



# 2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Changing youth lives  
through sport

## **Letter from CEO & Founder, Mo Kisirisa**

# Dear Friends

Happy New Year from everyone at Golden Boots Uganda (GoBU)!

As we start 2023, we want to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support throughout last year.

We were able to reach more than 1000 young people, which got us to a total of 3,000 youth since 2020. These are mainly adolescent girls, people with disabilities and refugees.

For 2023, we are confident that our highly relevant sport for change initiatives are poised to make an even greater impact among young people in the areas of Mental, Physical and Social wellbeing, refugees.

We look forward to your continued support in 2023, as we aim to double the numbers!

**Yours in Sport**

Mo Kisirisa



Thanks to the steadfast dedication of our Golden Boots Uganda team and ambassadors around the world.

Girl empowerment and Genderbased violence, Inclusion, Peace building and Protection of refugees living in rural and urban areas of Uganda.



**Welcome**

# About Golden Boots Uganda

We are a nonprofit NGO empowering young people to build resilience, secure their future through sport, and become change agents in their communities.

We mainly target adolescent girls, youth with disabilities and refugees between 10-25 years

living in the urban areas of Kampala capital and rural areas of Kiboga and Butambala districts in Uganda.





## Vision

A world where young people are healthy, happy, and lead meaningful lives.



## Mission

To pioneer new ways of improving the lives of young people through sport.



## Objective

Providing access to sports and life-changing opportunities for young people.



## Target group

Young people between 10 to 30 years of age.



## Where we work

Butambala, Kiboga and Kampala districts.



## Values:

Transparency  
Accountability  
Innovation  
Teamwork



# Our Impact


In 2021/2022, Golden Boots Uganda (GoBU) reached over 1000 through our programs

Improved mental, physical and social wellbeing among young people.

  
**1000**  
youth across all programs received information on mental health and contacts for referrals

**3**  tournaments organised

**32**  teams participated


**3**  winners from each sport; boxing, football and basketball were awarded trophies and cash prizes to boost these community clubs.

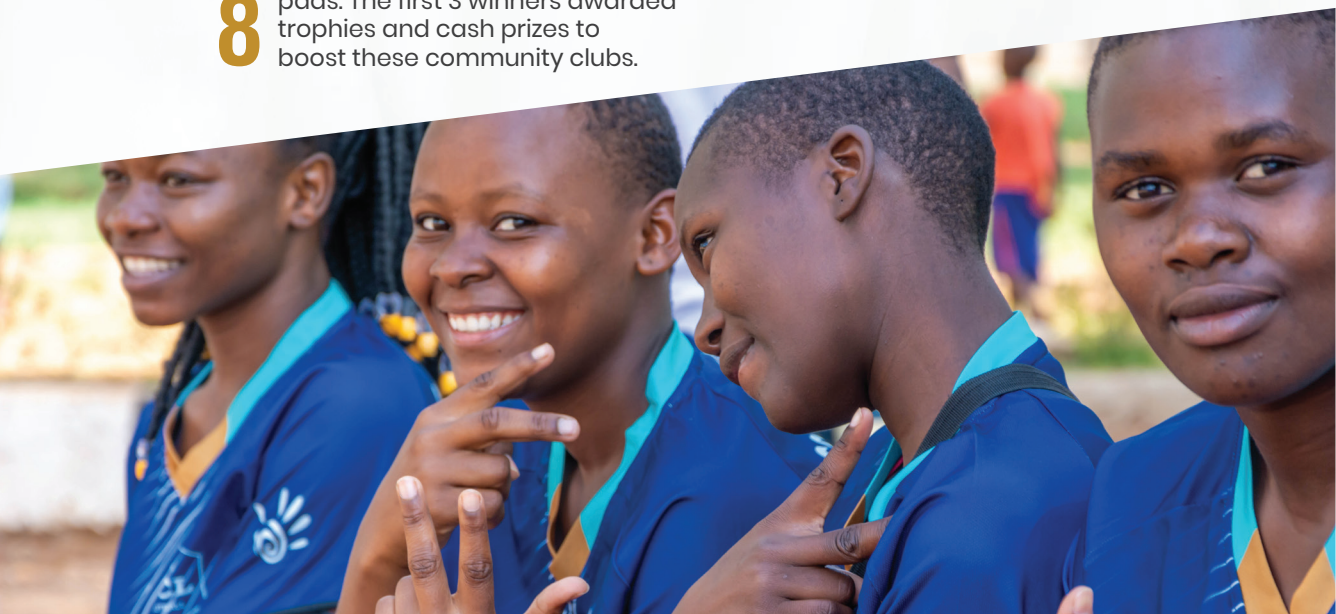
## Girl empowerment and Gender based violence

**694** adolescent girls empowered with leadership and life skills.


Safe spaces created for the girls to share ideas and experiences with each other and trained mental health experts, received education materials and motivation from mental health survivors.


