc.,
Isaiah 40:31 "Mount Up"



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THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE : The Girl Child Rising



Growing up in remote villages where the girl child is not valued is an all too familiar story. Some tribes believe educating a boy will produce more profits than female children from a cultural standpoint. This false narrative makes crimes committed against girls more common than not. So often girls are only considered good for marrying off to an older man in exchange for a cow when the family needs money. It doesn't matter how smart, beautiful or resourceful she is- she is often seen as property.

The I Can Fly Rescue Center gives hope to dozens of girls who desire to be seen, heard and valued. They want a voice and a choice to choose their own paths. They have dreams of changing the plight of girls in their villages and nation as a whole by becoming advocates and professionals. They will each tell you, "I only want to go to school, not raped, not mutilated or married off." At I Can Fly we believe that dream is attainable.

The I Can Fly Rescue Center provides services to girls and boys ages 0-18 years old affected by the following:

- *Forced Early Marriage*
- *Female Genital Mutilation*
- *Child/Teen Pregnancy*
- *Suicide*
- *Rape/Incest*
- *Sexual Abuse*
- *Child Labor*
- *Abandonment*
- *Sex Trafficking*
- *HIV/AIDS*
- *Extreme Poverty*





OVERVIEW 2018 MISSION TO KENYA

WHAT WE DO:

RESCUE

EDUCATE

GIVE HOPE

118 High School Pupils

47 Pre-School Pupils

**10 University/ College/ Trade
School Pupils**

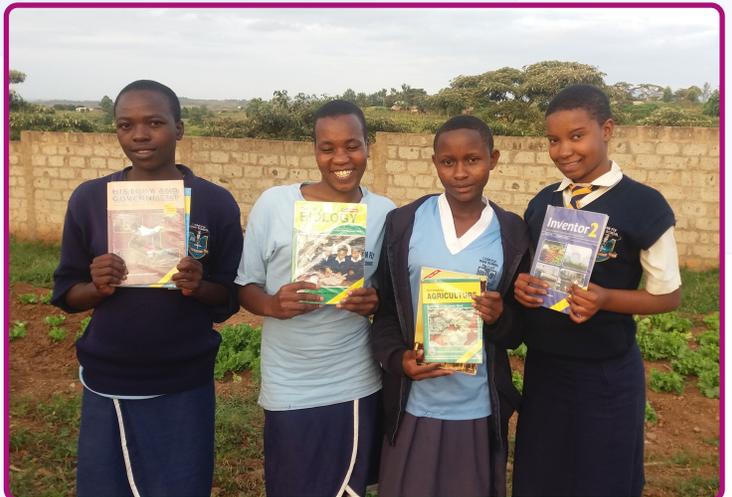
42 Vulnerable/Orphans

\$134,429 EDUCATION

Children from low-economic backgrounds perceive education as a way out of poverty. Learning can open doors to a good life in their eyes. For many children a high school diploma, college degree or trade school certificate can lead to a promising future. This year we provided 217 children and youth educational services on four levels which includes, pre-school, primary, secondary and college levels.

The I Can Fly Pre-Schools provided basic language, reading, and math skills to 47 local children within two rural villages six days per week. I Can Fly High School offered 118 students classroom instruction in various subjects such English, Swahili, History, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Business Studies, Geography, Christian Religious Education, and Math. A team of credentialed college graduates with expertise in each of his/her field of study provided guidance, tutoring and frequent exams throughout the year. They also participated in science and math competitions, art and dance programs and life-skills workshops.

We were delighted to support 10 College, University and Trade school students who recently graduated from I Can Fly High School. For two years in a row we were able to provide stipends for tuition and rent. Every small gesture of help encouraged the students to stay in school regardless of background, tribe and ability to pay fees.





School tuition and shelter was provided for 42 children ages 0-17 years old at the I Can Fly Rescue Center. Children in primary school and high School were able to attend school. Our new program invested basic amenities such as :

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| Uniforms | Sheets |
| Shoes | Towels |
| Notebooks | Soap |
| Pens/Pencils | Toothbrushes |
| Books | Toothpaste |
| Beds | Sanitary Pads |
| Blankets | Medicine |
| Undergarments | |

\$40,238 TRANSPORTATION

School bus repairs were needed throughout the year to transport students and teachers to and from school to various destinations. We also purchased two vehicles which included a pick-up truck and a four-wheel drive. Transporting supplies, goods and services is needed when working with vulnerable populations. In rural communities adequate modes of transportation is necessary during travel. We provided services to children who live at least 20 miles or more outside of the nearest small town where food, supplies, books, and medical resources are available. Roads made of dirt, dust and clay are most common in rural villages. The terrain requires off road and four-wheel drive vehicle for safe travel.



