



2025

A YEAR OF IMPACT
AND INNOVATION



**Motherly
Heart**



ANNUAL REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2025, Motherly Heart Organisation advanced its mission of transforming the lives of girls through access to quality education, gender equality, and empowerment. Guided by our strategic priority of ending early marriages and teenage pregnancies, we implemented targeted interventions to break barriers to girls' education, with a focus on those living in rural communities.

Our work was delivered across three thematic areas: health, literacy, and institutional sustainability. We addressed sexual and reproductive health education and menstrual hygiene management, strengthened Girls' Empowerment Clubs, and expanded access to literacy materials in local schools and community spaces.

Despite financial limitations affecting secondary school sponsorship, the organisation achieved measurable community-level impact. 600 children reached across 3 rural schools through literacy programs that help both boys and girls learn to read and read for empowerment, established three empowerment clubs and trained both boys and girls in menstrual health and positive masculinity. This year reaffirmed a core truth: when girls are equipped with knowledge, safe spaces, and supportive communities, they rise and they begin to lead.



LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear Friends and Partners,

As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with both gratitude and determination. At Motherly Heart Organisation, our vision is clear: to ensure that every child and adolescent girl thrives through education and empowerment. In 2025, we strengthened our Girls' Empowerment Clubs, expanded our literacy outreach, and engaged both girls and boys in conversations that challenge stigma and promote dignity.

One of the most encouraging signs of progress has been seeing girls who were a part of the girls' clubs transforming and stepping in leadership positions as volunteers. This is not only a sign of impact but also of our sustainability. It also revealed challenges in supporting girls who completed primary school in joining secondary school. The girls' stories weigh heavily on us and show the need to strengthen our Girls' Education Fund. Empowerment must be matched with opportunity.

As we look ahead, our focus is clear: expanding access, strengthening systems, and building sustainable partnerships to ensure girls' education is not interrupted by preventable barriers. Our commitment is not only to program delivery, but to long-term structural change in rural communities.

With appreciation and hope.



ABOUT MOTHERLY HEART

Our Mission

To transform the lives of vulnerable children and adolescent girls by providing equitable access to quality education, fostering economic empowerment, and championing gender equality through innovative, community-driven initiatives.

Our Vision

A society where every child and adolescent girl thrive through education and empowerment.

Core Values

Education | Equity | Professionalism | Integrity

Strategic Priorities

- Prevent early marriages and teenage pregnancy through education and empowerment.
- Improve foundational literacy.
- Strengthen girls' transition from primary to secondary education.
- Build institutional sustainability and partnerships



PROGRAMS AND IMPACT

Adolescent Girls Program

The goal for the adolescent girl's program is to end child marriages and teenage pregnancies by equipping adolescent girls with knowledge, education, resources, and opportunities for growth. The program targets the adolescent girls between 11 to 19 years breaking barriers to their education. This year we reached out to adolescent girls from Dabani Boys, Budecho and Buwumba primary schools and other girls from the surrounding village of Buchiwedo A B C and Busabale.



PROGRAMS AND IMPACT (continued)

Menstrual Hygiene And Management

Motherly Heart trained both adolescent girls and boys on menstrual hygiene and management, including the making of reusable sanitary pads, to address one of the major obstacles to girls' education. Many girls miss school due to a lack of access to menstrual products, while stigma and misinformation, often reinforced by peers, further discourage attendance.



Boys Involvement

By involving boys in the sessions, the program fostered understanding, empathy, and supportive attitudes toward menstruation. This inclusive approach helped reduce stigma, encouraged positive masculinity, and created a more enabling school environment where girls can attend classes with dignity and confidence.





PROGRAMS AND IMPACT (continued)

An Ally Emerges

by Jeremy, a male participant in the program

"At first, I was shy to take part in the session on menstruation and making pads. However, after the session, my perspective completely changed. I learned that boys also have an important role to play in supporting girls during menstruation."

"I now understand that simple actions, such as not laughing at girls when their clothes are stained with blood, educating other boys on how to treat girls with dignity during menstruation, and teaching girls how to make reusable pads, can make a real difference. This experience empowered me to become an ally and take part in ending menstrual stigma in my community and school."



