

# 2024 Annual Report



CERESAV  
*Unveiling the Scars*



**CENTER FOR REHABILITATION OF  
SURVIVORS OF ACID AND BURNS  
VIOLENCE**

# 1 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

As we reflect on the progress made in 2024, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to CERESAV's mission. This year's achievements would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our partners, donors, volunteers, and the resilience of the survivors we serve.

We deeply appreciate our dedicated team, whose passion and commitment has driven our programs forward. To our partners and sponsors, your generosity has enabled us to provide life-changing medical care, psychosocial support, education, and advocacy efforts that continue to transform lives.

A special thank you to the acid attack survivors who have trusted us with their stories and allowed us to walk this journey with them. Your strength and courage inspire everything we do.

As we move into another year of impact, we remain committed to working together to create a safer and more just society. Thank you for being a vital part of this mission!

## **2 LIST OF ACCRONYMS**

CERESAV	Center for Rehabilitation of Survivors of Acid Burns Violence
CSO's	Civil Society Organizations
WOLI	Women's Love Initiative
SYRADO	Slum Youth Rehabilitation and Development Organization
NAC	Network for Active Citizens

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## 4 FOREWORD FROM THE BOARD

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*Fig. 1: CERESAV BOARD MEMBERS*

It is with great pride that I present CERESAV's 2024 Annual Report, showcasing the strides we have made in supporting survivors of acid attacks and gender-based violence. In 2024, we strengthened our medical and psychosocial support programs, expanded educational opportunities, and advanced advocacy efforts to prevent acid violence. Through partnerships and community-driven initiatives, we have empowered survivors to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

Our impact would not have been possible without the dedication of our team, the resilience of survivors, and the unwavering support of our donors and partners. I would also like to thank the Board Members for their professional input and commitment to the development of CERESAV. The success of initiatives like the 16 Days of Activism and survivor-led advocacy programs reaffirms our commitment to systemic change and justice for all affected by acid violence.

As we move into 2025, CERESAV remains focused on expanding our reach, strengthening survivor-centered interventions, and advocating for policies and regulations that ensure protection and justice. We are grateful for everyone who has contributed to this cause, and we invite you to continue walking this journey with us. Together, we are building a future free from acid violence and gender-based harm.

TIM ABBOTT  
Board President

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## **5 INTRODUCTION**

This Annual Report presents key milestones of the Center for Rehabilitation of Survivors of Acid and burns Violence (CERESAV), which includes activities and interventions for 2024. At CERESAV, we work with Acid Attack Survivors through awareness-raising and public sensitization initiatives, Education fund for Acid Attack Survivors and their Children, GBV trainings, and follow-up meetings to monitor how best they are coping with life following the acid attack. These initiatives follow the strategic processes that we have as an organization for the holistic support for and with the people we serve.

## **6 OUR VISION AND MISSION**

### **6.1 VISION**

A Ugandan society where survivors of acid attacks heal, thrive and live dignified lives.

### **6.2 MISSION**

To improve the livelihood and well-being of survivors of acid attacks, burns and other forms of gender-based violence through treatment and rehabilitation, education, economic empowerment, promoting the rights and interests of survivors and institutional development.

# 7 PROGRAM DELIVERY AND ACHIEVEMENT

## 7.1 Awareness and Advocacy:

- i. Successfully participated in the 16 Days of Activism campaign, raising awareness about gender-based violence and acid attacks.



Fig 1: Press conference and media engagements during the 16 Days of activism campaign

- ii. Designed and launched a new website to boost our online presence, making it easier to engage supporters, survivors, and donors. Find link [here](#)
- iii. Produced documentaries for survivors telling their stories and giving hope to fellow survivors on the CERESAV YouTube [channel](#)
- iv. Commemorated the International Human Right’s Day that brought together over 70 people to discuss challenges of acid attack and appreciate survivors as ambassadors of change.





## **7.2 Medical Support, Surgical Care, Psychosocial Support**

CERESAV saved some funds from the 16 days of Activism campaign. These balances were channeled towards supporting survivors' medical needs. We were able to pay for survivor Charles Kalanzi's surgery and scar treatments after he had complained about pain on his chin scars. We were also able to complete school fees for survivor Yassin's son, after he raised issues about inability to complete payment. Survivor Enos Malinyi boosted his bricks business with the same fund and this has helped him to support his family with more sustainable needs.

CERESAV would love to thank each and every person who put together resources and supported this cause. A special recognition goes to Mr. Chase Adcox who made a very generous donation which enabled the 16 days of Activism campaign to take place.



*Fig 3: Left: Offering psychosocial support to a new victim; right: Survivor Charles Kalanzi in hospital*

## **7.3 Organizational Development**

### **7.3.1 Full Registration of CERESAV**

Achieved official registration on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 establishing a solid legal framework for operations. Our registration number is 9058 and permit number is 1456.

### **7.3.2 Financial streamlining**

Opened two new bank accounts at DFCU Uganda (USD & UGX), ensuring we are ready to conduct proper and effective transactions (both local and international) and provide accountability to our donors.

## **7.4 Education Fund Program**

Supported 18 children of survivors, providing them with access to quality education and demonstrating our commitment to breaking cycles of poverty and violence. CERESAV fundraising efforts for the Education Fund managed to collect \$4,187 from our partners and donors.

**GIVINGTUESDAY**

“The devastating effects of acid attack violence on our lives should not define the destiny of our children.”

Please give the gift of education this #GivingTuesday to the children of acid attack violence survivors in Uganda. For only \$50/month you can sponsor a child’s education.

