

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

LET THERE BE LIGHT

LET THERE BE LIGHT INTERNATIONAL



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Let There Be Light International (LTBLI) has completed our first **five years** as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization implementing solar programming in sub-Saharan Africa! With a mission to combat climate change and energy poverty, LTBLI donates safe solar lights to vulnerable community members, solar-electrifies health clinics, and raises awareness about how solar lights can change lives in off-grid homes and health clinics.

More than 625,000 people are benefiting from LTBLI's innovative programming, but millions still are living in extreme poverty without access to energy. We thank our 8 Distribution Partners in Uganda, Malawi, and Kenya for their invaluable collaborations and our generous donors for brightening lives around the world. Join us as we continue our efforts in 2020 and Shine On!



SARAH M. BAIRD

Executive Director, LTBLI

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SOLAR LIGHTS ARE CHANGING LIVES

"My children use a solar light for homework every night, even carrying it into their bed under the bed net!"

"I don't have to buy kerosene any more! Thank you! I use the savings for food, medicine, and school fees."

UGANDA, MALAWI, KENYA

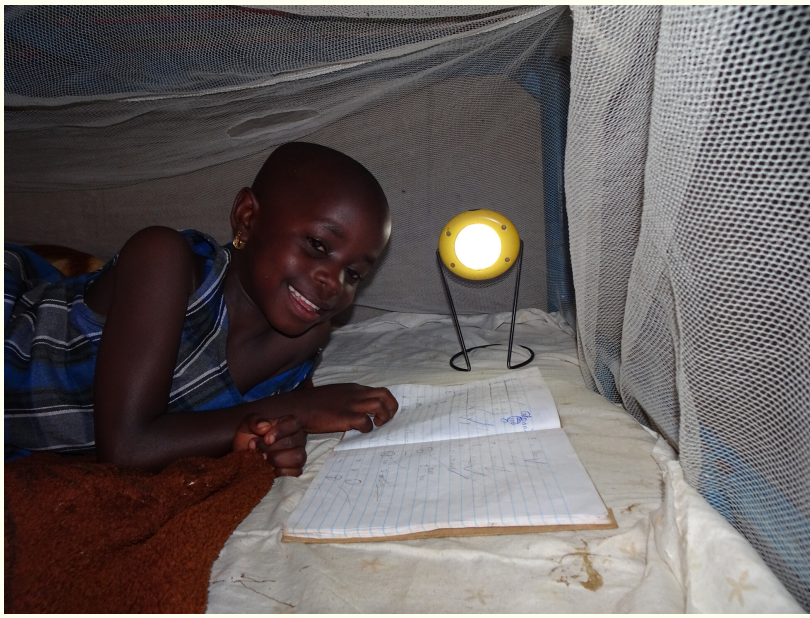
625,000 people are benefiting from donated lights and improved healthcare access and delivery in 14 districts in 3 countries.

14,500
Solar Lights Donated

33
Health Clinics Solar-Electrified

PRIMARY IMPACTS

IMPROVED HEALTH
SAFETY
WELLBEING
EDUCATIONAL
AND ECONOMIC OUTCOMES
FOR SOLAR BENEFICIARIES
AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.



2014-2019 SUMMARY

THE KEYS TO LTBLI'S SUCCESS

MISSION-DRIVEN GROWTH

VALUED PARTNERSHIPS

STRATEGIC OUTREACH

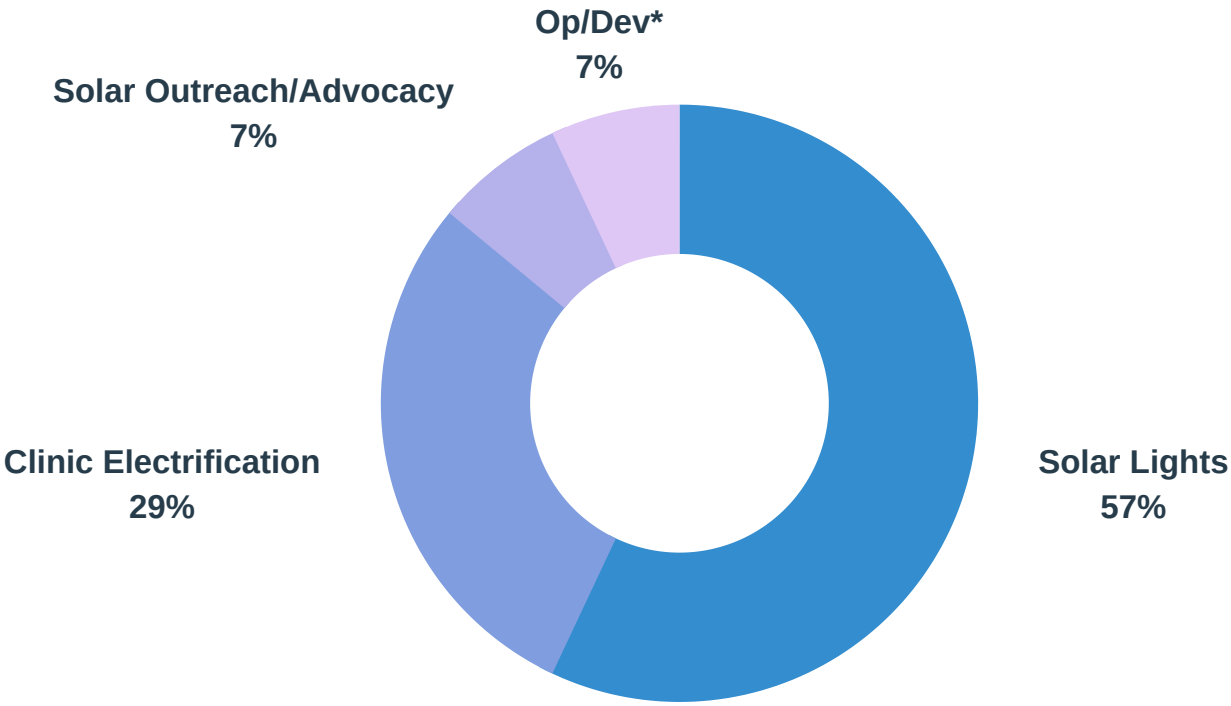
93% OF EXPENDITURES ON DIRECT PROGRAMMING AND OUTREACH

In **2014**, LTBLI began in Sarah and Ben's living room with a handful of volunteers, one African partner, and a budget of $15,000.

Today, **five years later**, we have grown to include a multidisciplinary Board of Directors, **8** core African partners, and a budget of **$158,000**.

Still operating as an all-volunteer organization in the US, we employ **3** highly skilled Energy Poverty Consultants in Uganda and trained **25** Field Officers in Uganda, Malawi, and Kenya. Through our Women SET (Solar Empowerment Training), LTBLI also trained **20** Ugandan women to become solar entrepreneurs.

BUDGETARY SPENDING IN 2019



*Op/Dev includes all Operational costs at 4% and Development materials and event costs at 3%

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

FOR HELPING LTBLI TO REACH THIS FIVE-YEAR MILESTONE

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"Before, I was frightened. The risk of fire was so high with kerosene, and I couldn't see if a snake was in the room!"

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