PROGRAMS AND IMPACT (continued)

Girls Empowerment Clubs

Three Girls' Empowerment Clubs were established in rural schools within Busia District. One community girl's club brings together girls from four villages. The primary objective of these clubs is to nurture strong, confident girls with essential life skills, preparing them to thrive in diverse environments. Regular club sessions provided participants with exposure to a variety of topics designed to foster critical thinking, creativity, self-awareness, and the development of future aspirations.

Each session concluded with a sharing circle, where every girl was given the opportunity to present to her peers, thereby enhancing confidence and public speaking abilities. These engagements are purposefully structured to build resilience among adolescent girls, keeping them informed to make the right choices, confident, happy with the right support system.



PROGRAMS AND IMPACT (continued)

Girls' Secondary School Transition Gap

This year, we have seen girls grow in confidence and awareness through our programs. They are learning about their rights and building the courage to shape their futures.

Yet for many, the journey stops after primary school not because they lack ambition, but because they lack school fees. Several girls aged 14 to 18 are out of school, while others are at risk of dropping out due to financial constraints. Without intervention, they face heightened risks of early marriage, teenage pregnancy, and economic vulnerability. This transition gap reminds us that education is not only about knowledge. It is about sustained access. Strengthening the Girls' Education Fund is not just a program priority but a protection strategy for the futures of vulnerable girls.

OUR REACH

4 Girls' Empowerment Clubs created

80 Girls engaged through clubs

100 Number of girls and boys trained in menstrual hygiene and management

OUTCOME

- Reduced stigma around menstruation
- Increased male allyship
- Improved school attendance confidence among girls
- Girls demonstrated improved confidence and leadership skills.
- Girls reported increased awareness of their rights and education pathways.
- Former club members returned as volunteer mentors, showing the sustainability of impact.
- Girls learned to value rolemodels.

LITERACY PROGRAM

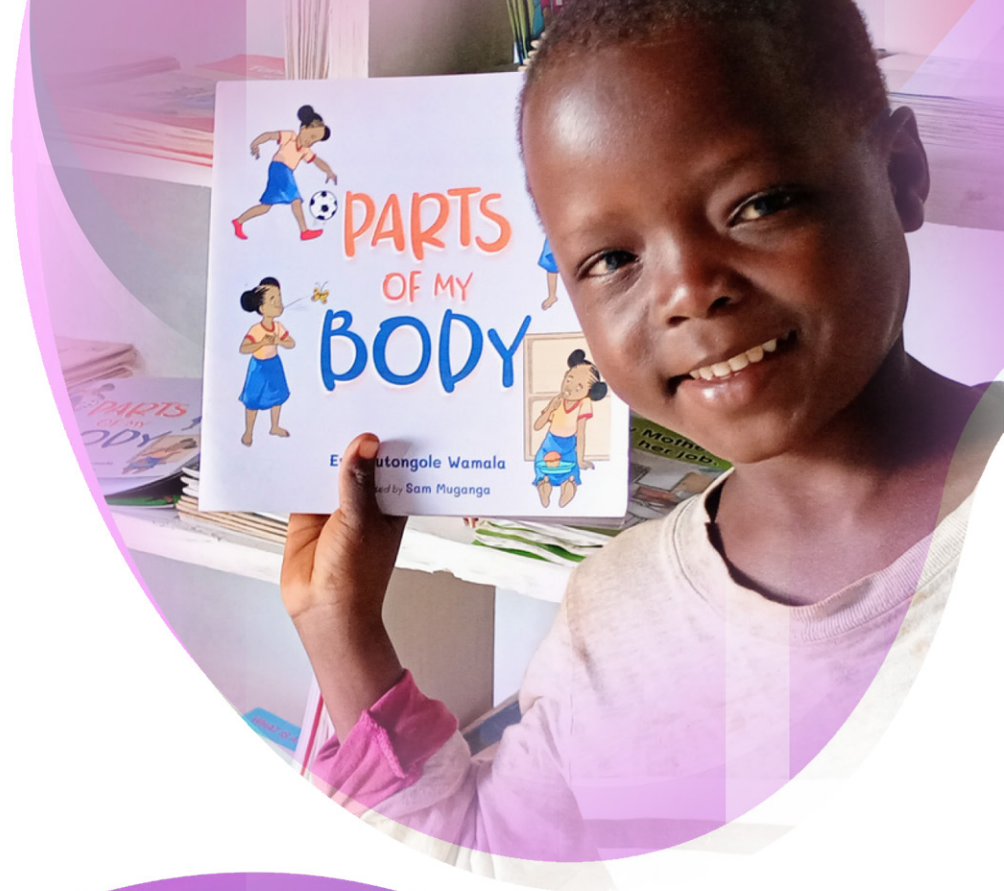
The Literacy Program is dedicated to fostering a lifelong love of learning among children in rural communities with special focus on girls. In 2025, the program demonstrated the transformative power of storybooks in enhancing children's reading abilities, which positively impacted their overall academic performance.

