

# ANNUAL REPORT

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S.A.L.V.E. International

# A Message From Our CEO

I co-founded S.A.L.V.E in 2008. 2023 was the organisation's 15th year of supporting street connected children and their families. In this time S.A.L.V.E. has grown considerably - from renting a small space to help a handful of children in the early days, to now having our own 5 acre residential site, housing well over a hundred children a year.

The world has changed considerably in this time. Over this last year the impact of a global cost of living crisis has taken its toll on the ability of some of our kind supporters to give. It has also caused our running costs to increase due to inflated food and fuel prices. Those already living in poverty have found themselves in increasingly impossible situations, where some families can't even afford one meal a day anymore, and thus we have sadly seen a large increase in the number of children living and working on the streets of Jinja.

In January of this year I, along with an incredible team of S.A.L.V.E. volunteers, climbed Mount Elgon in Uganda to raise vital funds for the organisation. We were also able to use it as a chance to celebrate some of what we have achieved in our 15 years. It was particularly special to climb the mountain alongside Steven, who is a young man who we helped to leave the streets and get an education and is now volunteering with us in Uganda as a peer mentor.

None of what we do would be possible without our loyal global family and the tenacity of our hardworking team and volunteers. It is thanks to you that we have been resourceful and adapted to the spiraling increase in need. It is thanks to you that we continue to be a lifeline to children and families when they need us most.

It is impossible for me to say what the next 15 years will bring but, with our loyal, global family by our side, we will continue to strive for there to be 'No Street Called Home' for children in Uganda.

*Nicola Sansom*

CEO S.A.L.V.E. International



## Chairperson of Children's Council for S.A.L.V.E. International

I am very pleased to be elected to this role by my peers.

My vision for the Children's Council leadership role is to strategically work together with my newly elected children leaders, S.A.L.V.E. staff, and the patron of the Children's Council to find ways of supporting more children to leave streets. I want to help more children go back to their families through getting engaged in street walks.

I am proud and greatly thankful for the love, care and support S.A.L.V.E. always gives to children to see that they live a happy life without any regrets.

