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# Acknowledgement of Country

The Cotton On Group is proud to be an Australian born business on First Nations land. We Acknowledge our Global Support Centre is located on Wadawurrung Country. We pay our respects to Wadawurrung people and value their continuing connection to land, waters, language and traditions.

We also Acknowledge all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the original custodians of the land upon which we live and work. We honour and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect and appreciation for the thousands of years they have cared for and preserved this country's lands, waters and culture.

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# Forward

Since day one, the purpose of the Cotton On Group has been to make a positive difference in people's lives, and *The Good* is our journey to do exactly that. It's a movement to create meaningful change and channel our focus on the things that matter most, across the areas of Ethical Sourcing, Sustainability, Partnerships, People and through the work of the Cotton On Foundation.

The inaugural Good Report, launched in December 2021, is a look back at the history of *The Good* and marks the beginning of Cotton On Group's formal commitment to the annual reporting of our work to make a positive difference. Take a moment to check out the report here.

> This report, the Cotton On Foundation Field Report, delves into detail about the amazing impact Cotton On Foundation made in 2021, only possible with your support.

**Mission Statement** 

# A quality education gives every child the potential to change their world.

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# Review

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If 2020 was a year defined by our COVID-19 response, 2021 was defined by our efforts to look forward. Lessons were learned and guestions were raised, as the world starts to adjust to the new normal:

How do we best prepare for the return of students to classrooms? How do we keep parents involved in their child's education? How do we make sure social, emotional and mental health is prioritised, along with physical health? As always, our incredible team across the globe has explored and responded to these questions, and many more, with versatility and innovative solutions. This report focuses on just some of their amazing achievements, supported by the wider Cotton On Group team, and of course, by our customers.

> In this report, we also present our new Five Year Vision; our commitment to making a meaningful impact in our supported regions and communities across the globe. This impact will focus on three key areas we have identified as essential to achieving our purpose: to make a positive difference in people's lives. These areas (or pillars, as they will be known) are Holistic Education, Mental Health and Environment.

Importantly, our purpose, vision, and these three new pillars have been developed in alignment with the greater goals of the Cotton On Group. You can read more about the Group's dedication to create meaningful change in our inaugural Good Report.

So please, read on! Here is just a short snapshot of the year that was...

• 11,172 students in Uganda and Thailand completed another year of home learning

We can't wait for you to learn more about our vision, and to take you on the journey as it comes to life.

 We distributed social and emotional learning packs across South Africa and Uganda

• We partnered with UNICEF to support the distribution of one million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine

• Face masks were once again the hero product of 2021, raising an incredible \$10,656,902 AUD

• We partnered with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation Strong Brother Strong Sister, and Australian youth mentor program LifeChanger

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TIM DIAMOND General Manager, Cotton On Foundation

# What We Achieved

54 scholarship students in Uganda & Thailand graduated

13,659 students & 439 teachers supported at 24 COF supported schools across Uganda, Thailand & South Africa





4 schools completed in Uganda & Thailand for 1,650 students

#### 1,224

**Nutrition Mission** participants in Uganda, **Thailand & South Africa** 

#### Committed

\$300,000 to a local partnership with **Strong Brother Strong** Sister, supporting young **Aboriginal & Torres** Strait Islander people in the Greater Geelong region (Wadawurrung Country)

# \$21.8 million AUD raised

2,746 sanitary pads distributed in Uganda & South Africa

691 supervised births at the 3 supported health centres in Uganda

146 students completed Retail Academy in South Africa



# Where We Work

THAILAND

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890 supported students 53 supported teachers 2 supported schools

### UGANDA

10,280 supported students 307 supported teachers 20 supported schools

### **SOUTH AFRICA**

2,480 supported students 79 supported teachers 2 supported schools

### AUSTRALIA

Indigenous community partnerships promote culture, the arts and the stren young people.

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UGANDA

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"SCHOOL IS THE HAPPIEST AND BEST PLACE TO BE, IT COMES WITH LOTS OF FRIENDS, FUN AND A FUTURE. WE KNOW AND BELIEVE THAT OUR EDUCATION IS OUR FUTURE."

- CHRISTINE APIOT EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER, COTTON ON FOUNDATION UGANDA

"IN THIS YEAR OF DUALITY, UNCERTAINTY WAS RIFE BUT OUR SOLIDARITY AS A UNIT SAW US THROUGH."

