



EXILE
INTERNATIONAL
IMPACT REPORT

2022

OUR MISSION

Empowering rescued child soldiers and children orphaned by war to become leaders for peace through art-focused trauma care and holistic rehabilitation.



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PARTNER LETTER

Reflecting on challenges the Exile family overcame in 2022 — from two major rebel uprisings to a devastating fire — we're reminded of the unwavering faithfulness of the Lord. His love and power are evident, shining through the inspiring stories of brave child survivors of war, which we are privileged to share with you.

The Lord is writing miraculous redemption stories for thousands of rescued child soldiers and children orphaned by war in Congo and Uganda.

Boys and girls who would otherwise be sleeping on the streets or held captive by armed rebel groups — their innocence stolen by senseless violence — now have a safe place to belong, heal, and dream without fear of the future. Because people like you cared for them when they needed it most!

You are restoring lives and redeeming communities — one child at a time.

Your compassion has placed Exile's leaders on the front lines for nearly 15 years — providing Christ-centered, holistic rehabilitation to 7,300+ children that will cascade to transform communities. Thank you for partnering with us in mission and faith!



BETHANY & MATTHEW WILLIAMS

Exile International Leadership Team

TANGIBLE IMPACT

 **7,300+**

Children served since 2008

Triumphant over trauma and loss, now passionately pursuing peace

 **72%**

Growth since 2020

Healing for more children and scaling care programs with excellence

 **78%**

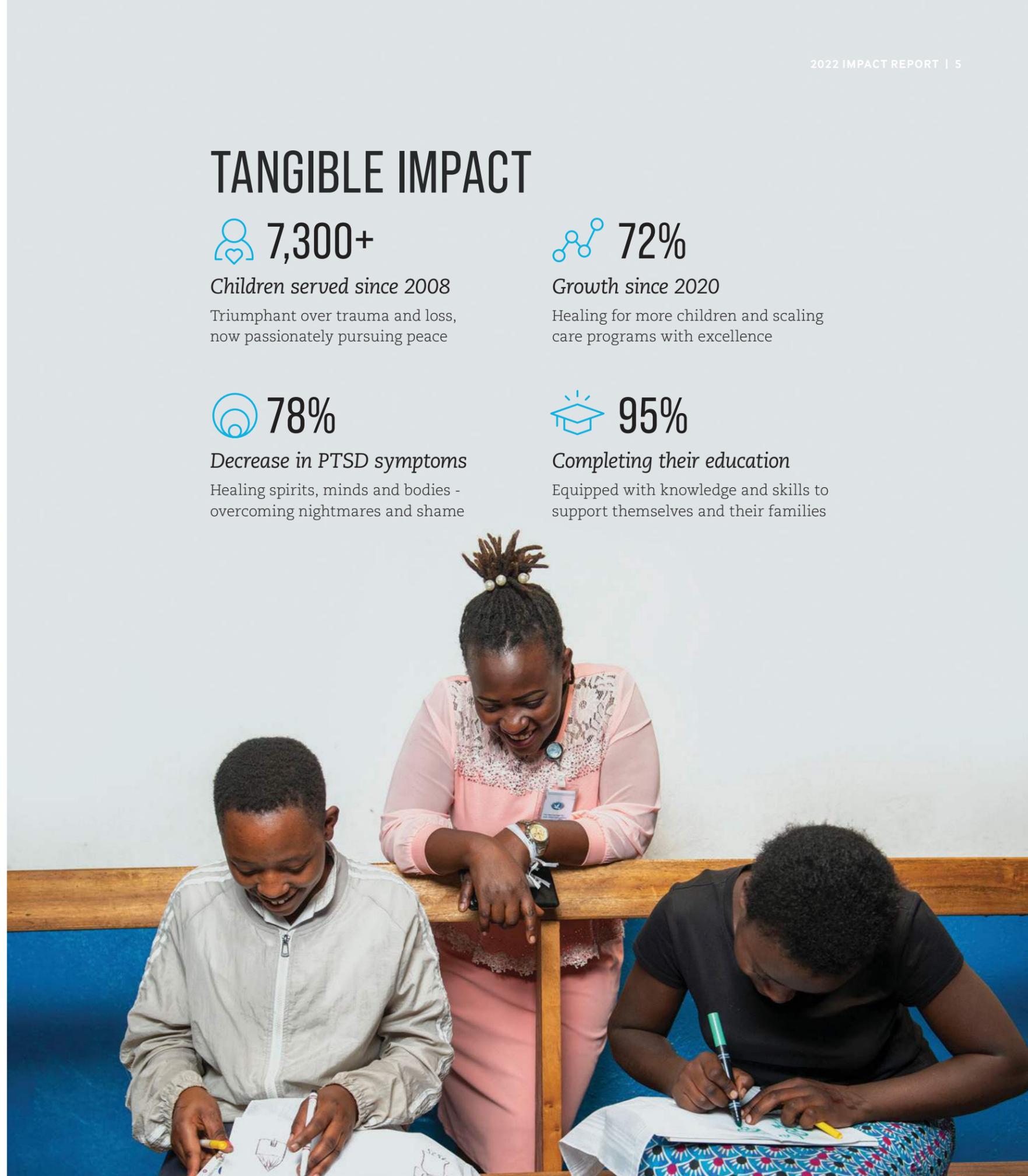
Decrease in PTSD symptoms

Healing spirits, minds and bodies - overcoming nightmares and shame

 **95%**

Completing their education

Equipped with knowledge and skills to support themselves and their families



WHO WE SERVE

RESCUED CHILD SOLDIERS & CHILDREN ORPHANED BY WAR

100,000+ children abducted and 6,000,000+ orphaned by war in Congo & Uganda

Boys and girls as young as 7 are kidnapped and forced to fight in armed conflict. **Psychologically tortured and brainwashed** — their lives are no longer their own.

Threatened at the expense of their lives — many children are **forced to commit deadly acts of violence** against their families and communities. Others are abducted and abused, becoming victims of rape and sexual violence. Those who escape or are rescued bear deep, enduring emotional scars from the horrors they witnessed and experienced.

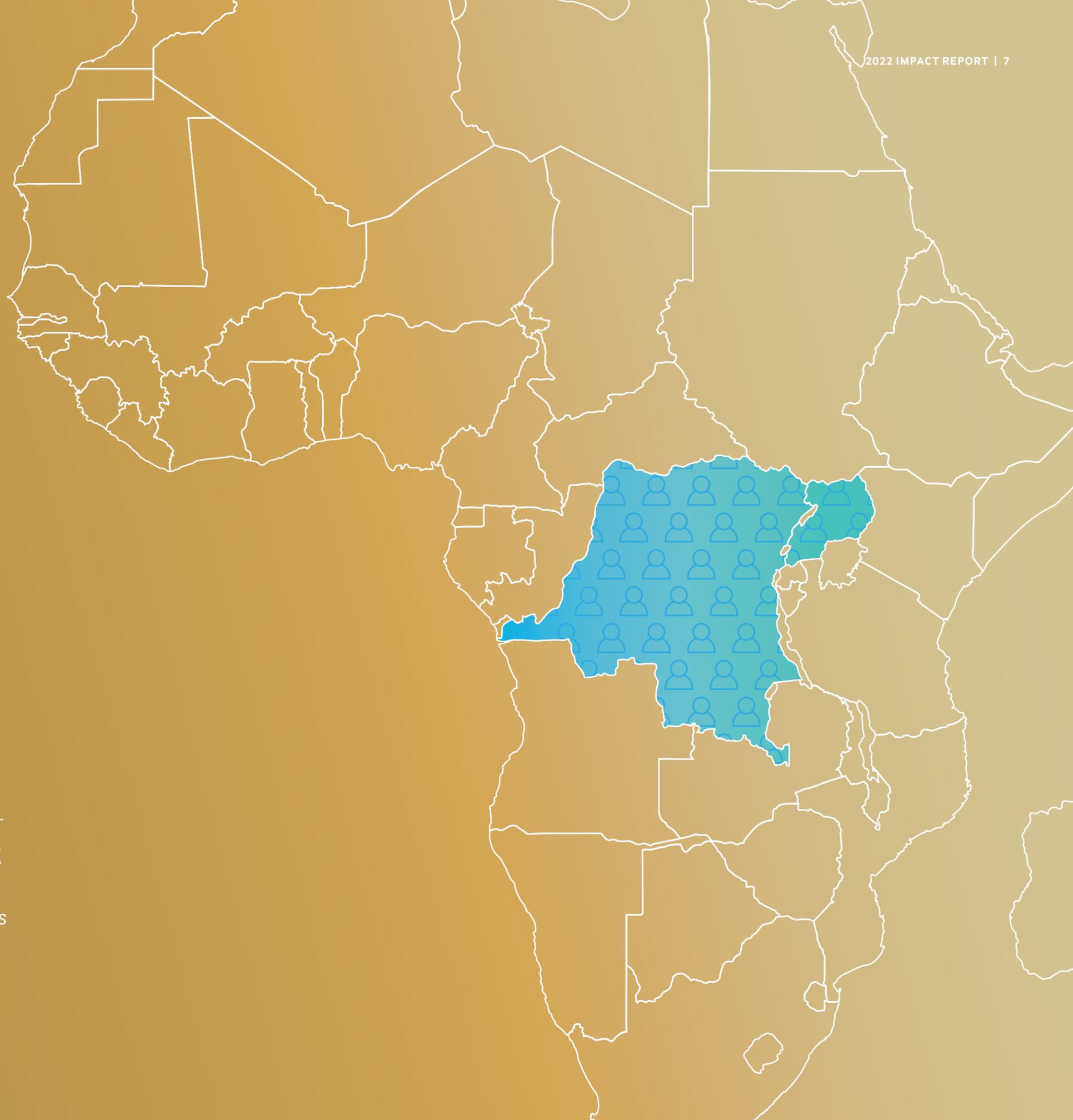
For the millions orphaned by war, violence steals their childhood too — **interrupting their education and freedom** with overwhelming grief and responsibility. Cast to the streets, children orphaned by war are daily at risk of abduction and captivity.

