



# UPLIFT A CHILD INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL REPORT 2023

## A Year of Progress & Hope

This year has been a profound milestone for Uplift a Child, marking 23 years of unwavering service to humanity through The Gift of Education. Without discrimination—embracing children from India, Nepal, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Kenya—we have remained steadfast in our mission to uplift those in need.

Today, thousands of children stand on the threshold of new beginnings, eager to move to the next grade. They may not know the hurdles we have overcome, but they are deeply aware of the kindness and generosity shaping their futures. Thanks to the support of compassionate individuals, they remain focused and determined to succeed.

For the first time, 2023 allowed us to meet every child in person across all four countries—a truly special moment filled with joy, connection, and inspiration. These visits reaffirmed the power of education and the impact of collective goodwill.

We invite you to experience these unforgettable moments by watching the country-wise videos that capture the heartfelt interactions and stories of resilience. Your support continues to change lives, paving the way for brighter futures. Together, we have made a difference.



# Democratic Republic of Congo

## 7 Years of Impact in Bunyakiri, DRC Congo

2023 marks seven years of Uplift a Child's support for children in DRC Congo. When we first visited Bunyakiri in 2016, the village had no electricity—its 500,000 residents lived entirely from sunrise to sunset. Today, change is finally taking root, bringing a new sense of progress. During our recent visit, we saw electricity reaching homes for the first time, though only for four hours a day (6 PM to 10 PM).

During our stay, we met all 200 children enrolled in our program and personally visited 75 homes to connect with families, inspire hope, and encourage educational dreams. The joy was evident—parents, children, and our dedicated local volunteers all shared the happiness of this transformative journey.

Our Uplift a Child team from the USA and India spent three nights in Bunyakiri this August, returning with unforgettable memories. However, financial constraints continue to limit what we can do. Of the 200 children, only 10 have dedicated sponsors, while the rest rely on backup funds and personal loans. Despite the challenges, we took the risk—ensuring every child remained in school. Waiting was not an option.

With your support, we can do more. If you'd like to be part of this mission, USD 255 is all it takes to provide a child with a full year of education. Together, we are changing lives.



**WATCH OUR VIDEO**



# KENYA

## Transforming Lives Through Education

Since 2018, Uplift a Child has been making a profound impact in Kenya, thanks to the dedication of Mr. Sam Makori and Alice Makori from Nairobi. Their incredible efforts rescued 50 children from the Maasai ritual of child marriage, providing them shelter and a path to a brighter future. With their support, these children were connected to Uplift a Child International and placed in top boarding schools across Nairobi, Kisii, Nakuru, Narok, and beyond.

Today, our children study in 12 of Kenya's best schools, receiving quality education and nurturing moral values that will shape their future.

From August 4–8, 2023, our team had the joy of visiting these children in their schools. Their excitement and inspiration were palpable. Among them, Grace, a recent graduate, stood proud as she was honored by our team. In front of the village chief, she made a powerful commitment—to stand against child marriage and help more children like her access education. We envision a future where many more children break free from harmful traditions, pursue education, and become role models for their communities. Yet, hundreds are still waiting for this chance. You can make a difference today.

By donating just USD 255, you can support a child's education for an entire year. Join us in transforming lives—one child at a time.



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# NEPAL

## A Decade of Transforming Lives

Since 2013, Uplift a Child has been dedicated to supporting marginalized families in Nepal, ensuring access to quality education for children across Waling, Chitwan, Jhapa, Udayapur, and Biratnagar. Over the past 10 years, more than 500 children have benefited from our programs.

In April 2023, our team visited key locations, meeting students at Shree School Choun (Jhapa), Shree Janata Namuna School (Udayapur), and St. Xavier School (Biratnagar). On April 4, we engaged with our volunteers—the backbone of our initiatives—recognizing their invaluable contributions and planning future efforts.

