



# Volta Revival

# ANNUAL REPORT



2022

# MISSION

Volta Revival Foundation is a grassroots 501c3 nonprofit, established in 2016. VRF partners with local change makers to establish stronger, healthier, and more educated communities along the Volta River and Lake with the vision of ending child labor and trafficking in Ghana. We practice holistic community-led development which couples humanitarian aid with long-term development strategies to provide short and long-term support for partner communities. We are the only NGO office in Ada that is open to the public from Monday to Friday.

## STORY

The Volta Revival Foundation was created by love. Love of the people. Love of mama Africa. Love of justice and kindness. And love of each other. Volta Revival Foundation (VRF) was manifested by the imaginations of two dreamers: Monique Vanden'Aklie and Mershack Aklie who met in Ada Foah Ghana in the summer of 2016 and together established Volta Revival based on the philosophy of holistic community-based programming and with the aim of ending child trafficking and forced labor slavery in Ghana.



We do this by providing support and collaboration through the opportunities embedded in our programs. We believe an essential ingredient in sustaining positive behavior change is education and training. We understand that child trafficking and slavery are symptoms of deeper-rooted issues, and Volta Revival along with our amazing partners is committed to addressing the systemic barriers to change. Since our inception, we have partnered with 63 communities along the Gulf of Guinea coast, and the Volta River, and Lake to carry out 16 projects. Additionally, our on-going programs include Liberate Me, Water is Life, and The Mangrove Project.



**IN 2022  
70%  
OF EXPENSES  
WENT TO  
PROJECTS**



**Collaborate. Educate. Liberate.**

# 2022 Impacts

## A YEAR OF GROWTH

2022 heralded many firsts for our family at Volta Revival. The first year to receive grants, the first year to start a shelter, and the first year to carry out a large scale implementation. Additionally, we hired on 6 new full time staff who work tirelessly to carry out our community led human rights focused programs.

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**1** **Opened Rehabilitation Shelter**  
In 2022 VRF realized the long time goal of opening a temporary shelter for the rehabilitation of trafficked children from Ada where children can regain their childhood and heal.

**2** **Scaled the Water is Life Program**  
in September Volta Rvival provided pure water filters in partnership with LifeStraw along with education and monitoring to 10,000 people in 6 communities.

**3** **UNODC Grant for victims**  
This year we were awarded with a small grant to support victims of human trafficking empowering us to rescue and rehabilitate 16 children in 2022 and 50-100 children in 2023.

**4** **Mangrove Project**  
This year we began working with communities and land owners to conserve and restore natural mangrove forests with the goal of reforesting thousands of hectares.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDERS

In the 6 years since we began for the purpose of supporting communities along the Volta Lake and River, we could never have imagined the progress we could make as a grass roots organization. We have established networks, coalitions, and partnerships, allowing VRF to be the vehicle for the change the community desires. Thank you for your support.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**10,000**

People in 6 communities provided pure water In partnership with LifeStraw

**1,800**

Hours of community based program implementation

**63**

Communities partnered for long term development

**18**

VRF Scholars sponsored long term through university

**16**

Children Rescued and Reahbilitated from trafficking and forced labor

**12**

Full time staff



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# OBJECTIVES 2023



## Rescue & Rehabilitate 100 Survivors of Trafficking

The Liberate Me Program focuses on community led investigations and interventions to end child trafficking and to find, rescue and rehabilitate trafficked children. This year VRF will be able to rescue and rehabilitate 50-100 child survivors of forced labor and trafficking.

## Pure Water, Education, and Monitoring for 50,000

In 2023 VRF will carry out our largest scale implementation to provide 50,000 people in 22 communities through our Water is Life program. In partnership with the company LifeStraw, we provide pure water filters, training and education, and continuous monitoring to partner

## Preserve 5,000 ha of Mangroves & Reforest 500 ha

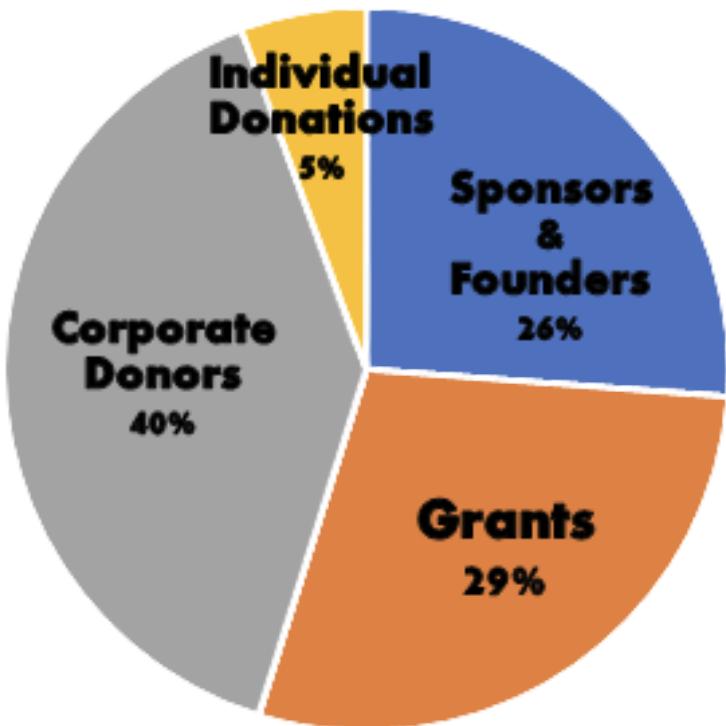
The Mangrove Project seeks to improve ecosystems and decrease poverty through the voluntary re-creation of the mangrove-firewood supply chain. Through continued community partnerships, training, and systematic developments we will preserve 5,000 hectares of mangroves and begin reforestation.

