



ANNUAL REPORT

REVIEWING THE YEAR 2024





NAVIGATING CHANGE AND CELEBRATING WITH THE COMMUNITY IN 2024

PREFACE

2024 was a year like no other at Cycles For Farmers (CFF), we donated more bicycles than we ever have before, experienced a board leadership transition, expanded our community programming, welcomed new staff and looking forward to an incredible forthcoming year.

As we enter 2025, we are filled with renewed energy and commitment to our mission of empowering farmers and young people through sustainable and efficient transportation. Over the past year, we have witnessed the incredible impact of our work in rural and urban communities, where smallholder farmers, traders, young people working in the informal sector, school going children and youth, individuals cycling to work, healthcare workers participating in our donation programs and are using our bicycles to increase their productivity, improve access to markets, healthcare and enhance their overall quality of life.

CFF also celebrated bicycles at the Uganda Cycling Association, worked with several tourists during bike hires, bid farewell to our Chairman Geoffrey Onegi Obel and our mechanic Juma Maganga and ended the year by giving away a huge number of bicycles to partner non-profit organizations and individuals in our target programs.

In 2025, we are excited to expand our efforts, reaching even more smallholder farmers in Lira under our farmer's asset bicycle financing scheme with the tools and resources they need to succeed. We are deepening our partnerships and strengthening our community outreach especially in Northern and Eastern Uganda. The journey ahead is full of promise, and we are determined to continue providing farmers and young people with the mobility solutions that transform their daily lives. As we reflect on the progress made, we are also mindful of the challenges that lie ahead. Together with our supporters, partners and the communities we serve, we look forward to year of growth, collaboration and continued positive change.

Thank you for being part of this positive journey.
We couldn't do it without you.

IRENE MUKISA (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)





OUR MISSION

Cycles For Farmers (CFF) is a non-profit organization that seeks bicycle mobility solutions among smallholder farmers and young people that are involved in farming, trade, education and community activities



OUR VISION

We offer transport solutions and improve livelihoods. This is being realized through a partnership with Working Bikes and other supporters who support our goal.



2024 IN NUMBERS

Bicycles donated and received from Working Bikes: ----- 1077

Bicycles Parts and accessories received: ----- 618

Bicycles donated that have undergone repairs and refurbished: ----- 626

Bicycles donated to non-profit organizations and schools: ----- 219

Bicycles that are part of CFF's programs i.e. Farmers Bicycles Asset Financing Program, hires to tourists & Schools, individuals under bike loan programs: ----- 315

Bicycles to CFF Shop: ----- 398

Bicycles to wholesale markets: ----- 51

Bicycles for school cycling club hires: ----- 82

Bicycles unrepairable turned to parts: ----- 12





BICYCLES DONATION PROGRAMS

CFF's bicycle donations programs supports the organization in realizing its mission by providing affordable transport, creating jobs, allowing health workers to see more patients, and support farmers access markets. Donations are made to non-profit organizations that work with those in need of bicycles often focusing on communities and individuals in impoverished areas or those facing transportation challenges. CFF receives donated bicycles from its partner Working Bikes, repairs and refurbishes them and eventually donates them to communities in need.

Bicycles donations to non-profit organizations in Uganda have been supported by our friends Jay and Liz Shefsky in Chicago and we are grateful for their contributions.



NAMUTUMBA FARMERS INNOVATION AGRICULTURE (NFIA)

CFF donated the 1st batch of 40 bicycles to Namutumba Farmers Innovation Group located in Namutumba district and thanks to Jay and Liz Shefsky who facilitated the movement of these bicycles from the USA to Uganda. The farmers group currently consists of 48 members who are all active farmers growing different cash crops i.e., Cassava, chill, yams, maize and coffee. 29 members were present during the donation exercise and they informed our team that the bicycles will allow farmers reach nearby towns or markets to sell their crops, often earning better prices than selling to local middlemen. The bikes donated were to enable them improve their mobility farming activities and other household roles to sustain the group's mission. CFF mechanics serviced and repaired the bikes donated to the Group and offered to perform a more extensive bike repair program.



TIKKUN OLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tikkun Olam Primary School, is a rural school in Namutumba which received a donation of 40 bicycles. The bicycles were received by Mr. Yoash Mayende who is the school's principal and 4 teachers. CFF spent less time at the school because at the time of the event, children were in school holidays but we were able to find a few students at the school. Yoash said that most teachers stayed far from the school and the bicycle will allow them travel longer distances more quickly and efficiently, helping them arrive on time and reduce the physical strain of walking long hours. Some bicycles will stay at the school premises to help students participate in extracurricular sports activities at the school to better personal development.