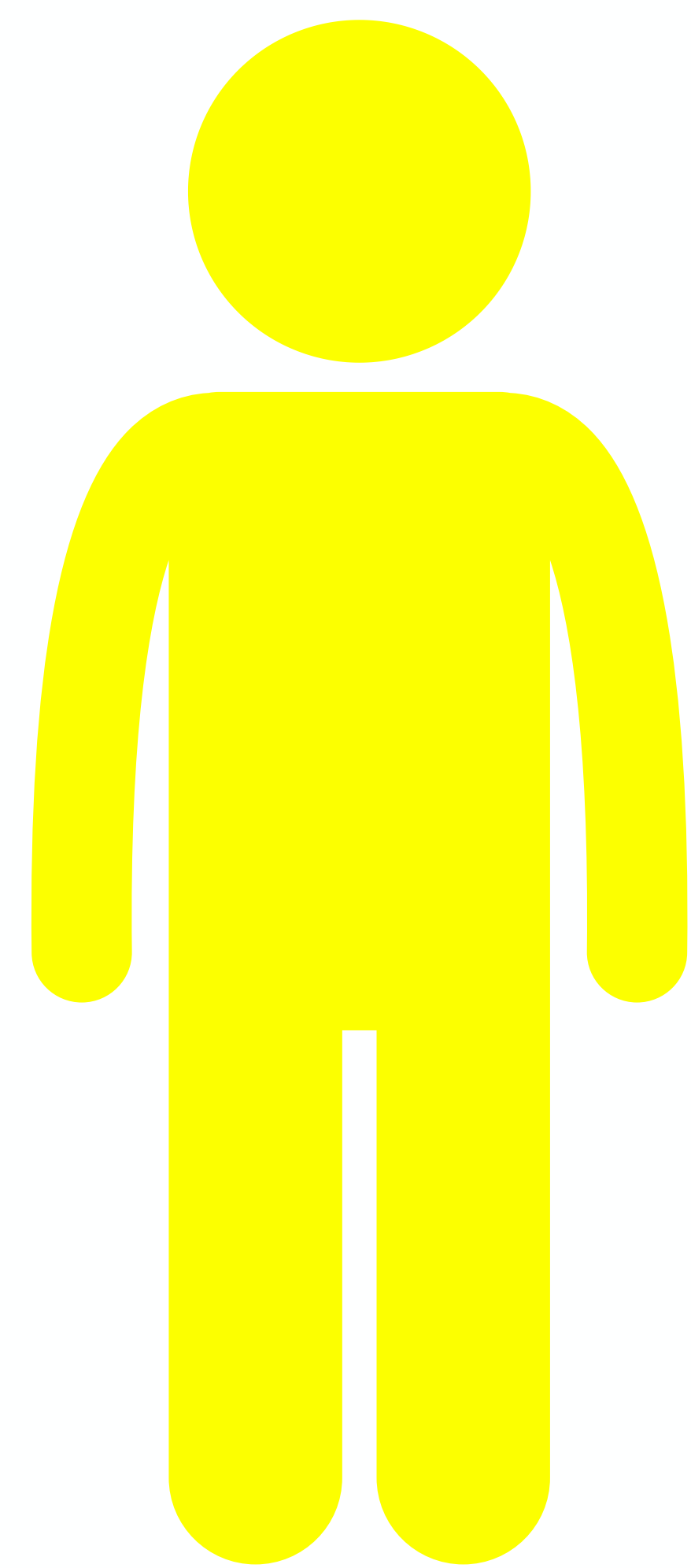
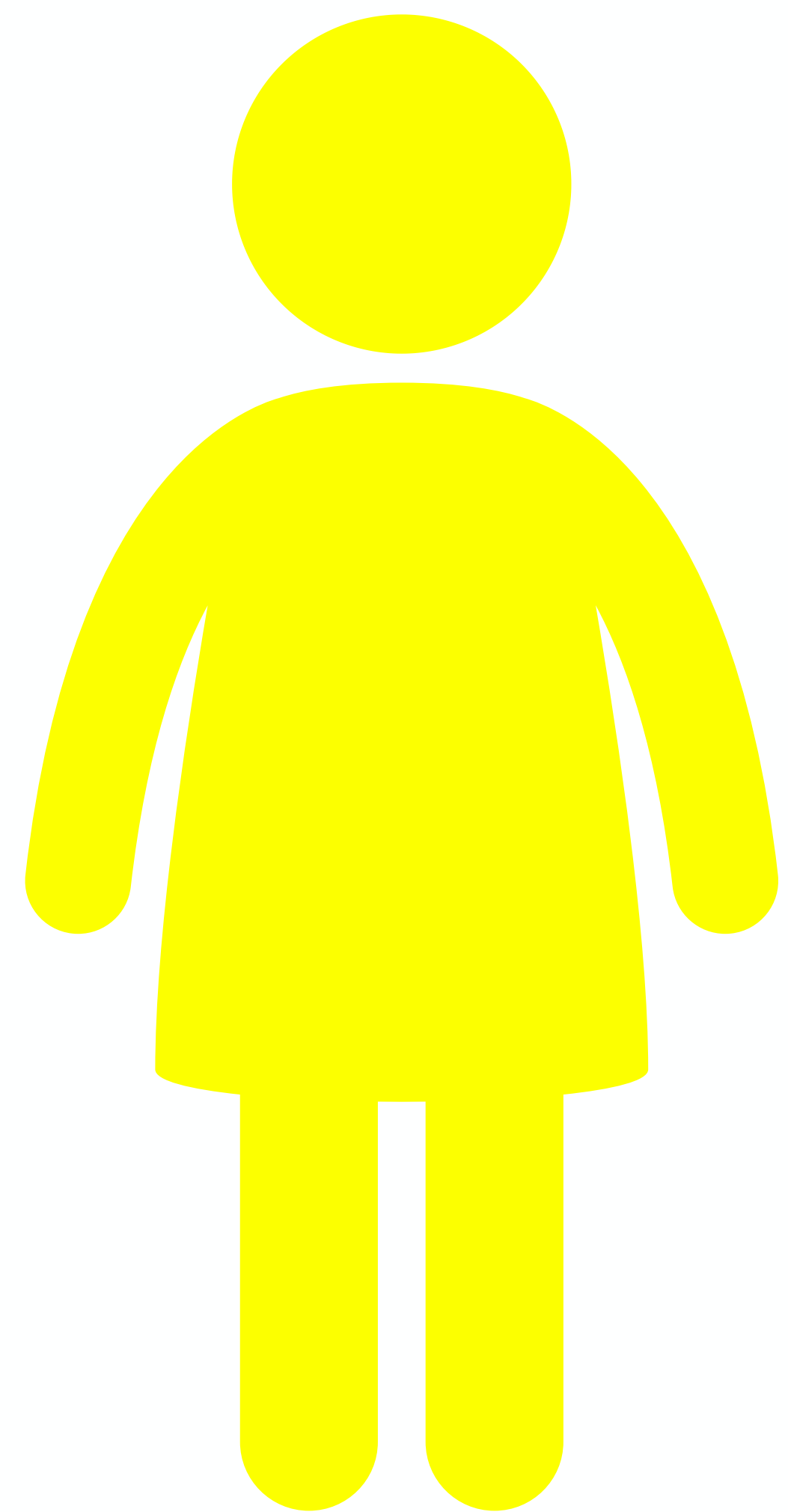
- Asinde Ritah\*, Chairperson for children's council 2023 to 2024

# Street Outreach

**785** children accessed our Street Outreach services in the last year.

**210 Girls**

**585 Boys**



This is a 53% increase from the previous year.