- DOREEN MUSIMENTA HR BUSINESS PARTNER, COTTON ON FOUNDATION UGANDA

SCHOOL AGRICULTURE PROGRAM





STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOOL SUPPLIES



SEED PACK DISTRIBUTION FOOD







#### Home Learning

Our home learning program was designed to promote the continuation of learning through lockdowns and to keep the student, parent and teacher communities connected.

This was achieved through the distribution of learning materials, broadcast radio programs on local radio, home visits by teachers, village learning groups, the use of tablets, and most recently, through a newspaper learning program in partnership with New Vision.

These activities have kept the spirit of learning alive in Cotton On Foundation supported communities.

MORE THAN 20,200 HOME LEARNING PACKS AND TOOLKITS DISTRIBUTED



#### **The Mannya School Farming Project**

Under the Mannya Senior School farming program, Mbuye Agricultural College trained and guided 44 high school students in animal husbandry for bees, pigs, dairy cattle and chicken, as well as crop cultivation for maize, melon, cabbage and tomato.

The training manual was redesigned to suit home learning, allowing the 44 students to put their skills into practice while learning from home.

The program represents a great pathway into self-sustainability skills for the participating students.

44 STUDENTS TRAINED IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY BY MBUYE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE



Families were not only provided with food, but also with seeds they could plant to see them through the pandemic and into the future as resilient, sustainable communities.

Each food pack for a household included 25kg of maize flour, 10kg of beans, 2kg of salt and two bars of soap.



#### Seed and Food **Distribution**

Throughout lockdown in Uganda, food security was a big consideration for our supported communities.

2,750 FOOD AND SEED PACKS DISTRIBUTED



#### Introduction of Adolescent **Sexual Health Program**

In partnership with Naguru Teenage Information and Health Centre, 10 health workers from our supported healthcare centres and one Cotton On Foundation team member were trained in delivering youth-friendly health services as part of our new Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights program.

The program nurtures safe zones for young people to share and learn from both peers and health workers, building a culture of trust between adults and the youth.

IO HEALTH WORKERS AND ONE COTTON ON FOUNDATION TEAM MEMBER TRAINED ON BETTER DELIVERY OF YOUTH-FRIENDLY SERVICES

1,718 ECD TOOLKITS DISTRIBUTED TO PARENTS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

**Parental Engagement** 

For all their negatives, lockdowns have provided an excellent

learning, especially in the early childhood development (ECD)

This has set a new standard for parents to be their children's

first teacher - not only in terms of values and culture, but also

opportunity for parents to get involved in their children's

in Learning

in their formal education pathway.

stage.



the spread of COVID-19.

We supported the Masaka, Rakai and Lwengo COVID-19 task forces through the distribution of PPE for frontline workers, plus the donation of two oxygen plants to Masaka Regional Referral Hospital through our partnership with UNICEF.

FRONTLINE WORKERS

#### **Strong Partnerships -Oxygen Plants and PPE**

In a difficult year, we stood with everyone in Uganda to fight

116,426 PIECES OF PPE DISTRIBUTED TO

WILL COME BY. YOU DON

IN THEMSELVES. THAT'S MY NUMBER ONE

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#### **Social and Emotional Learning Toolkits**

The third school term opened following a time of unrest in KwaZulu-Natal, home to our two supported schools in South Africa. This prompted the bolstering of our social and emotional learning (SEL) program to include as many opportunities to engage with learners and educators as possible.

SEL workshops on debriefing trauma were offered to the educators, and additional social workers were stationed at the schools. Cotton On Foundation produced a SEL toolkit which has been an invaluable resource for social workers, educators and learners

18,200 SEL TOOLKITS DISTRIBUTED TO LEARNERS,

AND 750 DISTRIBUTED TO EDUCATORS



### **Nutrition Mission 50th Program**

The Nutrition Mission Program in South Africa is an eight-day educational course that provides the school community with reliable and practical nutritional guidance.

In celebration of our 50th Nutrition Mission cohort, we adapted the program for the Ethekwini Primary School Grade 7 learners.

Students learned all about the importance of a colourful diet, before they cooked a variety of delicious meals.

I, IGI NUTRITION MISSION PARTICIPANTS IN SOUTH AFRICA SINCE 2017



### Retail Academy

Comprising theory and practical components, the academy empowers learners by exposing them to the broad array of career opportunities within the retail industry, while teaching them general workplace expectations and etiquette. More than 140 past and present students from Dr JL Dube High School covered a range of topics from interview skills and visual merchandising to resilience and personal accountability.