On April 5, our Annual Program was held at two locations. The first, led by HEARD Nepal under Mr. Rakesh Yadav, gathered community leaders, educators, and volunteers to distribute school kits, marking the start of a new academic year. The second, organized by Sri Til Bahadur Basnet and Sri Bhaskar Pandey at Shree School Choun, was widely covered by local media, with Deputy Mayor Mrs. Jalbarsha Rajbanshi delivering an inspiring address on the transformative power of education.

Through cultural performances, students showcased their talents, embodying our vision for a brighter future. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and partners, we continue to expand opportunities for Nepal's most vulnerable children.

Education is a catalyst for change. Join us in making a lasting impact.



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# INDIA

## Uplifting Lives, One Child at a Time

For 23 years, Uplift a Child International has been committed to supporting orphans, semi-orphans, and children with disabled parents, ensuring their holistic development through quality education, life skills, and ethical values. To date, we have reached over 3,500 families across multiple states in India.

In 2023, we impacted 1,300 families across North and South India, with our team personally visiting them in April and October. Motivational programs reinforced the importance of education, strengthened mentorship, and reassured families of our continued support.

Key events were held on April 7 and 9 in Kathulguri (Assam) and Kalimpong (West Bengal), engaging 700 families, followed by visits from October 7-22, where we connected with 600 families across Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana. Sponsors also met their sponsored children throughout the year, fostering deeper bonds.

Additionally, we conducted health and hygiene programs in collaboration with Mathru Krupa Foundation, equipping students with awareness sessions and hygiene kits.

The year also marked notable student achievements—Durga Prasad Mamidi won First Place in the 9th Commonwealth Powerlifting and Bench Press Championship, while four former students have become sponsors, paying forward the gift of education. Many others are now pursuing higher studies, competitive exams, and education abroad.

Uplift a Child India remains dedicated to ensuring education for all, transforming lives, and building a better future.



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# ACADEMICS

## 2023 Board Exam Results

We are proud to share the performance outcomes of our Grade 10 students who appeared for the HSLC and SSC board examinations during the academic year 2023-24. Their collective effort and dedication have resulted in commendable achievements. These results not only reflect the hard work of our students but also the guidance of our dedicated teachers and the support of their families. We remain committed to nurturing academic excellence and holistic development for every learner. Here's to even greater success in the years ahead!

**Total Students Appeared: 36**

**Total Pass Percentage: 83%**



A total of 21 students passed with First Division, achieving an impressive average score of 79%. Among them, 4 students scored above 90%, with the highest mark being a remarkable 96%.



7 students secured Second Division with an average score of 54%, showing determination and resilience. Their progress reflects the importance of continued encouragement and support in nurturing consistent growth.



