

Pink Umbrella Foundation International Limited

Annual Report 2024-25





Welcoming

Pink Umbrella Foundation International Limited

In 2010, with support from Rob O'Neill, members of the O'Neill family established a Private Auxiliary Fund called **Pink Umbrella Foundation**. The foundation was dedicated to supporting humanitarian projects that alleviate poverty and empower people to improve their lives.

By 2024, it became clear that succession planning was essential to ensure the continuation of this work. As a result, Pink Umbrella Foundation International Limited was registered.

Pink Umbrella Foundation International Limited is a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and is endorsed as a [deductible gift recipient](#) (DGR1) with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

While funding for Pink Umbrella Foundation International Limited will primarily come from the original Pink Umbrella Foundation (PUF), we do now have the capacity to accept third-party untied donations.

Pink Umbrella Foundation and Pink Umbrella Foundation International Limited have a shared Vision and Mission.

Our VISION is for a fairer world

Our MISSION

Our primary mission is to address social inequities caused by poverty through interventions that are substantially life changing and touch as many people as possible.

We provide funding to projects which seek to increase the number of people with access to education, health and a sustainable livelihood.

We strive to give people dignity, hope and choice thus making the world a fairer place.



The team:

L to R; Rob, Marian, Sue, Elliot, Lincoln, Leah, Bry



Presidents report

The 2024–25 year has been a transformative chapter for the Pink Umbrella Foundation. We established Pink Umbrella Foundation International Limited (PUFIL) as a registered Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) with full DGR-1 status. This milestone enables us to accept tax-deductible donations and expands our capacity to serve communities in need.

We are particularly grateful to Rob for getting our PBI over the line. His dedication, focus, and perseverance is deeply appreciated. Navigating the complexities of ATO and ACNC requirements was a task that demanded expertise and knowledge, and Rob absolutely delivered.

PUFIL has been the primary source of our grant-making activities this year, allowing us to channel resources directly into impactful programs. Meanwhile, our original entity, Pink Umbrella Foundation (our Private Ancillary Fund), continues to manage our investments and operational expenses, ensuring the sustainability of our mission.

One of our most significant achievements in 2024-25 has been the launch of Pink Tower Montessori Preschool and Teacher Training Centre in Kampala, Uganda. Under Bry's dedicated leadership, this initiative has flourished.

Our inaugural cohort comprised eight teacher trainees, and in June, our Montessori graduate teachers embarked on an enriching journey to Tanzania to begin their development as future teacher trainers.

We have also deepened our relationships with many of our longstanding beneficiaries, witnessing first hand the positive changes our collaborative efforts bring.

With the establishment of our PBI, we have been able to accept donations from a select group of humanitarians whose philosophies closely align with those of the Pink Umbrella Foundation. Through our PBI, these donors have been able to channel funds to worthy organisations delivering outstanding humanitarian services. This has enabled us to expand our reach and witness wonderful outcomes on the ground with groups we may not otherwise have been able to support to this extent.

As we reflect on this year's accomplishments, we are filled with gratitude for our Directors, partners, and the communities we serve. This commitment fuels our mission and propels us toward a brighter future.

With heartfelt thanks,

Sue x



Pink
Tower
Montessori



The Pink Tower Team; L to R - Levert - Admin manager, (Bry, Sue), Winnie - Head Teacher, Rehema - trainee, Peter - security, Christine - trainee, Jennifer - cook.

Pink Tower

Montessori

Pink Tower Montessori Preschool and Training Centre

During 2024-25 a major focus for us has been the successful establishment of Pink Tower Montessori in Kampala, a dream brought to life to provide high-quality early childhood education.

This FY we have invested heavily into this project. Much of this has gone toward one-time set-up costs, ensuring not only a stimulating learning environment for our students but also comfortable on-site accommodation for our staff.

We have a great team of seven staff. Five live on the premises, while our cook and gatekeeper reside locally.

Training has been a key area of investment, and it will continue to be a major focus in the 2025–2026 financial year, as we work to strengthen the skills and confidence of our growing team.

As part of the preparations to make the space suitable for children, we undertook significant infrastructure works, including the installation of additional toilets to provide separate facilities for boys and girls. This involved professional tradies to carry out extensive work installing toilets, basins, plumbing and tiles.

Rent is our largest ongoing expense, but many of the initial costs were one-off investments. We fully furnished both the school and the residential areas, acquiring beds, bedding, classroom furniture, outdoor play items such as a sandpit and seesaw.

Our leadership team has been exceptional: Winnie is doing an outstanding job leading the academic program, while Levert provides strong oversight of all administrative operations. Their dedication and collaborative spirit have laid foundation for the culture and effectiveness of our school.

We are also proud to share that we now have 10 students enrolled, a milestone made possible in part by our decision to offer partial sponsorships, making our Montessori education more accessible to families in the community.



Levert - Admin Manager; **Jennifer** - Cook; **Cyrus** - Teacher; **Peter** - gateman. **Rehema** - Trainee Teacher; **Winnie** - Head Teacher; **Christine** - Trainee Teacher.