The Cotton On Foundation Retail Academy is a five-month training program designed to inspire, develop and train Grade 12 learners in employment and employability skills.

COTTON ON GROUP SOUTH AFRICA EMPLOYED 13 RETAIL ACADEMY GRADUATES AS CHRISTMAS CASUALS



#### KwaZulu-Natal Relief

South Africa experienced a spate of looting, arson and violence in July. The community of KwaMashu was devastated as the riots and looting resulted in food shortages and impacted access to services.

In response, Cotton On Foundation organised a 10-week emergency response program, including weekly food packs, monthly sanitary pads, daily breakfast and SEL support to ensure the wellbeing of learners, their families, educators and support staff at our supported schools.



### **Back to School** 2021

Students in South Africa returned to school in February 2021. Since South Africa first introduced COVID-19 lockdown restrictions at the end of March 2020, learners have been taught on a rotational system, alternating the days they attend school. At Cotton On Foundation supported schools, we have worked to ensure PPE is available to assist in implementing strict health and safety protocols, so that as many of the 2,487 supported children as possible can attend school each day.

Learners and educators across both supported schools received Back to School packs that included a backpack, water bottle, three face masks, an exercise book and stationery.

2,487 STUDENTS RETURNED TO SCHOOL IN 2021



in December 2023.

and much more!

23,991 FOOD PACKS DISTRIBUTED



#### **Dr JL Dube High School**

Plans for a brand new, updated Dr JL Dube High School are complete and a master contractor has been appointed. Construction started in December 2021 and is set to conclude

The beautiful new school will boast 42 classrooms, a teachers' space with meeting rooms and toilets, a student study zone, state-of-the-art sport facilities, a Pathways hub

ONCE COMPLETE, DR JL DUBE HIGH SCHOOL WILL CATER TO 1,280 LEARNERS

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"THE OVERWHELMING KEY TO A CHILD'S SUCCESS IS THE POSITIVE INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS.

BESIDES, CONNECTING HOME AND SCHOOL MAKES US A GREAT COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS DURING THIS PANDEMIC TIME."

> -BWY AAH PAW KINDERGARTEN TEACHER,

BWE K'LAR LEARNING CENTRE















#### Teacher **Development**

2021 saw teachers in Thailand undertake eight different types of training to keep them engaged, equipped and ready to continue the quality education journey at Cotton On Foundation supported schools.

Topics of the training sessions included child safeguarding, computer skills (Excel, Microsoft Office, Google Meet), library management, social and emotional learning, nutrition, how to deliver Thai language lessons to migrant children, design and delivery of home-based learning worksheets and instructional coaching.

#### 23 TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOPS HOSTED

40 TABLETS SHARED WITH GED STUDENTS TO FACILITATE ONLINE HOME LEARNING

In this day and age, one of the most useful skills we can give

Teachers have been trained in Microsoft Office, Google Meet,

teachers is IT training. With up-to-date skills, teachers in

Thailand have been able to continue their classes online

Digital

Literacy

without missing a beat.

Google Drive and online meeting apps.



### **Nutrition Mission**

Thailand.

While schools remained closed in 2021, teachers who are visiting homes to deliver home learning materials are now also being trained in the principles of the Nutrition Mission.

Going forward, teachers will work closely with parents to further expand the program.



With six years of experience under our belts, we're excited to have finally rolled out the Nutrition Mission program in

57 TEACHERS AND II PARENTS COMPLETED NUTRITION MISSION TRAINING



### **Dry Food Emergency Distribution**

Our team in Thailand pride themselves on being active members of their community. During the pandemic, they partnered with locals to deliver food packages to COVID-positive patients.



### **Greening Bwe K'Lar Learning Centre**

Students have been heavily involved in turning Bwe K'Lar Learning Centre into a green oasis by planting food for their school meals.

The exercise has had many positive physical and mental impacts for students and the wider school community.



#### Hygiene **Packs**

One of the key priorities for the Cotton On Foundation team in Thailand was keeping the supported community safe, happy and healthy so they could return to school for the new academic year in 2022.

Centre.