*Acid Attack Violence Survivors, Peer Support Group*

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Fig 4: Giving Tuesday

### 7.5 Partnerships and Outreach

Partnered with Women’s Love Initiative (WOLI) and Slum Youth Rehabilitation and Development Organization (SYRADO) for a Christmas outreach program, supporting over 200 teenage mothers in Bwaise, Kampala. This gave survivors a platform to create awareness and have sense of belonging and worth in the community.



Fig 5: My Christmas gift outreach



## 8 SUCCESS STORIES



*" When I first received a call from CERESAV, my mother thought that they were scammers since most people that have been coming to me just use me for their own monetary gains from the public news. However, my instincts told me to go there and see them. I had to escape from my mother and come here not only to be part of the press conference, but to also get to know more about what CERESAV does. I am super excited and this has given me hope for myself and my children 's future. I 'm sure my mother will let me come again next time". Survivor Nakitto Rashida*

Fig 6:Survivor Nakitto Rashida while at the press conference



*" I want to thank CERESAV because I 'm going back home a happy man. Sharifah, thank you for taking good care of us, May God that gave you that kind heart keep enabling you to fight for us all always. We all still want to work but People don 't want to help us. We have no capital and no one can even borrow us food. However, right now I am very happy that I have a lot to say, but resist because I may end up being emotional with tears so thank you very much."*

Fig 7: Survivor Malinyi Enos at the press conference



*" I want to thank CERESAV. I was burnt in 2017, but CERESAV came up and gave me generous support in terms of medical treatments, surgeries, nutritional and monetary support. CERESAV moved with me and put me at a level no one expected because everyone thought I was going to die. I want to thank Hanifa for all the work you do and wherever you are, may God that makes you do whatever you do bless you with what you deserve. May God continue making you work more and may CERESAV go global for everyone to recognize the work it does for survivors of acid attack."*

Fig 8: Survivors Jane Kyazike at the Press Conference

Find more stories on this [Link](#).

We are aware that as we move into 2025 these success stories are not only possible because of your support and commitment to our cause. We truly appreciate your time and efforts that you have put into making a better life for survivors and their families.

## 9 2024 IN NUMBERS

In 2024, CERESAV reached over 50,000 people through the following engagements

Details	Numbers
Survivors supported	30
Children of Survivors under the Education fund	18
TV and Radio talk shows	20 hosts, over 50,000 views and impressions
Number of views on CERESAV YouTube Channel	180
Number of Participants for the 16 Days of Activism	130
Partners and CSOs that attended the International Human Rights	WOLI, NAC, SYRADO, Women Probono Initiative, Action for Youth Development, Path for Health, ICT for persons with Disabilities, Climate Smart Youth Action Network, Visionary Lady Foundation, Children of Uganda, Ugandan Supreme Court, Access Plus, Femme Forte, etc.
Media Houses CERESAV worked with	Spark TV, NBSTV, Salt TV, NTV, Salaam TV, Mama FM and NRG Radio, BBS TV
Participants during the My Christmas Gift event	Over 300 teenage mothers and community leaders
Blog posts (Nile post and Rosette Kyakyo)	2

## 10 IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Face Forward International	An organization that was founded on the principle that Survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and cruel acts should have access to surgical care and emotional counseling regardless of their level of income.
Without Exception Films	An independent filmmaker and production company whose aim is to create films that highlight social issues and injustices with a call to action.
SHUG!	A clothing Line that has supported CERESAV in implementing its programs whenever there's need
Network for Active Citizens	A Community-Driven Development and Advocacy organization working to amplify their voices to influence governance and Democratic issues.
Women's Love Initiative	WOLI is an effective human rights-based organization, empowering girls, youth and women to attain their full potential through community sensitizations.
Slum Youth Rehabilitation and Development Organization	A women led NGO that empowers adolescent girls, Youth & Women through vocational Skilling, GBV Prevention & mitigation, SDGs promotion, SRHR training.



## 11 FINANCE

Items	Income (\$)	Activities	Expenditure (\$)
Donations from Chase and Hannah	21000	Education Fund	7,400
		Office rent	3,600
		16 Days Campaign	10,000
Fundraising Efforts	2,800	Legal Processes	2,000
		Website design and development	600
		Initial preparation for 16 Days Campaign	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,800</b>		<b>23,800</b>

In 2025, CERESAV is committed to achieving the following strategic goals:

1. **Revamping Psycho-Social Support Sessions**
  - Enhancing the quality and reach of psycho-social support programs to better address the mental health and emotional well-being of acid attack and burn survivors.
2. **Economic Empowerment and Reintegration**
  - Strengthening initiatives aimed at economically empowering survivors, enabling them to reintegrate into the economy and regain financial independence.
3. **Comprehensive Research Publication**
  - Publishing a detailed research paper on acid attacks and burns violence, highlighting their prevalence, underlying causes, and the socio-economic impacts. This research will inform public policy and raise awareness about the issue.
4. **Fundraising and Resource Mobilization**
  - Intensifying fundraising efforts to expand support for survivors and sustain CERESAV's initiatives.

Additionally, CERESAV is exploring other specific projects for 2025, aligning with its mission to support survivors and advocate for systemic change. These may include:

- Expanding partnerships with local and international organizations to amplify impact.
- Developing survivor-led initiatives to encourage community-driven solutions.
- Advocating for stronger legislative measures to prevent acid violence and ensure justice for survivors.

These efforts aim to create a significant, lasting impact for survivors and contribute to ending acid violence in Uganda.

# Our Team



*Fig 9: Left: Executive Director, Kibirango Sharifah; right: Outreach coordinator, Nalumansi Margaret*



*Fig 10: Volunteer, Charles Kalanzi*