To promote literacy within classroom environments, the program provided a diverse selection of reading materials accessible to girls and boys. These classroom sessions not only improved reading proficiency but also ignited a passion for reading that extended beyond the classroom. As a result, many children were inspired to engage with the Community Literacy Hub.



LITERACY PROGRAM (continued)

The Community Literacy Hub supports children at various reading levels by offering inclusive activities such as read-aloud sessions, book discussions, and individualized reading opportunities. This holistic approach ensures that every child is engaged and supported according to their needs, further strengthening literacy outcomes and academic achievement in the community.



OUR REACH

3

Schools reached

600

Pupils taught

500

Children who gained a love for reading

OUTCOME

Teachers and Literacy Ambassadors Reported:

- Improved reading confidence
- Increased classroom participation
- Greater parental encouragement
- Development of reading culture beyond school hours

COLLABORATION IN ACTION

Reading Books from Utopia Foundation

We received a generous donation of 500 reading books for children aged 3 to 12 to enjoy reading and learning. This engaged both boys and girls in reading at classroom and community environments. Through the donation we expanded access to reading materials and strengthened literacy in both classroom and community literacy hub.



Website Development

Bowen Studios developed our website, which improved digital visibility and strengthened credibility with stakeholders. They are a strong advocate of our work.

BOWEN STUDIOS



LEADERSHIP IN DISCIPLINE AWARD



Ajambo Mary

CEO & Founder of Motherly-Heart

COLLABORATION IN ACTION (continued)

Alliance for Women and Girls

AFWAG. This is a collaborative alliance of organizations championing gender equality across Africa. Through this movement, Motherly Heart was able to get an opportunity to learn and share experiences through learning circles, which has increased the visibility of our work. The alliance through the HEASI Program also provided the executive director with a Leadership training opportunity and recognized her with a leadership award. This collaboration increased institutional capacity and strengthened gender advocacy positioning.



Board Member Contribution

To support the children's education, one of the board members purchased exercise books and pens which were given to 25 boys and girls in Busia villages. This demonstrates active governance engagement and local ownership of impact.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

During 2025, Motherly Heart received donations from partners and through individual contributions and bank interest. Total income for the year amounted to UGX 9,430,000 expenditure totaled UGX 5,368,445 and was directed toward Girls empowerment Clubs, Menstrual Health and Management , Literacy (education and library initiatives), volunteer facilitation, and essential administrative and banking costs.

The organization closed the year with a balance UGX 4,060,000 earmarked for ongoing community programs in 2026. All expenses were processed through the official bank account.