12 YEARS OLD

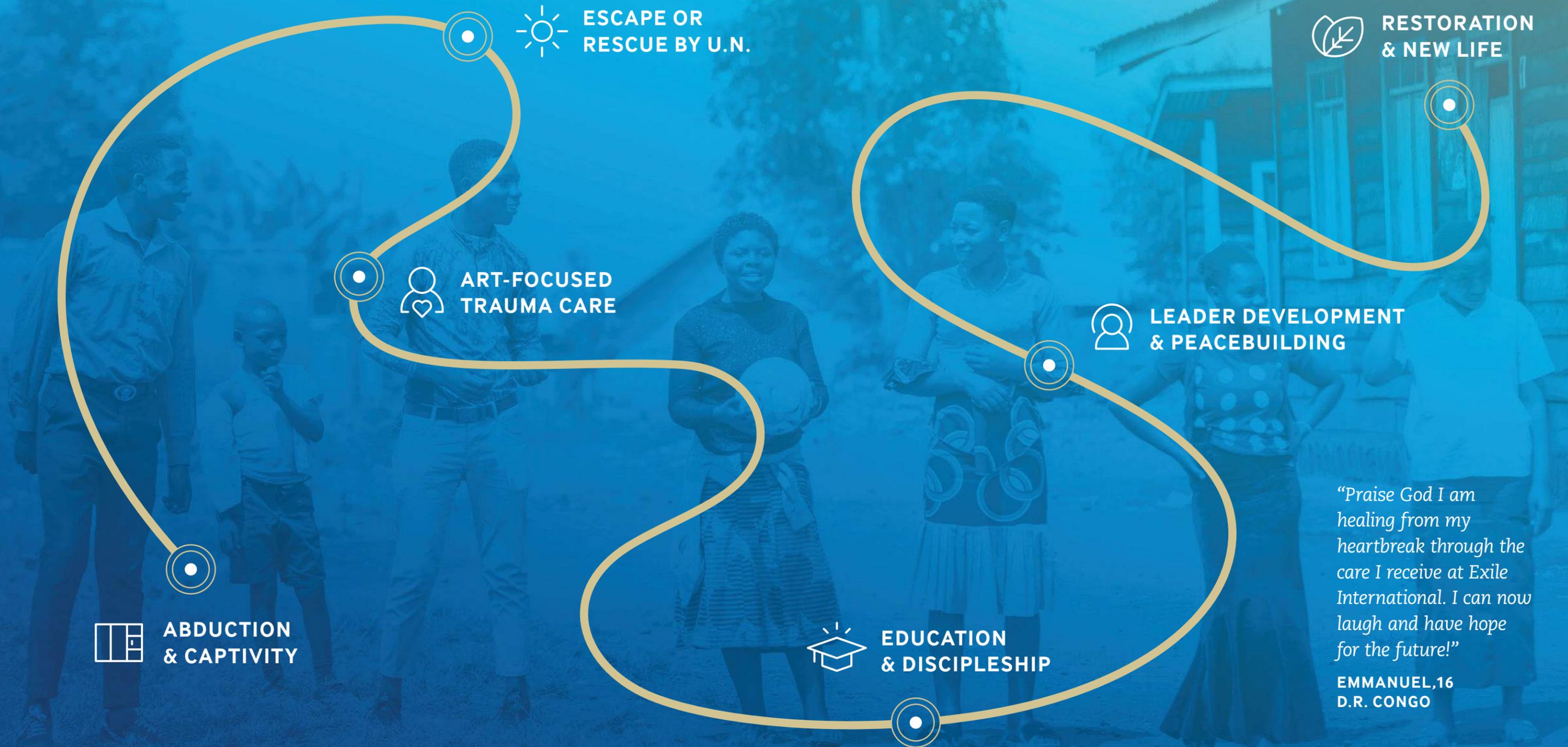
Avg. age at abduction – the age of a sixth-grader