\* Please note girls make up approximately 32% of the children living and working on the streets of Jinja



# Halfway Homes

**140** children stayed in our Halfway Homes, where they were given vital food, medical care, education and counselling to prepare them for life away from the streets.



**115**

of these children were referred to our Halfway Homes directly off the streets.

**30**

were children we had previously resettled home but needed extra support.





# Drug Rehabilitation

**45** children attended our Drug Rehabilitation programme.

This programme offers specialist support for children who used drugs as a coping mechanism whilst living on the streets of Jinja.



# Home Resettlement

**120** children were resettled home to their families (or placed with a foster family) as part of our Family Resettlement programme.

**89%** of those children remained settled at home for six months or longer.



# Education

**135** children have been helped through our Educational Support programme.

**6** were transitioned back to family support.

This means that their family circumstances have changed significantly and they were now able to pay for their children's school fees. This is something we're hugely proud of as, by empowering families with business skills and start-up capital, or by supporting them in the shorter-term, we can now support more children into education.



# Graduates

**26** children graduated this year. Congratulations to all of them!



## Bwanbale's story

Bwanbale lost both his parents as a teenager and sadly his remaining family members couldn't afford to care for him properly. He ran to the streets to avoid poverty and struggles at home. We met Bwanbale on our street walks and saw his enthusiasm to learn. He was resettled home and enrolled in our Education programme.

Bwanbale thrived in education but during the Covid-19 pandemic his opportunity to attend school was restricted. He was one of the few classmates who persevered and he successfully completed his course and graduated as a plumber. He is now working in this trade and is able to support himself and his family.

\*names are changed in line with our Child Protection Policy



# Business Empowerment

**61** businesses were created as part of our Business Empowerment programme.

These businesses included specialised support in these three areas:

**10** Permaculture farming businesses

**26** Single mother's businesses

**25** Urban focused businesses.

The average family we work with in Uganda has 7 children. That means these 61 businesses have helped approximately 420 children who would have been at risk of running to the streets.

**420**



A photograph of two men working in a lush, green permaculture garden. The man on the left is wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and dark trousers, while the man on the right is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt and khaki trousers. They are both leaning over, tending to rows of young green plants in a raised bed. The background is filled with various trees and foliage, creating a dense, natural setting.

# Permaculture

**25** Permaculture businesses started.

**142** Community members reached through peer to peer training.

This year we have expanded our Permaculture Business Training programme.

We have continued to develop our permaculture demonstration farm. We use it to teach the children and their family members the practical skills they need to adapt their farming practices using key permaculture principles. These skills help them to adapt to climate change and improve their crop yields.

This means they can have a more varied, nutritional diet and even go on to generate an income from their excess crops.

# Partnerships

We believe in the power of partnerships and we are lucky to have some amazing partners who support our programmes in Uganda. Here are just two of our amazing partners from this year.

## Book Aid

Donated 500 brand new books for the children at both our Drop in Centres and residential site. The children will use these books for scholastic activities but also reading for pleasure.



## Alice Morrison

Alice Morrison is a female adventurer, BBC Presenter and author. She has sponsored children's education with S.A.L.V.E. over a number of years. In January 2023, Alice climbed Mount Elgon for S.A.L.V.E. and had the chance to meet her sponsored child. She has supported us in our events, invited us on her podcast and continues to be a great advocate for our work.



# Research

In early 2023 we conducted a large-scale piece of headcounting research to better understand the number of children on the streets.

The research also asked questions about how and where they spent their time so that we can adjust our services accordingly to better suit their needs.

The survey showed that there were an estimated 11,516 children living on the streets and working on the streets. This is a 192% increase from the last piece of head counting research that S.A.L.V.E. conducted in 2017.