2,539 DRY FOOD PACKS DISTRIBUTED

35,365 SCHOOL MEALS PROVIDED AT BWE K'LAR LEARNING CENTRE



To achieve their goal, 124 hygiene packs were created and distributed to boarding students at Bwe K'Lar Learning

124 HYGIENE PACKS DISTRIBUTED TO BOARDING STUDENTS AT BWE K'LAR LEARNING CENTRE

IT GROUNDS US, IT DRIVES US, IT GIVES US IMPORTANT CONNECTIONS. WELLBEING FOR US ALSO CONNECTS US TO IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF OUR BELONGING AND IDENTITY. CONNECTIONS TO OURSELVES, OUR CULTURE BUT ALSO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR COMMUNITIES KEEPS OF THESE CONNECTIONS TO WELLBEING AND THE IMPORTANT OUTCOMES THAT THEY CREATE IN 2021."

"WELLBEING IS CRITICAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. OUR WELLBEING. WE HAVE SEEN THE IMPACTS

> - CORMACH EVANS, FOUNDER & MANAGING DIRECTOR, STRONG BROTHER STRONG SISTER

# AUSTRALIA

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#### Learning on Country

A challenging year in community, the Learning on Country program has adapted with ongoing support for Yirrkala School students by connecting them with Elders and Rangers on-country for weekly activity to support their cultural knowledge and wellbeing.

These activities contribute towards students' Certificates in Conservation and Land Management, as well as Maritime Studies and Applied Languages.

One of the highlights for the students was the hunting activity surrounding the Maritime excursions!



### **New Partnership with Strong Brother Strong Sister**

In 2021, Cotton on Foundation partnered with local organisation Strong Brother Strong Sister to reach more Aboriginal young people and children across the Wadawurrung community.

After ongoing COVID restrictions, the return to in-person programs has been crucial for young people - the team has reported excellent outcomes including improved social and emotional health and wellbeing, as well as deeper connections to their identity, belonging and culture.



### **The Mulka Projects** Homelands Music Workshops

workshops.

By investing in a mobile sound engineering set-up, the Mulka team has been able to get out to remote Homeland communities to engage and inspire the next generation of musicians and music producers.



This year, The Mulka Project has adapted to the challenges of COVID-19 and pivoted in their approach to delivering creative



#### **Successful C-BATE** Workshops

C-BATE stands for Community Based Aboriginal Teacher Education. Throughout 2021, 15 Teacher Education students have been working hard to prepare for enrolment in accredited courses, and several of these students will be ready for Tertiary Pathways in 2022.



#### Wellbeing Workshops

For the Yirrkala community, 2021 has been one of the most challenging years in a long time, so their wellbeing workshops were needed more than ever.

Yolngu Elder Djalinda Yunupingu has continued working regularly with teachers, students and their families to help them through this time, and to prepare and look forward to 2022.



### LifeChanger



2021 saw us launch a partnership with LifeChanger foundation, an organisation doing incredible things in the wellbeing space in Australia and New Zealand.

Based in Melbourne, this Australian foundation is working to maximise the potential of all young people by providing the resources, skills, education and pathways they need to develop a positive self-identity to live their best life, using expert facilitation and trained community mentors.

## Graduates Class of 2021 - Uganda

#### Congratulations to all of the scholarship students who graduated in 2021

Ainembabazi Patience Certificate in Nursery Teaching (ECD) St Mary's Kyamaganda

Asiimwe Lawrence Bachelor of Arts with Education Kyambogo University

Bakkabulindi Alex Certificate in Automotive Mechanics St. Charles Lwanga Butende Vocational Institute

Jjingo Simon Certificate in Fashion and Design St. Charles Lwanga Butende Vocational Institute

**Kasibante Vicent** Certificate in Accounting St. Charles Lwanga Butende Vocational Institute

Kasozi Joseph Bachelor of Vocation Studies in Agriculture with Education Kyambogo University

Kiyimba Ronald Certificate in Bricklaying and Construction St. Charles Lwanga Butende Vocational Institute

Kwarikiriza Aron Certificate in Electrical Installation St. Charles Lwanga Butende Vocational Institute

Kyampiire Sharon Certificate in Nursery Teaching (ECD) , St Mary's Kyamaganda

Lubega Antonie Certificate in Primary Teaching Rakai Primary Teachers' College

Lunyolo Viola Certificate in Nursery Teaching (ECD) Rakai Primary Teachers' College

Magembe Eria Certificate in Electrical Installation St. Kizito Technical Institute

Muguzi Paul Certificate in Woodwork St. Charles Lwanga Butende Vocational Institute

