

MISSION

EQUIPPING THE VULNERABLE
TO WALK IN FREEDOM FROM
LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES
AND EXPLOITATION THROUGH
EDUCATION, EMPOWERMENT,
AND MEDICAL RELIEF.



SOLE HOPE

CHANGING LIVES
FROM THE GROUND UP

Jiggers, the world's most neglected tropical disease, bring unimaginable suffering to millions in Eastern Africa. They steal the simple joys of walking, playing, and living a fulfilling life. But together, **we can rewrite this narrative.**

At Sole Hope, we're dedicated to **combating the jigger crisis** and bringing much-needed relief to those afflicted. With education, prevention and care at our core, **this is a fight we can win.**

Join us in this vital mission to end the plight of jiggers. Your support can **transform lives** and **restore the freedom to walk with hope.**



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WHAT ARE JIGGERS?

Jiggers are devastating parasites that have a profoundly negative impact on all aspects of people's lives, particularly affecting the most vulnerable. They are almost invisible at first, but once they burrow into the skin and start feeding on blood vessels, they swell with eggs and continue to infest the host. This results in infections that can lead to the **removal of limbs and infected areas**. In some extreme cases, it can even cause **death**. The pain they cause is severe and affects children's ability to go to school, adults' ability to perform daily tasks, and the elderly's independence.

However, the agony of jiggers goes beyond the physical pain. Due to cultural misconceptions, those affected are often considered cursed. This leads to isolation and social ostracism.

Children with jiggers are often hidden away and abused. This stigma adds a heavy emotional burden, turning the visible scars of jiggers into symbols of deeper, unseen wounds.

Affecting millions, this crisis is not just a medical issue but also a problem **widely overlooked by the government**. It is a **call to empathy and action** for the most vulnerable.

WHAT DOES SOLE HOPE DO?

At Sole Hope, we take a **comprehensive and holistic approach** in our fight against jiggers, addressing the issue from multiple angles to ensure **complete care** and prevention for those affected.

Weekly School and Community Clinics:

Our team washes the feet of hundreds of children, treats them for jiggers, educates on prevention, and provides durable shoes.

Residential Treatment Facility: Our center offers comprehensive care for severe jigger cases, including treatment, nourishment, education, and psychosocial support.

Community Education and Social Work:

We empower communities to prevent jiggers and support vulnerable families through education and resource connection.

Shoemaking: Our shoemaking initiative offers stable employment to Ugandan artisans, crafting durable shoes that prevent jiggers and foster community pride.

Government Hospital-Based Partner Clinics:

We partner with hospitals, doctors, and nurses to ensure prompt and effective treatment for jigger-infested individuals and address other medical needs.

Economic Empowerment Program:

Our program empowers women through self-help groups, fostering financial independence and self-sufficiency in community businesses.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Host a Shoe-Cutting Party:

You don't need crafty skills; you only need a compassionate heart to make an impact. **Visit solehope.org/party** to learn how to party with a purpose.

Sponsor Shoes and Treatment: With **just a \$35 donation**, you can profoundly impact a child's life in Uganda, providing **medical treatment, education, and protective shoes**. Consider also becoming a monthly giver to sustain our efforts and **extend your impact** throughout the year.

Raise Your Voice for Hope: Get involved with Sole Hope on social media to amplify our initiatives. Participate in awareness-building activities like a **barefoot walk** or a fun **Denim Dash 5K**. You can also create **birthday fundraisers** to spread the word and gather support.

Your engagement, in any form, is vital to our mission. Each step you take, whether in a fun run or online, contributes significantly to our **collective effort for change**.



DONATE NOW!