3 YEARS CAPTIVE

Avg. time enslaved – mired in violence & loss



ROADMAP TO HEALING



“Praise God I am healing from my heartbreak through the care I receive at Exile International. I can now laugh and have hope for the future!”

**EMMANUEL, 16
D.R. CONGO**

OUR APPROACH



HEALING SPIRITS

Art-Focused Trauma Care, Discipleship & Peacebuilding



HEALING MINDS

Education, Professional Skills & Leadership Development



HEALING BODIES

Safety, Food, Medical Care & Other Basic Needs

Art-Focused Trauma Care

When trauma disrupts the brain's language center, art provides safe avenues for children to process and heal.

Holistic Rehabilitation

Addressing needs of the spirit, mind, and body, holistic care fosters spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical restoration.

Education

Equipping children with knowledge and vocational skills to end cycles of poverty, restore families, and develop communities.

Discipleship

Coming alongside the local church to share the good news of the gospel, young people are discovering new life in Christ!

Leadership & Peacebuilding

Preparing the next generation of leaders with conflict resolution skills to cultivate peace in regions known for war.

Graduate-Led Replication

Graduates are transforming lives — recreating programs to bring healing to their communities and make disciples!





RESCUED CHILD SOLDIER TO PEACEMAKER

MEET DESTIN

The rebels came to my school and kidnapped me when I was fifteen. I spent two years fighting in a rebel army. They forced me to kill and do horrible things to people in my community.

"God saved me - allowing me to escape."

Even though I was safe, I was ashamed of my life - always afraid, always hiding. The Lord brought me to Exile International, and I can't stop praising Him for His grace. It was there that I started healing from my inner wounds.

After graduating from Exile's programs, I helped start my own peace and healing program. Because I learned to forgive, I can now teach and comfort others affected by the war like me.

The Lord is good, and I praise Him for Exile International - for the amazing love, support, healing, and change they brought to my life. I am the fruit of change which bears seeds I will plant by making disciples.

"I am a man with value because of God!"

WITNESSING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN 2022

2022 reflects God's inexplicable goodness in the face of relentless war and unexpected disasters. Through the Lord's kindness and the generosity of the Exile family, 2022 marks exponential growth against all odds.

YOUR BEST YEAR YET

 **3,304**

Children welcomed with open arms to experience healing

 **37 OF 45**

Programs led by graduates replicating holistic change

 **387,920**

Counseling sessions providing world-class individual and group care

 **112**

Young people baptized and celebrating new life in Christ

ORPHANED BY WAR, TRANSFORMED BY CHRIST

MEET JUSTINE

Justine was only nine years old when the rebels invaded her village. As bullets fired into the night, Justine, her six siblings, and their father fled for their lives with only the clothes on their backs — never to return home again.

Months after abandoning the only home they'd ever known, Justine's father fell ill and passed away due to their transient and unhealthy living conditions — leaving her siblings to care for themselves and overcome their grief alone.

“We suffered a lot during that time. I was hopeless and traumatized - truly believing there was nothing left for me.”

Exile International welcomed Justine and her siblings with open arms when all hope seemed lost. From art-focused trauma care to discipleship, the children went through programs that restored their confidence, reignited their belief in Jesus, and healed their tender hearts!

Justine is now seventeen — brimming with contagious joy and passionately chasing her dreams of becoming a nutritionist to help others facing food insecurity. She loves to sing in the choir at church; God's praises are always on her lips!