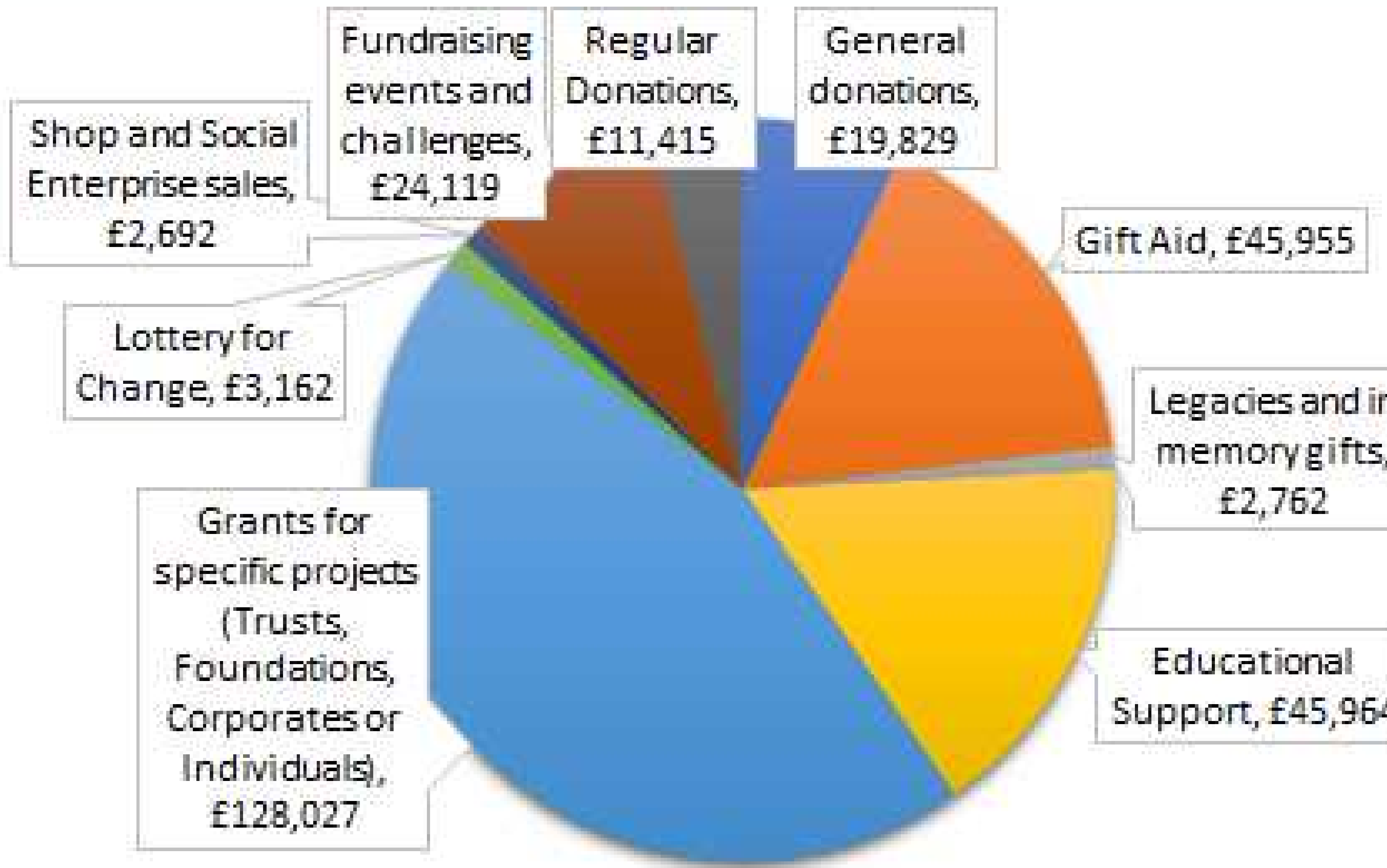
The data also showed that there was a significant trend in children starting to rent together to try to be safer than sleeping openly on the streets. We also found children as young as 3 years old on the streets now.

For more information visit our website [www.salveinternational.org/research/2023-head-count/](http://www.salveinternational.org/research/2023-head-count/)