EXPENDITURE

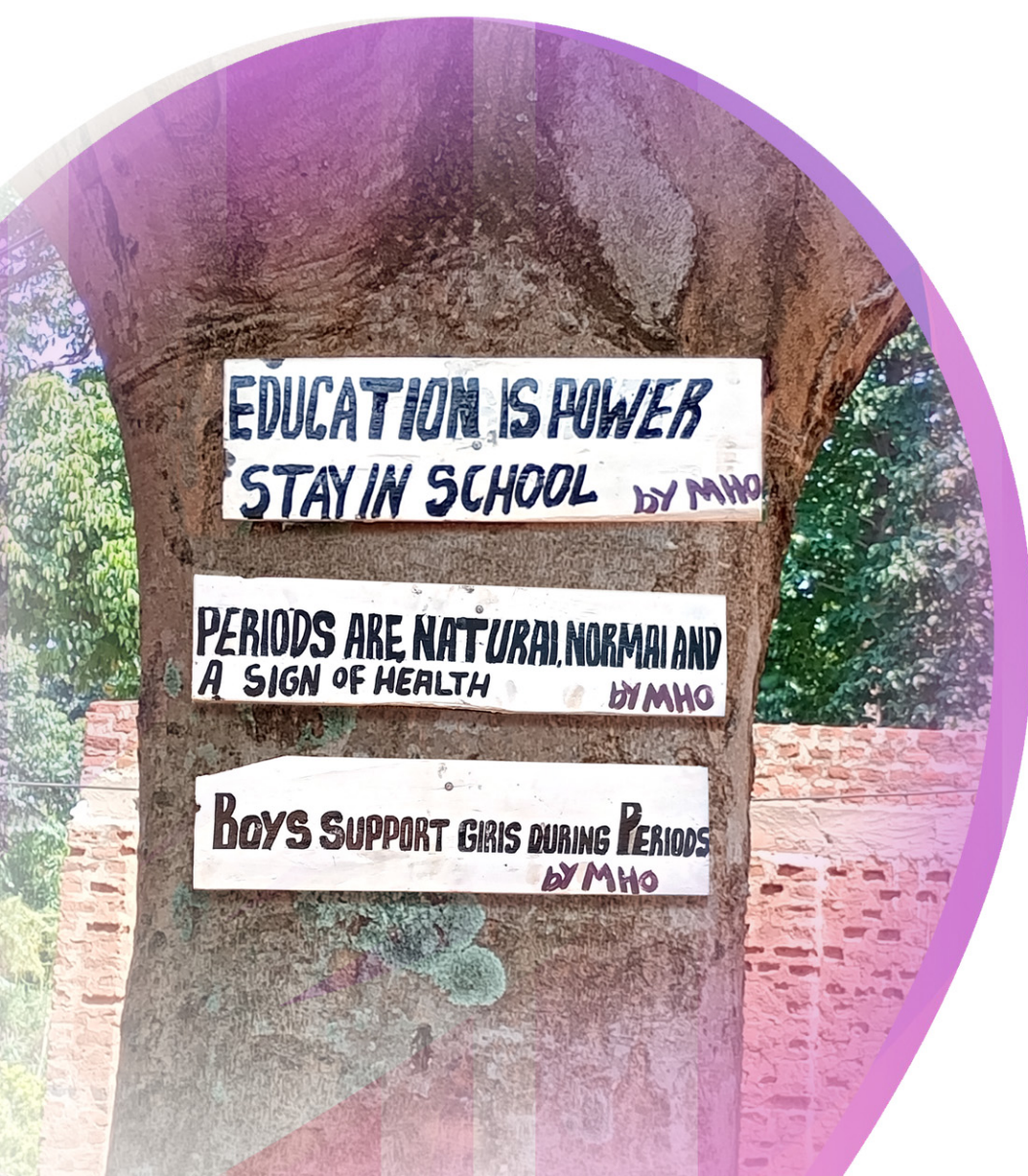
AMOUNT

Girls Empowerment Clubs	1,500,000
Menstrual hHealth and Hygiene Trainings	2,000,000
Literacy (education and library)	1,200,000
Volunteer and Field Operation	420,000
Administration and Banking Costs	48,445
Total Expenditure	5,368,445

LOOKING FORWARD

Motherly Heart Organisation remains deeply committed to ensuring that no girl's future is limited by poverty or stigma. Every program, every club session, and every book placed in a child's hands is a step toward a more just and equitable Busia. We desire a community where every girl transitions to secondary education with confidence, where literacy levels continue to rise across rural schools, and where boys grow into champions of dignity and equality. We believe that education is the strongest protection against vulnerability and the most powerful pathway to opportunity.

The progress made this year is a reminder that change is possible through collaborations, partnerships and commitment. Through individual and institutional contributions we can help sponsor a girl's secondary education, expand literacy access to more children, strengthen safe spaces for adolescent girls, and scale a community-driven model of empowerment.

A large tree trunk is the central focus, with three white posters with black and purple text attached to it. The posters are arranged vertically. The top poster reads 'EDUCATION IS POWER' and 'STAY IN SCHOOL' with 'BY MHO' in purple. The middle poster reads 'PERIODS ARE NATURAL, NORMAL AND A SIGN OF HEALTH' with 'BY MHO' in purple. The bottom poster reads 'BOYS SUPPORT GIRLS DURING PERIODS' with 'BY MHO' in purple. The background shows a brick wall and green foliage.

EDUCATION IS POWER
STAY IN SCHOOL BY MHO

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