“God has many ways to rescue his children. I will never cease to praise the Lord who rescued me and allowed me to be part of these amazing programs.”



EMERGENCY AID

Hope in the Face of Disaster

When an **escalating conflict displaced hundreds** of Exile’s staff, children, and foster families, Exile’s teams did not cower in fear. Instead, these courageous leaders delivered life-saving supplies to families fighting to survive in displacement camps.

In December, a **fire devastated children's dorms and offices** at Exile’s residential headquarters in Congo. The children returned from church to find their refuge in flames and their home destroyed. Praise God for his protection and provision — that no one was injured and the Exile family united to rebuild with hope!

715 FAMILIES

Received emergency aid, supplies, and food

24,816 MEALS

Providing "daily bread" for 715 displaced families

\$300,000+ PROVIDED

To rebuild their home and safe haven after a devastating fire

ABOVE & BEYOND

From donor-partners to the front lines — the Exile family compassionately responds!



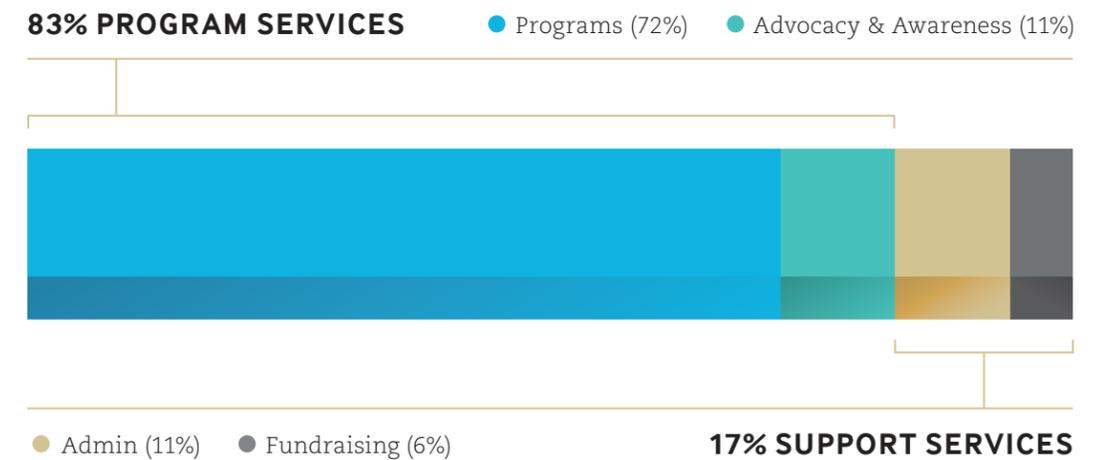
2022 FINANCIALS

Committed to Transparency

We are dedicated to maintaining the highest integrity and transparency in revenue and expenses.

- 1 Annual 3rd Party Audit
- 2 All 990s and financials posted online
- 3 Recognized by Guidestar, ECFA, Excellence in Giving, and CAFO for exceptional commitment to financial responsibility

ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES



YEAR-OVER-YEAR GIVING



LEADERSHIP

We are blessed to have an incredible team of African leaders ministering to 3,304 children in 2022.

UGANDA LEADERSHIP

Country Director: Geoffrey
Financial Officer: Alred
Senior Counselor: Hope
Senior Social Worker: Doreen

DR CONGO LEADERSHIP

Country Director: Joseph
Operations Director: Etienne
Financial Officer: Claude
Senior Counselor: Zawadi
Senior Counselor: Salomon

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

Chief Strategic Officer: John

** Last names omitted for safety*

"We may not all be in the same place, but we are still family. We share the same table — the table of the Lord."

AELRED – EXILE INTERNATIONAL UGANDA



DREAMING FORWARD

“Even if Satan is bringing war, these programs will continue serving and empowering children!”

We know that nothing will separate us from the love of God and His mission for us — not even war.”

JOSEPH – COUNTRY DIRECTOR, DR CONGO

EMPOWER

Empowering child survivors of war to become leaders for peace who, with Christ, will transform communities

SUSTAIN

Working alongside the local church & local expertise to provide world-class care that's replicable & transformational

ELEVATE

Equipping young men and women to elevate families and communities out of physical and spiritual poverty

SUPPORT

Committed to caring for the needs of every child, staff member, volunteer, and Exile's foster families





*Accredited Commitment to
Stewardship & Mission Success*



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