## Begin Construction on Permanent Rehabilitation Shelter in Ada

Currently VRF is renting the space where we operate the shelter, in 2023 our goal is to begin construction on a permanent shelter on our property and open by 2024. This space will provide VRF with the permanent place to rehabilitate Ada's children, and provide healing.

# Financial Summary

## Revenue



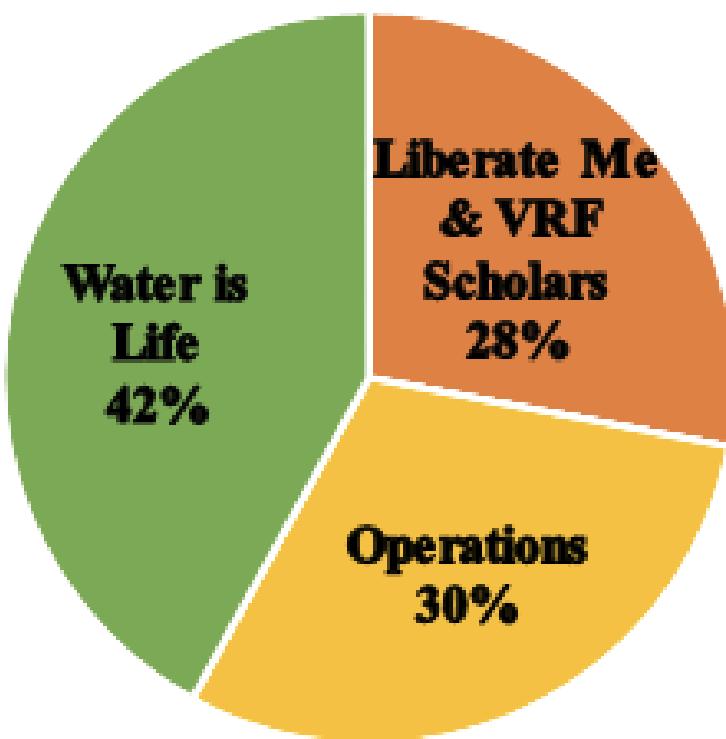
Funds Raised

**\$43,708**

Volta Revival raised its highest amount ever in 2022.

Corporate donors accounted for the largest percentage due to the Water is Life program, with grants and subscribers being about tied for the second position.

## Spending



Funds Spent

**\$41,450**

in 2022 Volta Revival spent 70% of its expenses on programs. Even with many technological and capacity improvements VRF maintained a strong focus on providing solutions and services to our partner communities. VRF Scholars accounted for 12% of the budget.

# Statement of Activities



## Volta Revival Foundation

### Statement of Activity

January - December 2022

	TOTAL
<b>Revenue</b>	
4001 Donation - Individuals	2,390.00
4002 Donation - Corporate	17,326.87
4004 Grants	12,508.42
4005 Subscriptions	690.00
Donations and Subscriptions	9,728.01
Sponsor Subscription	1,040.00
<b>Total 4005 Subscriptions</b>	<b>11,458.01</b>
4009 Interest Income	
MTN Mobile Money Interest	24.19
<b>Total 4009 Interest Income</b>	<b>24.19</b>
4014 Uncategorized Income	1.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$43,708.49</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$43,708.49</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
5000 General and Administrative Expenses	176.82
Office Supplies	350.68
Rent	848.52
Telecommunications	498.67
Utilities	71.52
Workshops and Seminars	215.77
<b>Total 5000 General and Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>2,161.98</b>
5001 Transportation and Fuel	2,246.66
5003 Volunteer Salaries and Allowances	5,058.29
5004 Project Related Stipends	29.30
5005 Refreshments	1,181.48
5006 School and Feeding Fees	3,034.35
5007 School Supplies	1,264.30
5012 Shipping and Handling	1,866.35
5013 Repairs and Maintenance	
General Repairs and Maintenance	108.61
Motor Vehicle	934.11
Motorbike	60.88
<b>Total 5013 Repairs and Maintenance</b>	<b>1,103.60</b>
5014 Bank Charges	14.62
Transfer Charges	181.70
<b>Total 5014 Bank Charges</b>	<b>196.32</b>
5015 Merchant Service Fee	1,419.70

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	TOTAL
5016 Fundraising Expense	481.30
5017 Audit Fees	200.00
5019 Miscellaneous Expenses	690.39
5020 License and Permit	105.19
5022 Medical Bills	55.51
Lodging	470.58
Purchases	465.67
Water Filters	12,115.00
<b>Total Purchases</b>	<b>12,580.67</b>
Technology	432.00
Uncategorized Expense	239.88
UNODC 1101 Staff and Other Personnel cost	164.29
UNODC 1102 Travel Costs	619.08
UNODC 1103 Equipment and Furniture Costs	4,112.18
UNODC 1105 Supplies, Commodities and Materials	174.12
UNODC 1107 General Operating and other Direct Costs	1,562.75
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$41,450.27</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,258.22</b>
Other Expenditures	
Unrealized Gain or Loss	0.00
Exchange Gain or Loss	0.02
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0.02</b>
<b>NET OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -0.02</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,258.20</b>

# Financial Position



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As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000 USA Checking	42,732.53
1001 MTN Mobile Money Merchant Account	3,581.29
1002 PayPal Bank	-36,651.83
1003 Access Bank USD	5,019.58
1004 Access Bank GHC	610.22
Lifestraw - Trust account	0.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$15,291.79</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$15,291.79</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$15,291.79</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	
Equity	
3002 Opening Balance Equity	9,551.76
3003 Retained Earnings	3,481.83
Net Revenue	2,258.20
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$15,291.79</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$15,291.79</b>



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# Thank you to all our donors, volunteers, and partners.

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