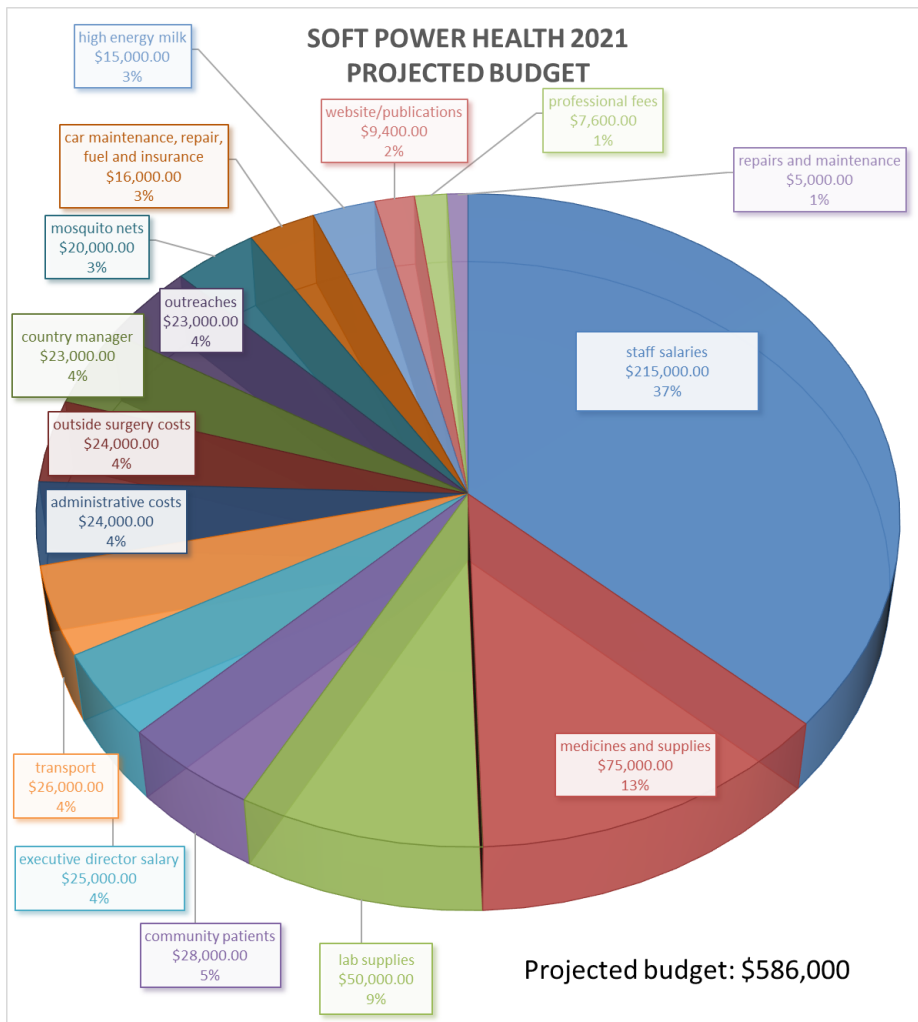


Soft Power Health Budget 2021-2022

Like many non-profits across the globe, Soft Power Health has faced some extraordinary challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic period. Since Soft Power Health has become the second largest deliverer of health care in our home district of Jinja, behind the regional referral hospital, more and more patients came to rely on us to provide essential lifesaving healthcare during the pandemic.



The Delta variant hit Uganda particularly hard, overwhelming an already broken government healthcare system and forcing healthcare providing organizations to pick up the slack. In particular, Soft Power Health set up a temporary covid testing and stabilization ward to help ill patients who were turned away from completely full hospitals. This was possible but also costly and no surprise, the Ugandan economy shut down alongside of the second Ugandan lockdown during the Delta outbreak, further decreasing the exchange rate of US dollars to Ugandan shillings.

The net overall effect has been that we need to raise more money to do the same work and even raise a bit more to keep the impromptu COVID-19 ward going! Hopefully, some of this will be reversed when vaccination arrives!!

With only 1.5% of the Ugandan population vaccinated, Uganda is very vulnerable to every variant that comes until herd immunity is reached. As always, your support is greatly appreciated and now more than ever!