

About Chance for Childhood

Founded in 1992, Chance for Childhood's mission is to strengthen and empower local communities to protect children facing the gravest injustices. To this end, our holistic interventions are informed first and foremost by our young beneficiaries as well as those who have the greatest influence on their lives: teachers, parents, police officers, local government officials and community leaders.

We achieve our mission through three key interventions: **income generating activities and vocational training** for highly marginalised youths such as former child soldiers and street children; **quality and inclusive education** for children with special educational needs and disability; and **justice for children** through provision of free legal services, child protection and child rights training, and psychosocial counselling. We currently concentrate our work across Sub-Saharan Africa where we have over two decades of demonstrated impact and established relations with grassroots community partner organisations.

Rebuilding Young Lives in Northern Uganda



Chance for Childhood has been working in Northern Uganda since 2008 where we have been supporting orphaned and vulnerable children.

Our 'Rebuilding Young Lives' project supports orphaned children living in child-headed households in Agago District, a region that has been devastated by almost two decades of protracted conflict. Our project provides orphaned families with a combination of physical inputs such as livestock and seeds, training in agribusiness and parenting as well as the daily support from an appointed and trusted community

mentor, who acts as a foster parent to the children.

Learning from the last two years helped us strengthen our project by identifying gaps where we can make improvements to ensure that more children living in child-headed households gain access to education and training. The "adult" of a child-headed household is almost always an adolescent girl, of between 15 and 18 years, who has no choice but to stay at home because they live too far away from the nearest school and they have no means of transportation. As a result, this year we decided to distribute bicycles to these young orphaned adolescent girls so they, too, can have the same opportunity as their siblings to go to school or attend a vocational training class; not to mention the extra benefits of having the means to access hospitals and transport crops to sell at the local market.

Impact

A grant of 1,500€ will provide bicycles to **25 young orphaned adolescent girls** living in child-headed households, enabling them to travel to school or access the Youth Centre to pursue their studies.

In addition to the 25 direct beneficiaries, we anticipate that a total of **100 younger siblings** will benefit from a stable household income, both in the short term through better access to markets to sell their home grown crops and through better medical care and facilities, and also in the long term by being supported by more educated and informed older siblings.

	Unit cost (GBP)	Units (GBP)	Total (GBP)	Notes
Bicycle in Uganda	50	25	1,250	approx. 1,493€

Sustainability and Creating Greater Impact

What makes our intervention sustainable is the 'revolving' aspect of the funding for these bicycles. We understand that our project will come to an end after a period of time but we very much want to see children living in child-headed households advancing to the next level in school until they graduate.

We have therefore discussed with our local partner in Uganda, as well as consulted with the direct beneficiaries themselves to find a way to ensure a lasting impact. It was decided to offer the option for the child heads to purchase these bicycles through a monthly payment scheme that is tailored to each individual or household. By the end of the project, many will have ownership over these bicycles after paying in full the cost to purchase these bikes in the first place. Our local partners can then utilise the money to purchase more bicycles which will benefit even more vulnerable children year after year.

Thank you so much for your consideration of our project! Together, we can use bicycles to transform the lives of vulnerable children and enable them to have a brighter future!