

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

LET THERE BE LIGHT
INTERNATIONAL





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

We are very grateful to the hundreds of solar donors who supported us as we brightened **150,000 lives** in 2020! Huge thanks to the team of **Wharton Global Impact Consultants** who traveled to Uganda and back just before the pandemic, providing valuable feedback on our maternal and infant health project! In response to **COVID-19**, we pivoted with our **9 partners** in Uganda, Kenya and Malawi from group events to one-on-one solar donations and increased the number of health centers electrified to **46 clinics**. Although the pandemic presented unprecedented challenges, it also underscored the importance of our mission in off-grid and low-resource communities! **720,000 people** are benefiting from our innovative solar programming. However, millions of people still live in the dark without access to basic electricity. Please, join us as we continue to fight Climate Change and Global Poverty in 2021. Shine On!

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Executive Director, LTBLI

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2020 PROGRAMMING

3,904 Solar Lights Donated

13 Health Clinics Electrified

150,000 Lives Brightened

"My parents allow me to use the solar light at night to do my studies. I am happy that I learned the various types of birds, insects and animals!" - Irene, age 7

Safe Births + Healthy Homes

In 2020, LTBLI's maternal and infant project, Safe Births + Healthy Homes, (SB+HH), was launched at a **4th clinic** in Uganda. SB+HH **solar-electrifies rural health clinics** and **donates solar lights to new mothers**. More than 2000 women and babies now have safe lights at home. In July 2020, the **United Nations NGO Major Group** called SB+HH "a **transformative pathway for accelerated action**" on the Global Goals for Sustainable Development.



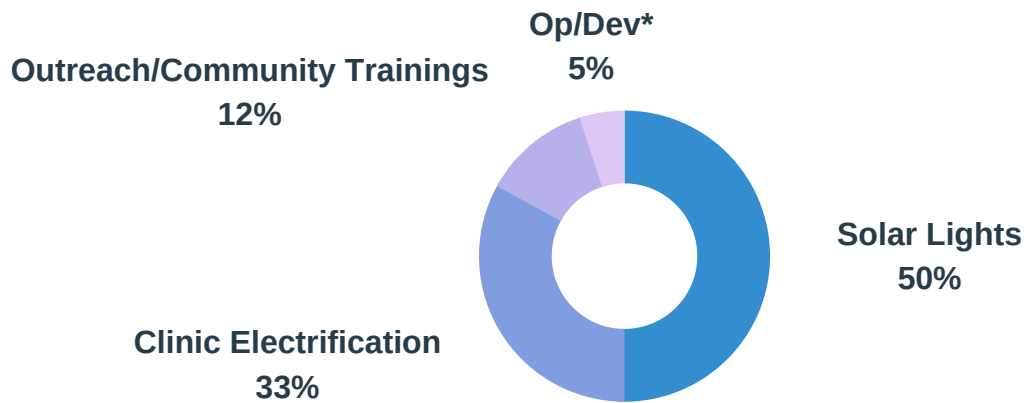
"I was shocked when schools closed - I thought my academic aspirations had come to an end. However, with the solar light, my dreams are still on." - Bukenya, age 13

Lights4Literacy



Launched in 2020, **Lights4Literacy** is a joint project in Uganda with **Enjuba** (hosts of the Ugandan Spelling Bee) which **donates solar lights and books to impact literacy and education**. LTBLI is excited about partnering with aligned NGOs, as we amplify our impact and support vulnerable children and families in off-grid communities

BUDGETARY SPENDING IN 2020



*Op/Dev includes all Operational costs at 4% and Development materials and event costs at 1%

2014-2020 SOLAR PROGRAMS AND IMPACTS

Let There Be Light International began in 2014 in Sarah and Ben's living room with one Ugandan partner, a visionary board, and a budget of \$15,000. Today, our international Board of Directors and Executive Director work with 9 grassroots partners in 3 countries, implementing 25 projects annually with a budget more than ten times our first budget.

Still operating as a volunteer-led organization in the US, LTBLI now supports 3 highly skilled Energy Poverty Consultants in Uganda and has trained 18 Field Officers in Uganda, Malawi, and Kenya.

17,150 Solar Lights Donated

46 Health Clinics Electrified

725,000 Lives Brightened!

PRIMARY IMPACTS:

- ☀ Improved health and safety at home and in the community
- ☀ Women's empowerment and indicators of well-being
- ☀ Improved educational and economic outcomes
- ☀ Decreased isolation for elders and people with disabilities

THE KEYS TO LTBLI'S IMPACT:

- ☀ Mission-driven growth
- ☀ Valued partnerships
- ☀ Strategic outreach
- ☀ 95% of expenditures for programs, education, and advocacy

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Kevin, a new mom and solar light recipient, used the money she saved to install a solar power system on her home and now is saving to buy a goat.



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Florence, 85, takes care of her 12 grandchildren. She used to spend 40% of her household income on kerosene for her dangerous open-flame "tadooba" light. Her solar light allows her family to buy food during the financial hardships of Covid-19.

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"Solar light has enabled me to remain academically active and sound"

Siblings Latifah and Amina use their solar light to keep learning during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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