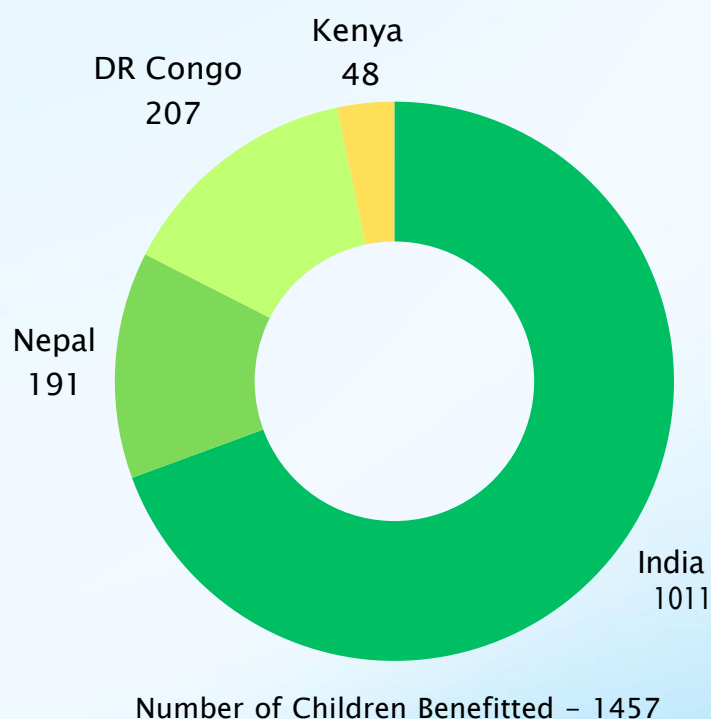
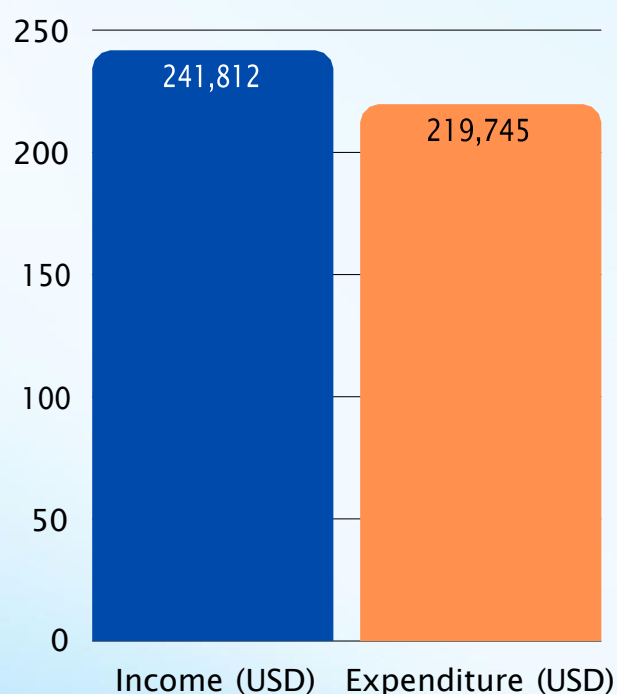
2 Students secured Third Division through earnest effort & perseverance. Their determination to complete the academic year with dignity stands as a quiet but powerful reminder of resilience in the face of challenges.

# OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

In 2023, Uplift A Child supported the education of 1,457 children, equipping them with knowledge and opportunities for a brighter future. With sustained support, these students have been able to navigate challenges and pursue their academic goals with confidence.

Through the generosity of sponsors and online donors, Uplift A Child raised \$241,812 ensuring continued access to education for children in need. This financial contribution directly impacted scholarship distribution, learning resources, and program sustainability, reinforcing the organization's commitment to educational empowerment.

This achievement would not have been possible without the unwavering generosity of our sponsors and donors, whose commitment has transformed aspirations into opportunities. Their support is the foundation on which these children build their futures, empowering them to pursue their dreams with confidence and hope.



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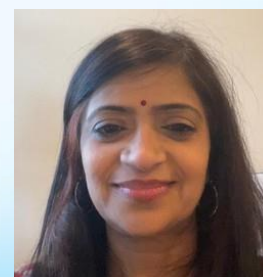
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# OUR TEAM IN ACTION

## Full Report on Social Media



2023 India Hyderabad Event  
Kukatpally - October 22

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October 19

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2023 India Tuni, AP: School &  
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Visit - August 12

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2023 India Kalimpong West  
Bengal - April 10

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April 07

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2023 NEPAL-Gauradaha  
April 05

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2023 NEPAL-Udayapur  
April 05

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2023 India Hyderabad: Canada Uplift A Child Foundation  
Visit by Dr. Goutham Kolluri - February 19

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## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO SUPPORT A CHILD?

It costs US \$255 – \$300 per year to educate one child which includes:

- Complete one year tuition fee,
- 3 pairs of Uniforms,
- 2 Pairs of Shoes,
- 3 pairs of Socks,
- Tie & Belt,
- Complete set of Text books,
- Complete Set of Notebooks



**ONLY  
US \$25  
a month**

Uplift A Child team will update you on the progress of the child 3 times a year and you are welcome to visit your sponsored child anytime.

**If you would like to support a child's education, please reach out to us—your generosity can change a life!**

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