



# Volta Revival

# ANNUAL REPORT



2023

# 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 hard work and dedication of hundreds of community members from grandparents to local leaders who partners with us to initiate programs in Ada Ghana in 2017. Volta Revival is based on the philosophy of holistic community-based engagement and development 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 75 communities along the Gulf of Guinea coast, and the Volta River, and Lake to carry out 20 projects. Additionally, our on-going programs include Liberate Me, Water is Life, and The Mangrove Project.

**IN 2023  
81%  
OF EXPENSES  
WENT TO  
PROJECTS**



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**Collaborate. Educate. Liberate.**

# 2023 Impacts



## SCALING OUR PROGRAMS

In 2023 our team at VRF was able to scale our Liberate Me program to rescue and rehabilitate 65 trafficked children and increase our Water is Life program to provide pure water filters and WASH education to 30,000 additional community members.

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### 1 Implemented the community wide anti trafficking method

This year we partnered with Wekumagbe to implement the community wide anti trafficking method to internally incentivize families to bring back their trafficked children for rehabilitation. Through this method we were able to rescue, rehabilitate and reintegrate 55 children from the community.

### 2 Scaled the Water is Life Program

From September to December, Volta Revival provided pure water filters and WASH education in partnership with LifeStraw to 30,000 people in 25 communities and 4 clinics. Carrying out the program in the midst of a flood in the area.

### 3 Rescued and rehabilitated 95 children since 2019

Since the beginning of the Liberate Me program in 2019, VRF has rescued, rehabilitated, and reintegrated 95 children who have all remained in our care, in school, and out of trafficking.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**30,000**

People in 27 communities provided pure water in partnership with LifeStraw

**4,000**

Hours of community based program implementation

**75**

Communities partnered for long term development

**25**

VRF Scholars sponsored long term through university

**65**

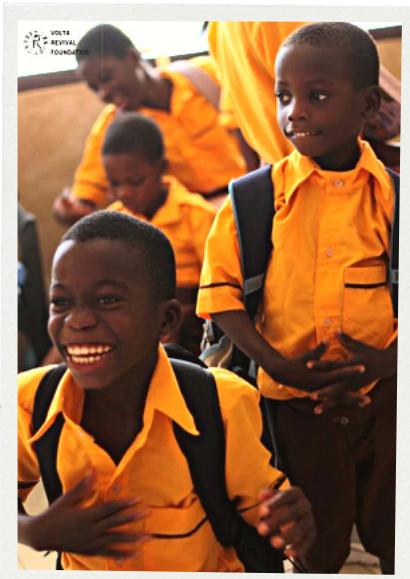
Children Rescued and Rehabilitated from trafficking and forced labor

**10**

Full time staff

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDERS

In the 7 years since we began partnering with communities along the Volta Lake and River, we could never have imagined the progress we could make as a grassroots 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.

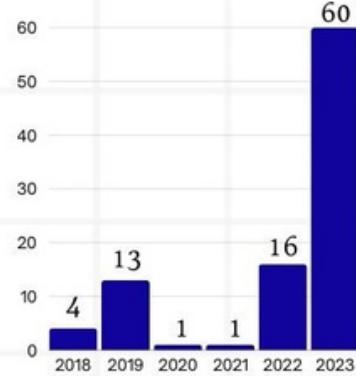


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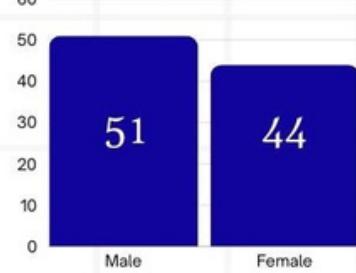
# KEY INSIGHTS 2019 TO 2023: LIBERATE ME

Volta Revival's Liberate Me Program has rescued and rehabilitated 95 children from 2019 to 2023, here is the breakdown:

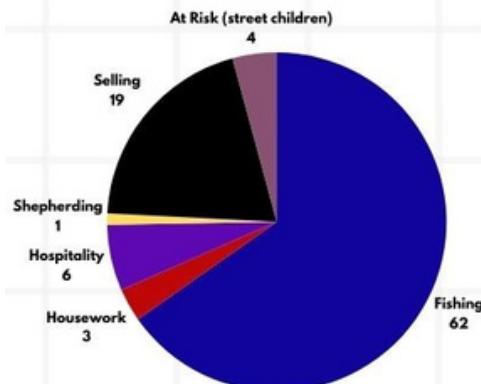
## NUMBER OF CHILDREN RESCUED BY YEAR



## NUMBERS BY GENDER



## TYPE OF LABOR

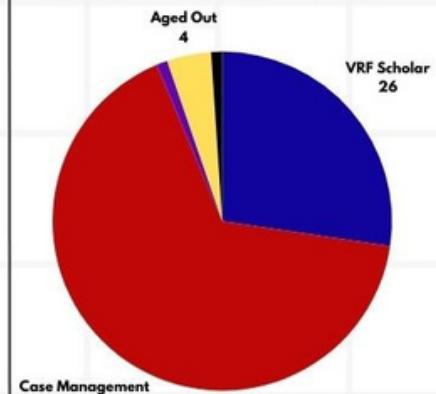


## ADA COMMUNITIES



## NUMBERS BY PROGRAM

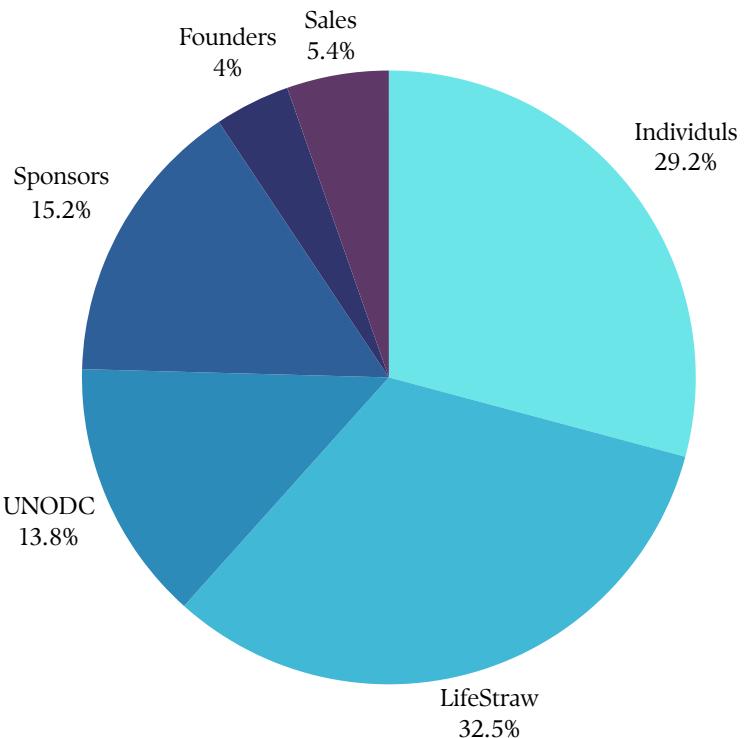
■ VRF Scholar ■ Case Management  
■ Graduated ■ Aged Out ■ Ran Away



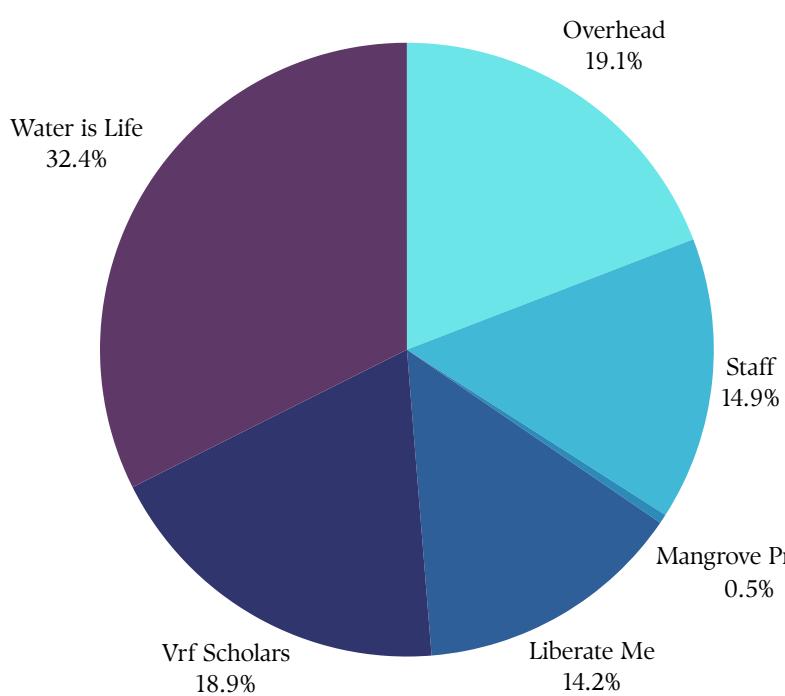
Starting in 2023 all children who age out of basic school are provided with apprenticeship

# Financial Summary

## Revenue



## Spending



## Funds Raised

**\$56,818**

Volta Revival raised its highest amount ever in 2023. Individuals alongside sponsors and founders accounted for the largest cumulative percentage, with corporate sponsorship from LifeStraw being our second highest contribution.

## Funds Spent

**\$55,325**

In 2023 Volta Revival spent 81% of its expenses on programs and program related staff. Our largest program expense remains Liberate me divided into case management and VRF Scholars at 33.1% cumulative. Followed closely by the Water is Life program.



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## OBJECTIVES 2024



### **Partner with 2 more communities to Rescue & Rehabilitate 100 Survivors of Trafficking**

The Liberate Me program partners with hot spot child trafficking communities return, and rehabilitate trafficked children by implementing our community based anti trafficking method.

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

In 2024, we will carry out another large-scale Water is Life implementation to provide 50,000 people in 25 communities pure water filters, and WASH education. We utilize school and community engagement to ensure the highest number of children have clean water access.

### **Establish environmental protection systems**

In 2024, VRF will work with communities to establish a system to engage the area in environmental protection practices and methodologies continuously. We seek to restore mangrove forests, reduce plastic waste, and increase awareness and participation from all sections of the community.

### **Begin Anti Child Marriage and Sexual Abuse Program**

The current state of teenage pregnancy, sexual abuse, and child marriage in our areas is overwhelming, with some schools reporting that 1 in 4 girls are dropping out due to this. We seek to pilot a program to reduce these issues using an adapted model of our community -based anti-trafficking method.



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IS  
Life**

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