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DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE



Building two temporary shelters in Western Kenya for the children at the I Can Fly Rescue Center was a priority once we officially acquired the project. The construction of a dormitory and multi-purpose room created space for beds, dining, and tutoring programs. We purchased iron metal roofing sheets, wood, hundreds of nails, cement, windows and doors to make the facilities comfortable. Solar panels were purchased to provide lighting during evening hours.

I Can Fly High School added an additional 200 foot perimeter wall to ensure safety and privacy around the field on the north side of campus. We also gave the outdoor space a facelift by creating cement walkways, adding flowers, grass and trees.



\$26,931

FOOD PROGRAM

Students at I Can Fly High School, Pre-school and the I Can Fly Rescue Center were provided meals throughout the year. I Can Fly High School students received special lunches during field trips and extra-curricular events outside of normal school hours. Meals were also provided for children in need of emergency care during rescue operations. All meals included a balanced diet comprised of vegetables, maize, beans and fruits.

Clean water remains a valuable part of the food program which allowed cooks to prepare nutritious meals and maintain proper hygiene.



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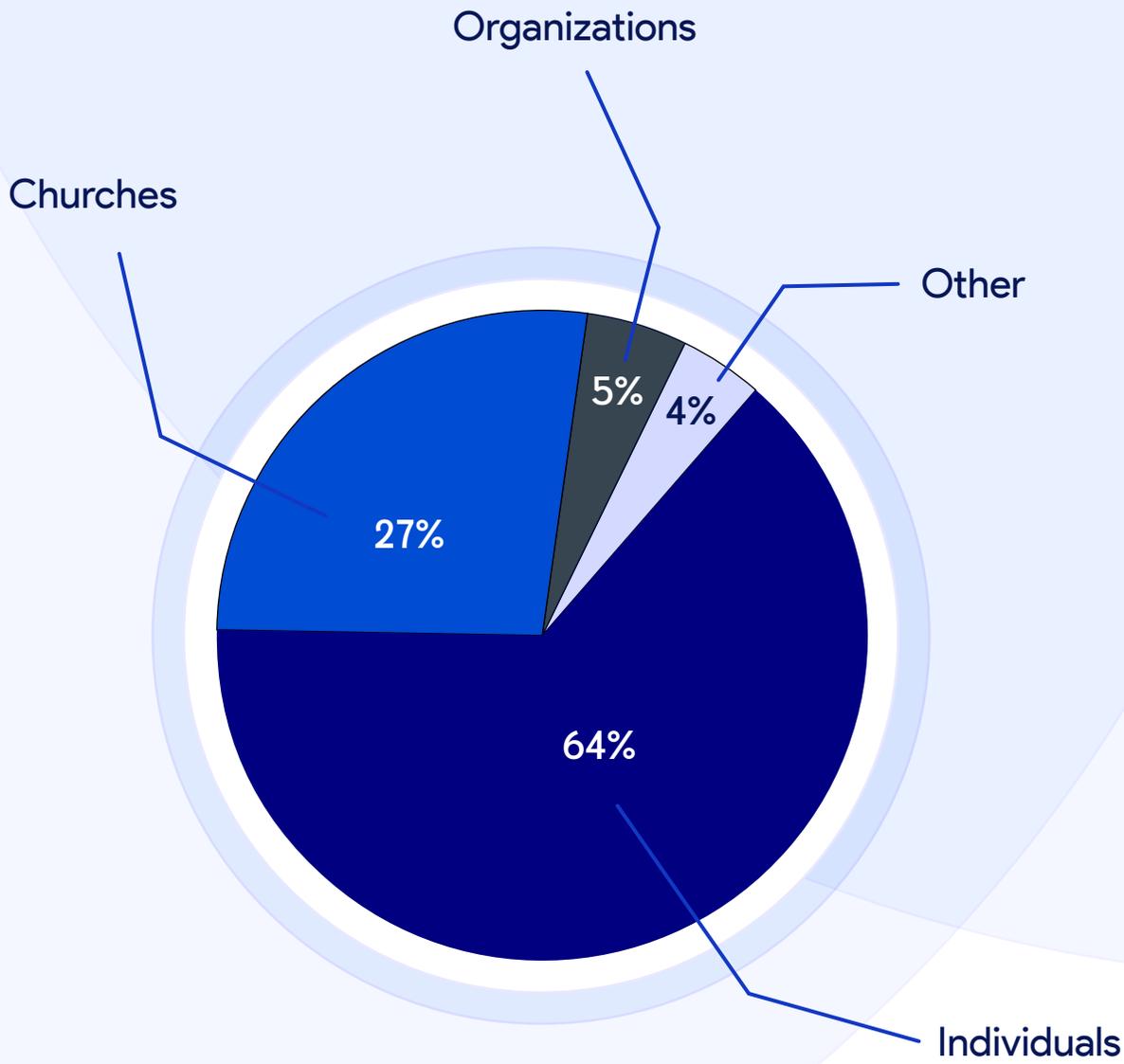
OPERATIONS

All programs, projects and services rely on operational expenses that involve administrative support, travel, transportation, printing, mailing, technical support, outreach and fundraising tools. Operational support helps make our organization thrive all year-round.