RAIN (RESPONDING TO HIV/AIDS AND THE NEEDY) UGANDA

Accessing distant health facilities is a challenge in rural areas. Community health workers often travel long distances to ensure access to medication through last mile medication delivery. RAIN Uganda received 40 bicycles to support their rural community health workers to access HIV/AIDS patients in hard to reach areas. The organization is led by Dr. Sam Wamani in Mbale. The bicycles donated will enable the VHT teams to cover more ground quickly reaching communities that might otherwise be inaccessible due to poor roads or long distances.

LIGHT OF HOPE WIDOWS AND NEEDY CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

CFF also donated 40 additional bikes to Light of Hope Foundation and the bicycles were received by Mr. Israel Siriri. The bicycles donated were to support the widows and needy children to improve mobility, access school facilities easily and for economic empowerment.



TESTIMONIALS & IMPACT



CATHERINE NAMONO (VILLAGE HEALTHCARE WORKER, MBALE)

"Before I received the bicycle from RAIN Uganda, reaching my clients was a daily struggle. Some lived over 10-15 kilometers away, and I had to walk in the sun, rain, or dust—sometimes taking hours just to see one patient. It was exhausting, and I couldn't reach as many people as I wanted." Normally my work schedule involves visiting a minimum of 8 patients on a daily. Since getting the bicycle from RAIN Uganda, everything has changed. I can now visit at least 10 homes in a single day, check on clients who are on ARVs, follow up with those who missed appointments, and deliver medication on time. It has helped me save energy, time, and even money. But more than that. It has helped save lives."

TEOPISTA NAMUKOSE (SMALLHOLDER FARMER, NAMUTUMBA)

Teopista is a member of the Namutumba Innovation Farmers Group which received a donation of 40 bicycles. Teopista previously had a local manual bicycle that was mainly shared and used among her 6 children to go to school, visit the trading center and also carry out other errands.

She received a Bridgestone bike through CFF's donation program and it was a great substitute to use for her daily errands. She uses the bike to go to her farm on which she grows chili and sweet potatoes and attaches the hoe to the bike while the manual bike is used by kids going to school. She noted the Bridgestone bike is very good and strong and since she started using it, the bike has never broken down. Before it was hard for her to move between home and the Group's office location in Namutumba every Sunday for meetings, but now she takes about 20 minutes to reach.



VINCENT AKORE, (SMALLHOLDER FARMER, LIRA DISTRICT)

"Getting the bicycle through CFF's loan financing was one of the best decisions I've made for my farming needs. I'm a chill and fresh vegetables grower and rear chicken as well on my farm. I also lead over 500 chill farmers in my area. Before, I had to walk long distances to the market, sometimes carrying heavy sacks of produce on my back or hiring someone, which was costly. By the time I reached, some of the vegetables were already losing freshness."

"Now with the bicycle, I can transport my crops faster and more easily. I reach the market early, sell at better prices, and even use the bicycle to collect farm inputs like seeds and fertilizer. The loan terms were fair, and I've already paid my second installment and remaining with 2 more installments to finish it off. The total cost of the bicycle was Shs. 320,000 and I have so far paid Shs. 130,000. This bicycle didn't just make my work easier—it helped grow my income and reduce my costs. It's more than transport, it's progress for me."



BRANDINA NANZIRI (SMALLHOLDER FARMER, NAMUTUMBA)

Brandina is a farmer and a member of the Namutumba Innovation Farmers Group. She appreciates CFF for the bicycle that was donated to her through her community based organization and she noted that the bicycle brought a lot of happiness and join in a family with 4 children. The bicycle helps her to reach her animal farm in time and feed them frequently. Her farm consists of cows, goats and chicken which she sales in the local market and earns income to feed her family and support her children's education needs. She also noted that her neighbors occasionally borrow her bicycle for other tasks. Her red Schwinn bicycle also inspired her neighbors to join the agriculture community organization.

NABIRYE FREDA (SMALLHOLDER FARMER, NAMUTUMBA)

Freda is a crop farmer growing chill, maize and vegetables and received a Giant bicycle from Namutumba Farmers Group as a donation from CFF. She is a widow with 3 children. The bicycle helps Freda reach her farm in time which is about 13kms from her home and also coordinate her farm workers. Sometimes, if she is busy doing other cores, her workers utilize the basket to run errands between the farm and markets. Freda said that it also supported her movements and attends the weekly group organizational meetings in time. Also, her son Junior sometimes uses the bicycle to attend his secondary school. When he walks to school, it takes him about 45minutes to reach school, with the bicycle, he reaches school in 20minutes. She also uses the bicycle to check on her sick mother that leaves quite far from her home.