Muhwezi Joash Certificate in Hairdressing St. Kizito Technical Institute

Mukasa Derrick Ssenkubuge Certificate in Woodworking and Design St. Kizito Technical Institute

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Mutabazi James Bachelor of Travel and Tourism Management Makerere Business School

Mwesigye Alex Bachelor of Arts with Education Makerere University

Nabbuye Teopista Certificate in Secretarial Studies St. Agnes Biikira Vocational School

Nabukenya Jane Certificate In Nursery Teaching (ECD) Rakai Primary Teachers' College

Nabuufu Sylivia Certificate In Primary Teaching Rakai Primary Teachers' College

Nakabiito Sarah Bachelor of Procurement and Logistics Makerere Business School

Nakaggwa Grace Certificate in Nursery Teaching (ECD) Rakai Primary Teachers' College

Nakakinda Christine Certificate in Nursery Teaching (ECD) St Mary's Kyamaganda

Nakalule Violah Certificate in Fashion and Design St. Charles Lwanga Butende Vocational Institute

Nakalyango Costania Certificate in Nursery Teaching (ECD) St Mary's Kyamaganda

Nakavuma Bridget Certificate in primary teaching Rakai Primary Teachers' College

Nakawunde Pauline Certificate in Nursery Teaching (ECD) Rakai Primary Teachers' College

Nakayenga Susan Certificate in Nursery Teaching (ECD) Rakai Primary Teachers' College

Nakibukka Zaina Certificate in Nursery Teaching (ECD) Kabukunge Primary Teachers' College

Nakintu Sauya Certificate in Nursery Teaching (ECD) Rakai Primary Teachers' College

Namawanda Joan

Nambejja Justine Makerere University

Namuli Noerena

Nasuuna Violah

Ndawula Geofrey

Ssekajugo Vianey Kyambogo University

Ssekiwunja Derrick Certificate In Bricklaying and Construction St. Charles Lwanga Butende Vocational Institute

Ssentongo Steven Certificate in Plumbing St. Charles Lwanga Butende Vocational Institute

Makerere University

Tumusiime Beatrice

Nakiyemba Josephine Certificate in Nursery Teaching (ECD) Rakai Primary Teachers' College

Certificate in Automotive Mechanics St. Kizito Technical Institute

Bachelor of Arts with Education

Namubiru Josephine Certificate in Primary Teaching Rakai Primary Teachers' College

Bachelor of Arts with Education Uganda Martyrs University (Nkozi)

Nangooba Specioza Certificate in Secretarial Studies St. Agnes Biikira Vocational School

Certificate in Nursery Teaching (ECD) Rakai Primary Teachers' College

Certificate in Automotive Mechanics St. Charles Lwanga Butende Vocational Institute

Bachelor of Arts with Education

Ssenyonga John Baptist Bachelor of Industrial and Fine Art

Certificate in Hairdressing St Anne Vocational School Masaka

## Scholarships Uganda

#### Congratulations to all of the students who were awarded a scholarship in 2021

Joseph Biryomumaisho - Vocational

Achileo Mpagi - University Ahimbisibwe - University Alex Kiweewa - Vocational Alex Lukyamuzi - University Alice Nakato - Vocational Allen Nambejja - Vocational Allon Mutaawe - Vocational Ambrose Mwesigwa - University Asiimwe Gordon - University **Benidictor Nabina** - Vocational Blick Luyima - Vocational Brian Lukyamuzi - University Bridget Namugabo - Vocational **Bwanike Godfrey** - Vocational Caroline Nakimbugwe - Vocational Caroline Nalubega - Vocational Caroline Nalukwago - University Charles Ssengonzi - University Christine Nyiransaba - Vocational Claire Nalunjoogi - Vocational Cranmer Mutatina - Vocational Darausi Tumulonde - Vocational Deborah Kankoobwa - Vocational Denis Luwaga - University Dickson Mawanda - University Disan Ssabyanzi - Vocational Dorah Namatovu - Vocational Doreen Nakaseeta - Vocational Edward Muzale - Vocational Edwin Mugumya - University Elisha Muhawe - Vocational **Elizabeth Namukisa - Vocational** COTTON ON FOUNDATION 2021 FIELD REPORT