**1**  tournament organised


**8**  girls teams participated, each of the girls received re-usable sanitary pads. The first 3 winners awarded trophies and cash prizes to boost these community clubs.



## Sports for all

  
**137** Youth with disabilities included in all programs, trained on disability rights and access to sport.

  
**1** Amputee football tournament organized, 4 youth teams participated

  
The first 3 winners awarded trophies and cash prizes to boost these community clubs.

## Social Cohesion

Increase in number of refugee youth recruited in our sport programs, football, basketball and boxing.

Enhanced peaceful co-existence between refugees and host communities.

## Life skills and Leadership Training

**80** community sports coaches and youth leaders trained on the relevance of the sport for development and wellbeing agenda.

**4** training workshops were organised.

## Access to Sports

**40** community sports clubs received donations of sports kits like footballs, basketballs, boxing gloves, bibs among others.



# Program Highlights

Golden Boots Uganda uses sport and exercise as a tool to mobilize young people both in and out of school, we provide life skills, leadership and engage adolescent girls, refugees and youth with disabilities on important topics such as mental health, substance abuse, life skills and gender-based violence, inclusion, social cohesion and peace.

We support community sports groups with capacity building programs inform of sport equipment, training programs for coaches and athletes, and organize sports tournaments attached to various themes inline with our thematic programs.

## Play for Life

Sport and physical activities which promotes mental, physical and social well-being among young people, increasing the quality of their lives. GoBU provides information about mental health and creates safe spaces where young people can share ideas and experiences with each other and trained mental health experts, receive education materials and motivation from mental health survivors.

Through the Sport for Mental Wellbeing project funded by the International Youth Foundation and the Youth Mental Fitness project with support from GIZ, La Guilde and AFD, both sport based initiatives helped to reduce the impacts of Covid19 on the mental health of more than 1000 youth including refugees, young people with disabilities, and adolescent girls living in four low-income areas in Kampala.



## Gender Equality

Promoting girl's participation in sport and watching them not only play but excel in sports helps in removing the systematic barriers holding women and girls back in our communities.

## Inclusion

Promoting sports for all, blind football, wheel chair basketball, Amputee football to include people with disabilities.

## Refugee Protection and Peace Building

Supporting the integration and social cohesion among refugees and host communities in the urban and refugee settlements.

## Life Skills:

Through sports we promote life and leadership skills that develop qualities in young that help advance their employability resulting in more job opportunities.





# Winner's Story

One participant was a young woman named Harriet. Like 650,000 young women in Uganda, Harriet got pregnant and gave birth during the Covid-crisis. Before the pandemic, she was the captain of an under-17 soccer team in a suburb of Kampala, but sports clubs closed during lockdown. All this—the social stigma around pregnancy, alienation from her peers, and no access to treatment—led to anxiety and depression. After taking part in the SMATS project, Harriet is doing better.

. In her own words: “I was touched by the support. I felt loved and confident that someone out there cared. I had given up on life, until the project gave me a chance to be a child again. When I played soccer, I felt alive again.”



# Recognition, Visibility and Capacity Building

## The Sport for One Humanity initiative,

We were selected among the 10 beneficiaries of by Turkish Airlines with support from UNAOC. The organization is benefiting from a comprehensive capacity-development training program.

On 6th April 2022, we participated in the consultative review meeting for the National Physical Education and Sports Policy.

H.E Jules-Armand ANIAMBOSSOU, Ambassador of France to Uganda invited us at his residence to share Golden Boots Uganda's programs at the occasion of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace and launch of the label "Terre de Jeux 2024", April 2022.