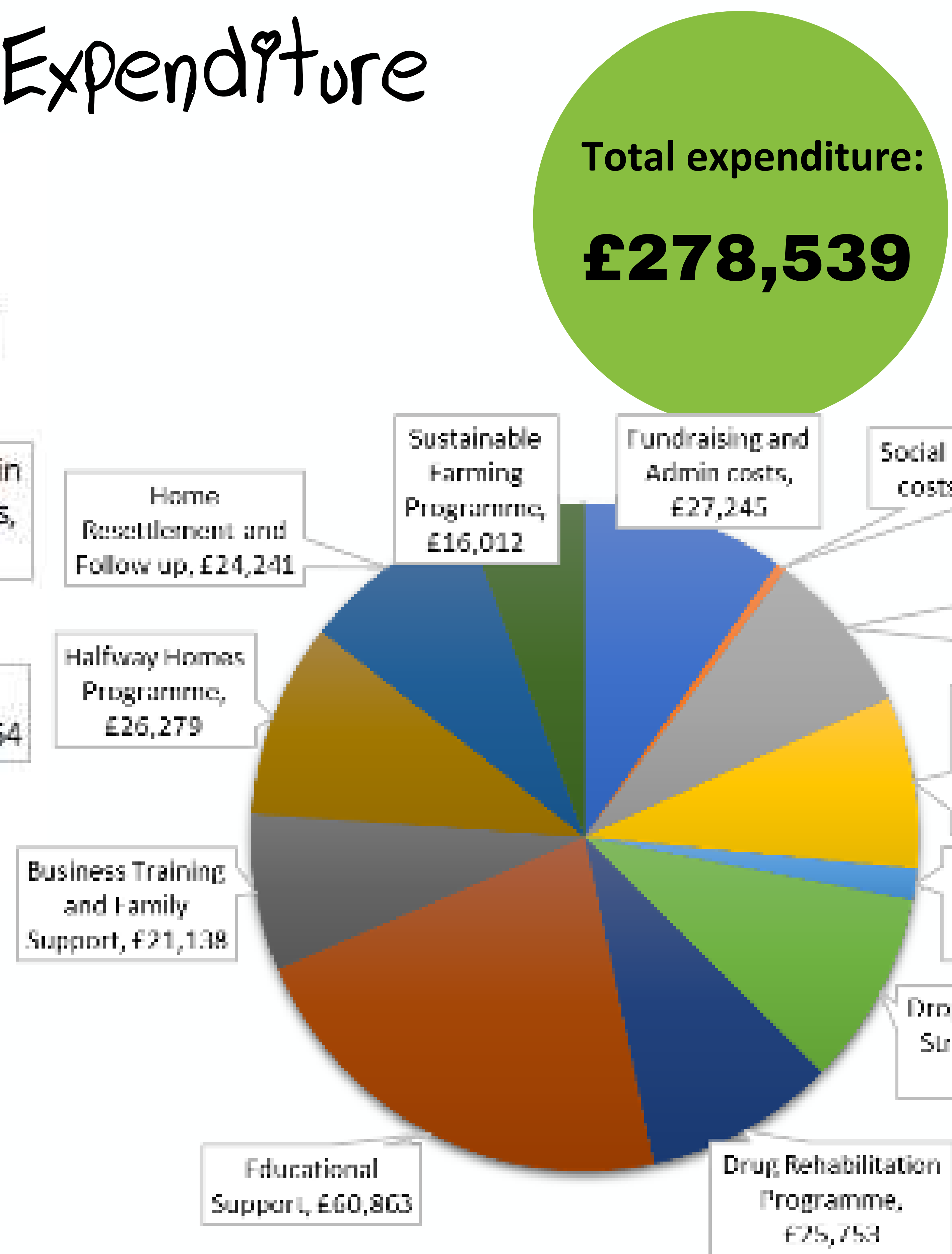




# Income & Expenditure



**Total income:**  
**£283,926**



**Total expenditure:**  
**£278,539**

The charity holds a 3 month reserve, set annually by our trustees, to ensure that we have enough funds available in case of any emergency situations that might arise.



# Thank You

We want to say a HUGE thank you to every individual and organisation who have kindly partnered with and supported S.A.L.V.E. in the last year. Our work is only possible because of your help. Below are just a few. Together, we can make sure there is 'No Street Called Home' for children living and working on the streets of Uganda.

Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust  
British Humane Association  
Charles Hayward Foundation  
David Lister Charitable Trust  
Fox and Grapes  
Garstang Quaker Meeting  
Help Change Lives  
Highlands School (Eldoret)  
Old Girls Association  
Hope 4 Smile  
Jaspar Foundation  
KPMG  
Lush Charity Pot

Merriman Charitable Foundation  
MJB Charitable Trust  
Nalu Afrika  
One World Centre  
Open Gate  
Paul Hodges Trust  
Pro-Seed  
Shishukunj  
Tales to Inspire  
The Angela Gallagher Memorial Fund  
The Ashworth Charitable Trust  
The Austin Bailey Foundation  
The Coles-Medlock Foundation  
The Fulmer Charitable Trust  
The Hudson Charitable Trust  
The Rozelle Trust  
The S M B Trust  
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# Get Involved



## Fundraise

Challenge yourself and make a difference

## Volunteer

Share your time and skills!

## Donate

Provide life-changing opportunities for children

## Partner

School, uni or business? Partner with us and feel inspired!

UK Charity Number: 1126793

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