Emmanuel Bisere - Vocational Emmanuel Sekawunde - University Emmanuel Ssenteza - University Eunice Ahimbisibwe - Vocational Evas Nakasagga - Vocational Flavia Namugabo - Vocational Flavia Wanyana - University Francis - Vocational Frank Mwanje - University Gloria Kyomugisha - Vocational Gloria Nakavuma - Vocational Gonzaga Tayebwa - Vocational Goreth Nakanoni - University Gorreth Nakanoni - University Hamuzah Ssemakula - Vocational Harriet Namata - Vocational Hellen Nandawula - Vocational Henry Nsikombi - University Henry Ssemujju - University Ibrah Kirangwa - Vocational Ibrahim Ssentongo - Vocational Iguitious Kamwine - Vocational Innocent Ssenabulya - Vocational Irene Nakkazi - Vocational Isaiah Rwamwozo - University Jackline Nannono - Vocational Janet Nnamutunzi - Vocational Javira Tabula - Vocational Joan Nakiwala - Vocational Joan Namugerwa - Vocational Joan Nanteza - Vocational John Baptist Tumwekwase - Vocational

Joseph Ddumba - University Joseph Kafeero - Vocational Josiah Atwine - Vocational Jude Ssali - Vocational Judith Nambaziira - Vocational Judith Nazziwa - Vocational Julius Ssekimbegga - University Justine Nakizito - University Kakooza Mugagga - University Katoga Ivan Cosma - University Kawooya Jorex - Vocational Keneth Gabona - Vocational Kitayimbwa Shanon - University Kobusheshe Ronas - University Lawrence Matovu - Vocational Lawrence Mugabi - Vocational Lilian Nakalema - Vocational Linda Kyomukama - Vocational Lugemwa Vicent - University Lydia Namuddu - Vocational Lyton Nanyunja - Vocational Margret Nakate - Vocational Margret Namaganda - Vocational Maria Kirabo - University Mary Asiimwe - Vocational Matia Kaggwa - University Mawanda Shafic - University Mercy Patricia Nambejja - University Merida Nakaye - Vocational Milly Mulungi - Vocational Mugisha Amos - University

Muhimbise Ferediana - Vocational Mukisa Lamech - University Mulema Peter - University Musaasizi Yoweri - Vocational Nabunje Ritah - University Nakabuubi Suzan - University Nakavuma Ruth - University Nakinsige Josephine - University Nakisekka Brenda Peace - University Nalubega Gertrude - Vocational Naluwaga Shanitah - University Naluwugge Faridah - University Namugenyi Shamiat - University Ntalazi Benon - University **Omach Brian** - Vocational Passy Nalugo - Vocational Patrice Besigye - Vocational Patricia Naddunga Makame - University Patricia Nambajjo - Vocational Paul Kalema - Vocational Paul Mickey Ssennono - University Peter Twesigye - Vocational Pouline Kyomuhangi - Vocational Praise Amutuhaire - University Rashidah Nabasumba - Vocational Rashidah Namugabi - Vocational **Raymond Ssemwogerere - Vocational** Rebecca Mutoni - Vocational **Remegious Ssendi - Vocational Richard Lwebuga** - University **Richard Sseruwuge - Vocational Robert Lukwago - University** 

Ronald Sseruwuge - Vocational Ruhara Benon Kembabazi - Vocational Ruth Nakibinge - Vocational Samuel Kalyango - University Samuel Luyiga - Vocational Samuel Muhumuza - Vocational Saphan Ssebuuma - University Scovia Nandawula - Vocational Shadia Rehema Nabadda - Vocational Shallon Nakate - Vocational Sharon Nanyunja - Vocational Shukulah Namujjuzi - University Ssebulime Gaddafi - University Ssegawa Geoffrey - Vocational Ssekvania Henry - Vocational Steven Ssenono - Vocational Sudaice Mutyaba - Vocational Sudaice Ssemakula - Vocational Sumaiah Namulindwa - University Sylivia Nassuuna - Vocational Tonny Joga - University Tracy Awor - Vocational Ursher Nakawombe - Vocational Vennenssio Sserwadda - Vocational Vianne Nakasakya - Vocational Vincent Kayenga - Vocational Viola Namatovu - Vocational Viola Nanvunia - University Watson Ssenyange - Vocational Yosam Kajura - Vocational Ziporah Nasasira - Vocational

## Graduates Class of 2021 - Thailand

Congratulations to all of the scholarship students who graduated in 2021

Somphop Phransupho English, Chiang Mai Rajabhat University

CONG Ei Shwe Sin Nursing, Chiang Mai University GRADU

> Ingyim Howe SUMPTION UN Int. Business Management, Naresuan University

Ma Mi Mi Ko Language Arts Reasoning, Mathematics Reasoning, Sciences and Social Studies, GED Online Course