## Global Sports Week in Paris

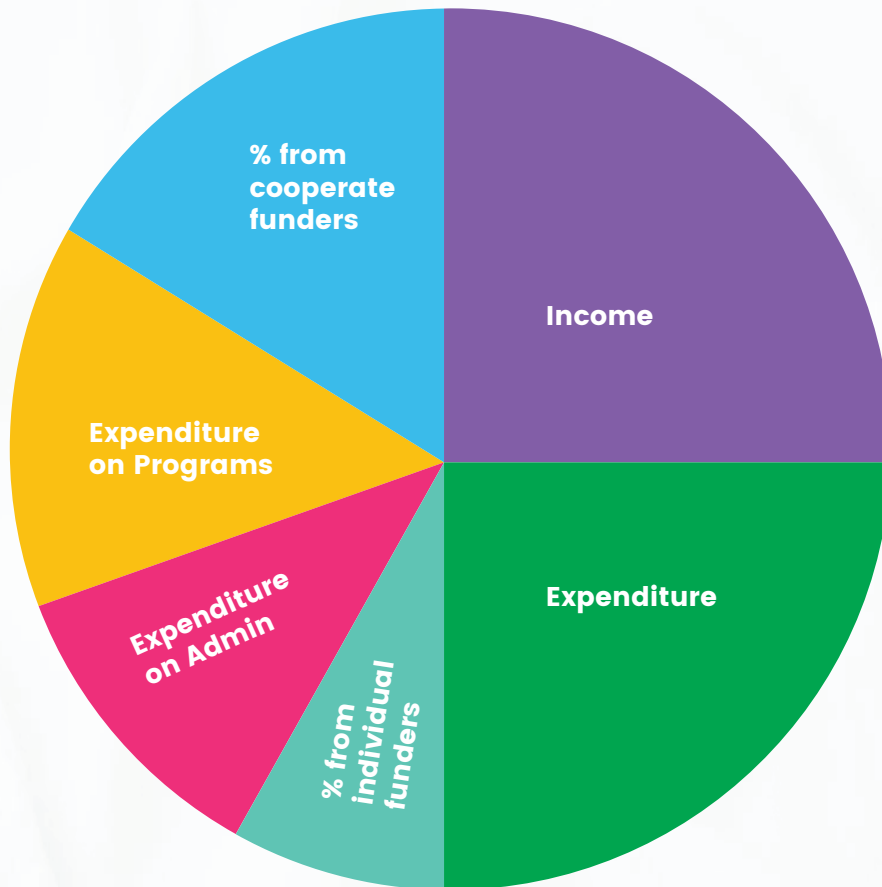
May 2022, GoBU was selected to speak, we shared our stories with more than 3,000 investors and potential funders to help us further grow and scale our programs.



# The 2022 Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders

Our founder, Muhammed Kisirisa was selected and placed by the US Department of State in the Leadership in Civic Engagement track at University of Georgia, Athens where he completed the 6 weeks fellowship.

## Financials



**Income**  
45,097.86

**Expenditure on Programs**  
38,333.181

**Cooperate funders**  
39,046.96

**Expenditure**  
45,097.86

**Expenditure on Admin**  
6,764.679

**Individual funders**  
6,050.9

# Collaboration

At Golden Boots Uganda, we believe in joining synergies with other partners and key players in the field of sports for development to help us achieve our intended targets and more. In 2021/2022, we teamed up with a group of

Local and international partners — The Royal Dutch Football Association, Enlight Institute, British Council, Federation of Uganda Amputee Football Association, Tackle Africa — to engage adolescent girls, refugees and youth with disabilities on important topics such as mental health, substance abuse, life skills and gender-based violence, inclusion, social cohesion and peace.

We have also established a working relationship with 20 community sports groups that support a minimum of 100 young people each.



# Our supporters

Golden Boots Uganda (GoBU) would like to thank our institutional and individual donors and partners for their support in 2021/2022.

Their sustained commitment to the GoBU's mission enables us to continue providing access to sports and life-changing opportunities for young people in the rural and urban areas of Uganda.

## Funders



## Partners



## Individual donors

Antoine Chiquet  
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Gillian McCallion  
Ani Zonneveld

# Team Golden Boots Uganda

Thanks to the steadfast dedication of our team.

## Our Team



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# Photo Gallery



**QUTE KAYE MUSICIAN AND HATEM CHAKROUN**, Country Director, AFD Uganda



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