DAN KATO (STUDENT, LUBIRI SECONDARY SCHOOL)

"Before I got the bicycle, I used to wake up at 4:30 in the morning and begun walking to school at 5:30am. I live in Nansana, Wakiso district and my school is in Mengo, Lubiri Secondary School, which is quite a long journey of 9 kilometers each way. By the time I reached class, I was already tired, and sometimes I arrived late and missed lessons. During the rainy season, it was even worse. There were days I couldn't go at all. My mother who works in Saudi Arabia as a maid, bought me a century Schwinn bicycle at the CFF's bicycle shop. I picked it myself and everything has changed. I now reach school on time and with energy to concentrate. My grades have improved and my mother is proud of me, I no longer miss important lessons. I even have time to help at home in the evening. The bicycle has given me a chance to chase my dreams as I want to become a dentist one day

CFF'S BIKES HUB SHOP

CFF's bicycle shop connects all of our organizational endeavors. It's the cornerstone of our mission and supports our organizational programs, administrative costs, events and shipping in bicycles from our partner Working bikes. Through the shop, our community can access affordable high quality refurbished bicycles and used parts in a safe environment that promotes learning about bicycles. The shop relies on donations from our partner Working Bikes which we refurbish and make them available for other programs. The shop also purchases more parts and tools from the wholesale markets selling new parts mainly from China to make a bicycle complete and ready to hit the road.

✓ Bicycles re-serviced at the shop with an addition of a new part -----

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ROLLING TOGETHER: A COMMUNITY BIKE PROGRAM FOR KIDS

Rolling Together is a neighborhood-driven initiative that teaches young children how to ride a bicycle in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. Centered on the joy and independence that biking can bring, the program partners with families, local schools and community organizations to make learning accessible to all.

Through hands-on bike rides led by our team and volunteers, kids build the balance, coordination, and confidence they need to ride on two wheels. Helmet safety is a core part of the training, ensuring that every child learns the importance of protective gear and safe riding habits from the start. Rolling Together is about building community—bringing families, educators, and neighbors together to cheer on each child's journey toward independence and healthy, active living.



✓ 56 CHILDREN TRAINED ON HOW TO RIDE A BICYCLE

✓ 28 KIDS BICYCLES REPAIRED IN HOMES

✓ 14 ADULT BIKES REPAIRED IN HOMES



AUDITED FINANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31ST 2024

INCOME (USHS)		EXPENSES (USHS)	
DONATIONS MONETARY	52,306,000	PROGRAM COSTS	44,475,000
GRANTS	10,000,000	BICYCLES IMPORT COSTS	134,607,000
BICYCLES AND PART SALES	188,555,000	SALARIES	17,000,000
OTHER INCOME	0.00	OTHER COSTS	18,000,000
TOTAL INCOME	250,861,000	TOTAL EXPENSES	214,082,000

PARTNERS



WORKING BIKES (CHICAGO)

Working Bikes (WB) is a nonprofit organization based in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood, dedicated to giving discarded bicycles new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment in local and global communities. Since its founding in 1999, Working Bikes has donated over 150,000 bicycles to individuals and organizations in the United States, Africa, and Latin America, providing people in underserved communities with a means of transportation and access to resources such as education, employment, and healthcare. Working Bikes is CFF's primary partner and every year donates bicycles, parts and accessories to support our mission.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to WB for being such a dedicated, reliable, and inspiring nonprofit partner. Your commitment to empowering communities through sustainable transportation solutions is truly commendable, and it's been an honor to collaborate with an organization so rooted in purpose and integrity.

We want to thank our friends for the generous monetary and in-kind contributions they have made to support our mission in the USA i.e. **Jay and Liz Shefsky and the Japanese International Cooperation (JICA) in Uganda**. Thank you so much for your generous donation in support of our mission to provide bicycles to those in need.

Special thanks to our community cycling partners; **Masaka Cycling Team, Kampala Parents School, Entebbe Parents School, Daidre Primary School and Lira Cycling Team**. Thank you for your unwavering support, and together we're building healthier communities, promoting sustainability, and empowering individuals with freedom and mobility. Your dedication inspires us every day, and we're truly grateful to work alongside such passionate and community-driven partners.