Kyin Tara Nursing, Assumption University of Thailand

Naw Monday Paw Accounting Level 1 and 2, Nay Lin Aung Finance and Accountancy Academy

Naw Mu Ju Ju Accounting Level 1 and 2, Nay Lin Aung Finance and Accountancy Academy

Saw Gay Gay Oo Computer, KCSYG

Saw Handsome Theology, KBTS/YGN

Saw Tun Tun Win Int. Development, Mae Fah Luang University

Zin Min Kyaw Language Arts Reasoning, Mathematics Reasoning, Sciences and Social Studies, Self-study

## nd 2, Nay Lin Aung Finance and my SSES XLVIII and XLI) THAILAND

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# **Scholarships** Thailand

Congratulations to all of the students who were awarded a scholarship in 2021

Angkana Pamnonheran Early Childhood Education, Northern College

Arkapyu Computer, Mae Sot Technical College

Aung Kyaw Moe Global Business, Khon Kaen University

Aung Thein Oo Global Business, Khon Kaen University

Eh Ta Mu International Relations and Development, Rangsit University

Jirawat Archasamakkee Higher Vocation Certificate, Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna Tak

Kamonrak Kokiadkamon Public Health, Khon Kaen University

Khu Doh Soe International Affairs, Rangsit University

Montira Accounting, Kamphaeng Phet Rajabhat University

Nanthawan Krobkrong Science and Anthropology, Naresuan University

Naw Moo Law La Music Education, Payap University

Naw T' Kaw Paw International Affairs, Khon Kaen University Naw Ta Mu La Paw Education, Asia-Pacific International University

Pyae Kant Global Business, Khon Kaen University

Pyunyika Factory Mechanic Branch, Mae Sot Technical College

Rubby Wongphruksasakun International Business, Rangsit University

Samsor Sociology and Anthropology, Thammasat University

Som Ying Trakanchatthai Public Health, Khon Kaen University

Suchathip Litteraphat Public Health, Khon Kaen University

Tiraphat Computer, Payap University

Velkuthip Environmental Science, Chiang Mai University

Zin Min kyaw International Marketing, Khon Kaen University

น.ส น่อแป้โจ้ (Panjo) Public Health, Khon Kaen University

# Financials 2021

# \$21,815,875 AUD Total funds raised in 2021

# \$21,207,158 AUD

Funds raised from product sales

An amazing 13,251,464 products sold

A Cotton On Foundation product was sold every

2.5 seconds 2,775,853 masks purchased, which raised \$10,656,902 AUD

1,040,585 water bottles purchased, which raised \$1,143,693 AUD

# 5,781,689 tote bags purchased, which raised \$5,864,985

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Admin \$1,080,627 (5.0%)

Local Project Management \$1,237,090 (5.7%)

Other (UNICEF, SBSS, LifeChanger, Stars) \$4,311,038 (19.8%)

Australian Indigenous Project \$721,264 (3.3%)

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## 2021 Lessons

We are committed to continuous improvement in our work. The lessons we have learnt in 2021 will inform our ongoing work, enabling us to make the greatest impact possible.



## **First Nations Partnerships**

## Digital Divide





# **Scholarship**

## **Employability** Workshops

# **Case Study - UNICEF**

At the height of the pandemic, 290 million children globally were not in school due to COVID-19. It was projected that 24 million would never return.

A partnership with UNICEF to help combat this statistic was a natural fit – Cotton On could engage and mobilise their 18,000 team members to raise funds, while UNICEF could deliver on the ground.

In 2021, Cotton On became one of the first retailers globally to partner with UNICEF to help deliver 1 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to the world's most vulnerable communities, to support children getting back to school.

Through the hard work of our team and generosity of our customers, our six-week campaign saw customers take 1.42 million actions (products sold) to support the partnership.



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### The campaign raised \$2.4 million AUD

through the sale of Cotton On Foundation products, supporting the delivery of 1,037,198 vaccines.

These vaccinations will help protect frontline healthcare workers and teachers across the globe, as we continue working to get as many kids back in the classroom as soon as we can.

Team sentiment has also been incredibly positive, which is reflected in the sales results. The role of team members encouraging customers to purchase Foundation products is key to success.

The value alignment between Cotton On and UNICEF, and the opportunity to create impact for vulnerable communities, was the driving force behind the success of this partnership.