Pink Tower Montessori grants;
Cost centre
Admin/legal
Bank charges
Computer/stationary: computer & desk, printer, Ink cartridges, Projector, speaker
Food
Household; Refrigerator, Duvets, sheets, towels, bedsheets, curtains, mattresses
Medical
School
Training
Transport
Uniforms
Utilities
wages
Rent
Signage and logos
Toilet, basin, tiling, plumber, garden toilet
Installation of fire extinguishers and safety Fence, stools, seesaw, trays, welder, car-penter
Passport fees for 3 teachers

Other Montessori Grants / expenses
Liaison with agent on property
A2Z - Montessori resources
Montessori books
Montessori Training Association Tanzania
Montessori for Kenya
Lanam - training



Montessori for Kenya trainer, **Beth** at Pink Tower Montessori. Trainees are from Pink tower, Divine Mercy and Olive Acres Montessori school.



Agahozo-Shalom Youth village, RWANDA

www.asyv.org

At Agahozo-Shalom Youth village (ASYV) the aim is to provide young people with education and the love and support of a family environment to thrive.

When children are vulnerable or orphaned the youth village can fill the gap by providing a warm and welcoming home.



Mustard Seed Institute, RWANDA

<http://www.msirwanda.com/>

Mustard Seed Institute is a grass-roots social enterprise based in Rwanda working to improve lives in a rural community through education, training and job creation. The agriculture centre provides training in live stock rearing and crop production for members of the local community.

Inzoti Hills school provides education for the farm workers and community children.



Alive Medical Services, Kampala, UGANDA

<http://amsuganda.org/>

Alive Medical Services (AMS) offers comprehensive HIV/AIDS care. AMS is a medical centre that provides free HIV testing, care, treatment, counselling and support for over 13,000 HIV-positive patients PA.

AMS has become one of the highest-volume HIV clinics in Uganda. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, doctors, clinicians and nurses serve patients with love and dignity, operating under the belief that every person deserves to live a healthy life.



ALIVE
MEDICAL SERVICES



Inkomoko, RWANDA

www.inkomoko.com

Inkomoko empowers entrepreneurs across East Africa, from those just starting out to established business owners. Inkomoko meet entrepreneurs at every stage of their journey, providing the tools, knowledge, and resources they need to thrive.

Through a combination of business advisory services and access to micro loans, Inkomoko help entrepreneurs turn ideas into sustainable enterprises, expand, create jobs, and improve livelihoods.



Busikori Health care, Mbale, UGANDA

<http://www.bushikori.org.au/>

Bushikori provides health care services for poor, rural communities around Mbale. Areas of support include maternal and child health, HIV care and general services. In addition the Bushikori clinic regularly undertakes outreach programs to remote villages.

Our grant helps to facilitate the work of Bushikori.



School for Life, Mpigi, UGANDA

www.schoolforlife.org.au/

School for Life builds education centres in rural Uganda to make education accessible for rural Ugandan children. School for Life's mission is: "Empowering developing communities to become sustainable through quality education and related community activities. Children are at the heart of everything we do".

Pink Umbrella Foundation continues to support School for Life as we share their belief education is the key to give children the best start in life.



Divine Mercy Nursery and Primary school, Buwampa UGANDA

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We continued to contribute to staff salaries and organise Montessori training.

We remain committed and enthusiastic to the Montessori method for pre-primary children where we are providing the children with skills to make them primary school ready.

Our 4 Montessori trainees graduated December 2024.



Nuture Africa, Nansana, UGANDA

<https://www.nutureafrica.ie/>

Nuture Africa is an Irish founded NGO working in international development and humanitarian services. Their team of highly committed staff manage community development projects and focus on access for poor people to healthcare, education, child rights, gender equality and economic empowerment.



M'lop Tapang, Sihanoukville, CAMBODIA

<http://mloptapang.org/>

M'LoP Tapang strives to provide a safe haven for vulnerable children, offering care and support to children at risk. They offer access to education, reintegration with families, life-skills training and creative and recreational activities. Their efforts allow underprivileged children to embrace their childhood.

Our support goes to outreach educational and health programs.



Dr. Timothy Kiggwe, UGANDA

www.facebook.com/kiggwe.akram

PUF has been supporting Timothy study medicine since 2013. Timothy has now completed his masters in general surgery. His desire is to ultimately go onto cardiothoracic surgery.

Sadly, there is a lack of skilled specialist Doctors in Uganda. By supporting Timothy he will ultimately be able to provide heart surgeries currently not available in Uganda.





AEC - All Ears CAMBODIA

www.all earscambodia.org/

All Ears Cambodia (AEC) provides Cambodians with ear health care and audiology services for anyone in need of help who is unable to afford treatment. Much of the medical work done revolves around helping those with ear infections, especially children. The team meets international standards, treating ear disease using advanced examination and therapeutic techniques. Our support goes toward "Little Ears" programs.



New Hope for Cambodian Children (NHCC), CAMBODIA

www.newhopeforcambodianchildren.org/

NHCC's mission is to assist Cambodian children living with HIV. NHCC is a Cambodian non- governmental organization (NGO) registered with the Royal Government of Cambodia.

The Mission of NHCC is to work with NGOs and the Royal Government of Cambodia to assist children living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Naduri District Primary school, FIJI

Our grant funded the construction of walkways to both the boys' and girls' toilets. The new footpaths now allow children to reach the toilets without getting muddy during wet season. The grant also covered the installation of a ceiling in the kindergarten and the addition of a separate toilet for the kindy children.



Mbale Church community, UGANDA

Mbale Church is led by our good friend Levert, who asked if we could provide a small grant over Christmas to offer a meal for the parishioners. The congregation comes from a poor rural community, and this support helped brighten their lives over the Christmas period.





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