

# 2021

ANNUAL REPORT

Every child has the right to education. RISE works to give children the chance to go to school in areas where accessibility is limited or non-existent. We target vulnerable and marginalized children who have been impacted by years of war and its aftermath, those living in poverty that face multiple barriers to education.

# BUILD. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.





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# THE PROBLEM

Every child should have the chance to go to school, to learn to read and write. Several million children in Angola do not have access to primary education.



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# OUR RESPONSE

RISE builds primary schools in rural Angola to educate children, empower communities and contribute to the rebuilding of the country.





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Literacy unlocks the door to learning throughout life, is essential to development and health, and opens the way for democratic participation and active citizenship.

KOFI ANNAN



## SINCE 2003 . . . AN AMAZING RETURN ON INVESTMENT

**192 schools built, with 993 classrooms**

**138,000 kids in school each year**

RISE builds critical infrastructure, a fundamental starting point, to give children access to education. Centrally located within the community, the schools are quality structures with gender-specific toilets and access to clean water, creating inclusive and equitable places of protection and safety. Students are more engaged, able to concentrate, and focus on their studies.

## 2021 HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE . . .

- The successful completion of our co-funding partnership with Educate A Child and ExxonMobil. The project began in 2017 and exceeded all targets – 26 schools were built, 28,784 out-of-school children were enrolled, and our Monitoring & Evaluation team collected detailed data on the 28,784 individual students.
- The dedication and handover of seven schools. At Bolonguera, a remote location where there had never been a school, the Mayor gratefully shared that “without RISE we could not move forward.” Beautiful new schools at Cassualala, Calombinda, Kwawa, Cabaia, 11th of November, and Lonjombele were dedicated with celebration, joy, and gratitude.







- The drilling of wells and access to clean water at Denda and Bairro Novo, funded by Rotary.
- The creation of jobs for building teams, teachers and staff, which serve as a stimulus to the local economy, and a valuable provision amid high unemployment countrywide.





# WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE . . .

Fundraising efforts included a Brewery Tour, Fantasy Football leagues, GlobalGiving campaigns, Team RISE marathon runners, and school events, which all raised money to give kids the chance to go to school. Our annual benefit, at Sketchbook Brewing Co., was a night of celebration and challenge. Funds were donated to build a 10-classroom school at Bairro Novo where over 1000 kids have no access to education. The first stone was laid and construction began.

**Benefit**



**Brewery Tour**



**Team RISE**



**School Involvement**





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Education is a powerful driver of development and one of the strongest instruments for reducing poverty and improving health, gender equality, peace, and stability.

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## FINANCIALS

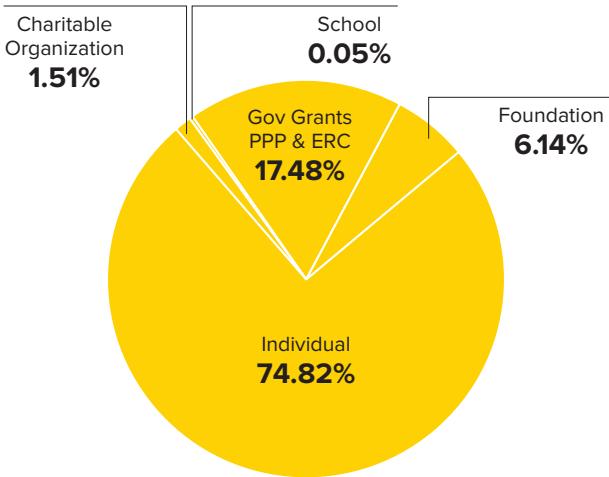
### 2021 YEAR AT A GLANCE

<b>Total Income</b>	\$788,234
Program	\$508,176
General/Admin	\$55,923
Fundraising	\$23,055
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$579,833
<b>Net Income</b>	\$208,401
<b>Year-end Net Assets</b>	\$332,995