FINANCIALS

\$276,160
REVENUE RECEIVED



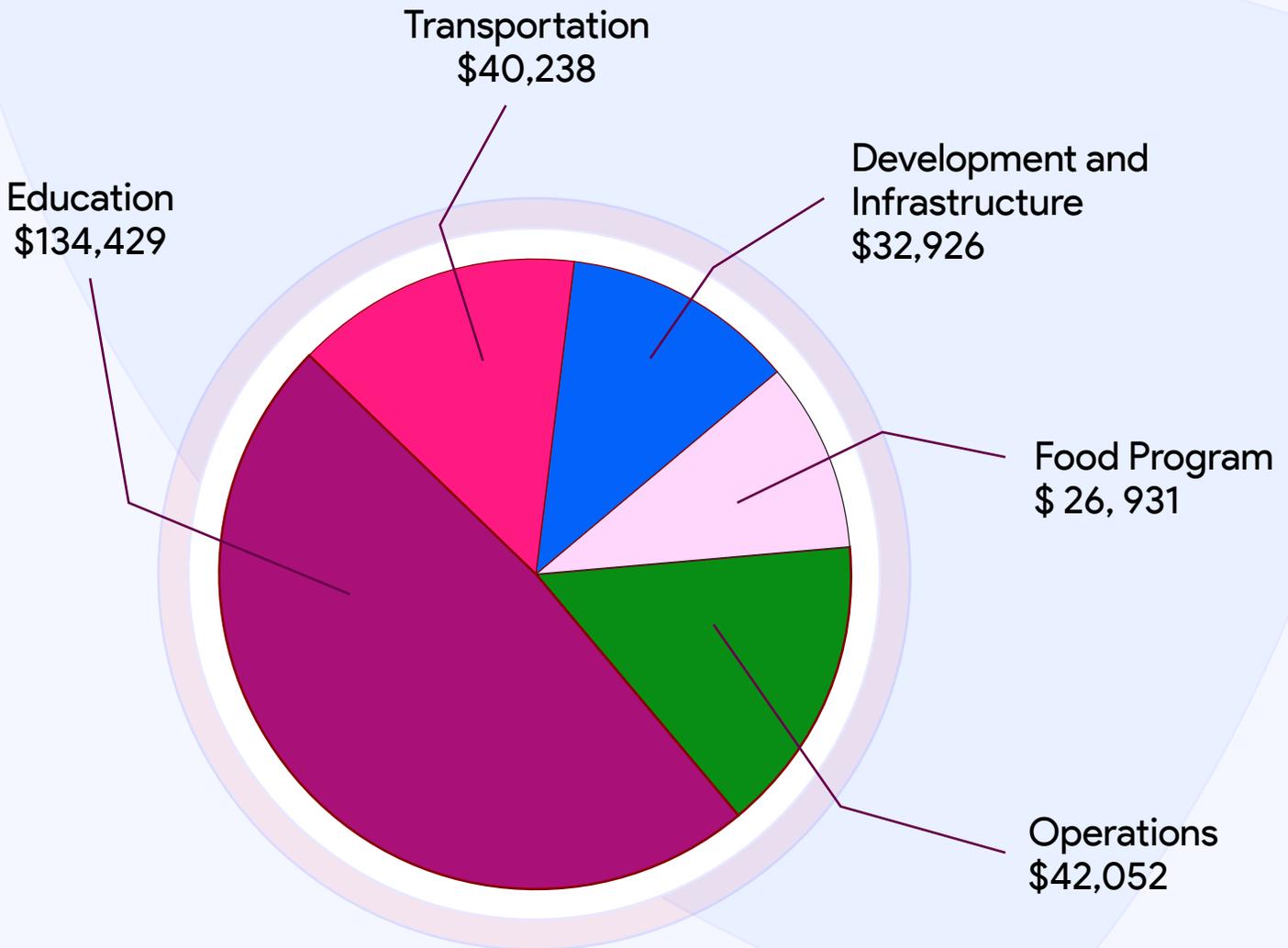
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Total Revenue received by
I Can Fly International

FINANCIALS

\$276,576

TOTAL EXPENSES



Education	\$134,429
Transportation	\$40,238
Development/Infrastructure	\$32,926
Food Program	\$26,931
Operations	\$42,052
Shortage	-\$416
Total Amount	\$276,576

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Funds distributed to programs, projects, services and operations



THANK YOU

Our growth is possible because you believed. Our mission is making an impact because you listened. Lives are being changed because you joined our movement. Thank you for helping us reach our destiny.

Your support is amazing! We love you!

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