"THROUGH OUR FOUNDATION'S UNIQUE FUNDRAISING MODEL. WE HAVE SUPPORTED VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES FOR THE PAST 14 YEARS. THE IMPACT OF THIS PANDEMIC HAS BEEN FELT RIGHT ACROSS THE WORLD AND WE'RE PROUD TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION BY HELPING COMMUNITIES GET PETER JOHNSON, COTTON ON GROUP CEO

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COTTON ON FOUNDATION 2021 FIELD REPORT



From day one, the Cotton On Foundation has stood up against inequality. Fourteen years later and over \$140 million AUD fundraised, our commitment to creating positive change is stronger than ever.

Driven by our teams. Ignited by our customers. Hands-on. Full of heart We advocate for a world where everyone can reach their full potential. We work with local communities and partners to tackle some of the biggest challenges facing young people today.

Our mission is to deliver real and lasting impact across three key areas: Education, Mental Health and Environment. Breaking down the barriers to education by delivering more schools, more classrooms, and more pathways to employment. Supporting mental health and wellbeing through projects that empower a community of safe and happy people.

Amplifying climate-positive initiatives to protect the place we all call home, for now and for generations to come. Imagine a world where everyone has limitless opportunity to thrive. Now let's make it happen.

We are the force for a better tomorrow

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## Purpose

We exist to make a positive difference in people's lives

# Vision

Empowering this generation to create a world where everyone can thrive

# Mission

We are the force for a better tomorrow







#### Purpose

#### **Activity We Will Deliver**

- Keeping girls in school ensure school is a safe space,
- Student Wellbeing- prioritise the physical, social and
- Pathways increase opportunities for meaningful
- nutritious food and healthcare



#### Purpose

We will collaborate with experts to deliver activities that support optimum mental health, while promoting resilience and the discovery of identity, to empower a global community of safe, happy and healthy people.

#### Goal

To reduce stigma, and increase access to mental health services for young people

#### **Activity We Will Deliver**

- **Promotion** use our platform to reduce stigma, share resources and advocate for the improvement of mental health and wellbeing for young people
- **Prevention** support partners to strengthen early interventions, including early detection and early treatment
- Treatment partnering with experts to improve access to formal mental health services for all young people
- Connection to culture support cultural activities and workshops to foster connection to identity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth



#### Purpose

We are committed to joining forces with those who are delivering powerful, measurable, sustainable impact to protect our oceans, land and wildlife - to create a tomorrow we can all be part of, and proud of.

#### Goal

#### Activity We Will Deliver

- diverse ecosystems
- protect biodiversity
- and restore degraded habitats
- management practices

To protect, preserve and restore earth's natural assets

• Oceans conservation activity - partner to preserve oceans, protect reefs and marine wildlife to maintain

• Land conservation activity - partner to create opportunities for carbon removal through reforestation programs and

• Wildlife habitat protection - partner to conserve wildlife

• **Regenerative farming** - undertake regenerative, sustainable and innovative farming practices

• Indigenous land management - support Indigenous land

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# **In Loving Memory**

While 2021 was a year of great impact it was also a year touched by great sadness, with the loss of three colleagues from our Ugandan team to COVID-19. Betty, James and Alfred remain much loved members of the Cotton On Foundation family and will be remembered by all who knew them.

In their dedication to serve others, all three made a permanent mark on our supported communities in Uganda. Their legacy will live on through all of us who were lucky to call them friends, and through their families, who will always be part of the Cotton On Foundation community.



# Words of Memorial from the Cotton On Foundation Team



# **Alfred Etukuri**

"Alfred, I can't stop myself from smiling when I think about you, you were so kind to everyone, very considerate, caring and an amazing teacher and orator.

I always looked forward to your congratulatory messages, you always spoke from the heart. Your baby girl was born, she has really missed meeting and being loved by such an amazing dad but I know you are watching her from heaven. You will always be missed!"

# **Betty Nassaka**

"Whenever I think of Betty, I remember her energy!

She was such an amazing coordinator, she didn't have the word impossible in her language and I always said, if you want something done fast, give it to Betty."

"Betty advocated so much for anything she believed is worth doing."

# **James Candisi**

"There are people that come into your lives that have pure hearts and big smiles and you want to bottle their energy up and let it go little by little when you feel a bit sad.

> James was one of them. He was kind, he was generous, he was a beautiful human being."



# Thank you.

# **COTTON:ON FOUNDATION**

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