

# TFN Impact Report



<b>Name of your Organisation:</b>	Solar Links Initiative
<b>Name of the project TFN funded:</b>	Lighting Lives in West Nile Uganda
<b>Date Funded by TFN:</b>	13/06/2022
<b>Were you able to undertake your project as planned?</b>	Yes
<b>If no, please outline how the project has changed.</b>	
<b>Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?</b>	540 families in remote farming communities in the North of Uganda were each given a Sun King Pro 300 solar lighting kit, and this was exactly as was planned. Especially, educational outcomes for the children of these families improved along with health, hygiene and safety. Households contributed towards the cost of the lighting which formed the foundation of village savings and loans schemes which brought other contributions to households' well being, such as through the purchase of school uniforms, nutritious additions to diets, mattresses and other needed household objects, possibly including further solar lights. We have experience of the provision to comparable communities of solar lighting and benefits are also, in the same way, across all aspects of a family's life.
<b>What portion of the project did TFN fund?</b>	5%
<b>How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?</b>	Approximately 4,000 people, in these households
<b>How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?</b>	It is not possible to say, but it will have given the impetus to other families to work to receive similar benefit by participating in the successful, if demanding, Step-Up programme of which solar lighting is a component
<b>Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?</b>	No
<b>If yes, how much were you able to raise?</b>	
<b>Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?</b>	No
<b>If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?</b>	

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<p><b>Has the training you received from TFN better prepared you in pitching your organisation to potential funders?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Has TFN increased your capacity to raise further funds?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?</b></p>	<p>We wouldn't have been able to achieve our objectives without TFN funding</p>
<p><b>Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?</b></p>	<p>No major changes</p>
<p><b>Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?</b></p>	<p>I continue to be extremely grateful for the opportunity, experience and outcome. It is a great privilege to have been selected to take part. Thank you TFN, and all the team for the support, advice and thoughtfulness throughout the process.</p>
<p><b>Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?</b></p>	<p>Spending time working through, with TFN, the objectives of the project, how these would be achieved, how the outcomes would be measured, helped refine the case for support for this work which has greatly helped Solar Links Initiative in approaching other funders. More significantly, the value of the project to the project participants is well demonstrated in their various personal accounts provided by the organisation who delivered it, the Organisation for Community Action.</p>