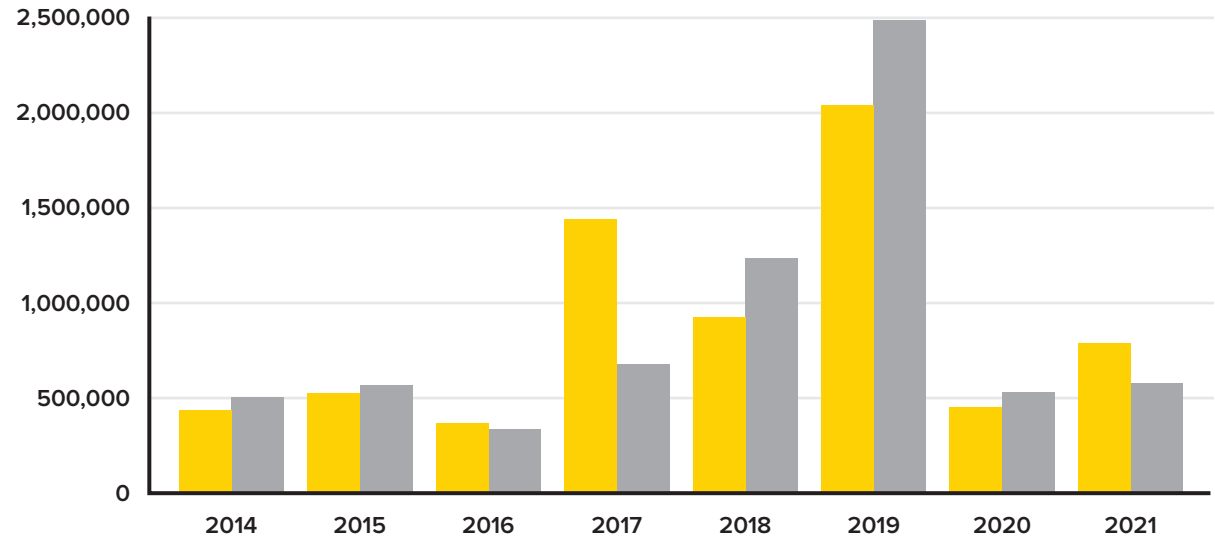




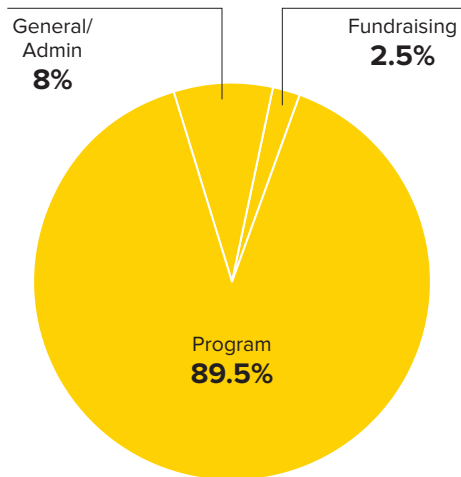
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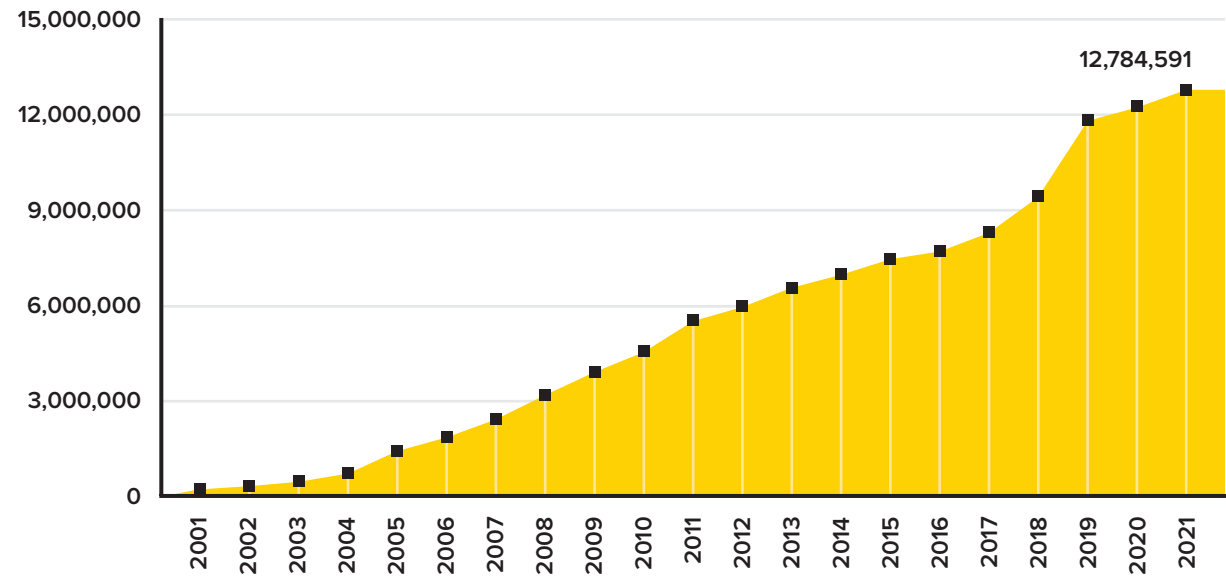
INCOME AND EXPENSE COMPARISON 2014-2021



FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES 2019-2021



CUMULATIVE US PROGRAM EXPENDITURES 2001-2021





**Education is at the heart of better economic opportunities, healthier families,  
individual freedom, and empowerment.**

**Our work aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.**



***. . . if we do not make an investment in education, everything else will fail.  
There is no better definition of sustainable development and no better pathway  
to realize this ambition than by educating every child.***

MR. ANTONIO GUTERRES, UN SECRETARY-GENERAL