



# VOLUNTARY ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT (VAD)



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# LIST OF ACRONYMS

CAT	Community Agricultural Trainers	NRM	National Resistance Movement
CHILD	Community Holistic Integrated Learning and Development	OD	Open Defecation
CMT	Community Monitoring Teams	PELUM	Participatory Ecological Learning Use Management
CRANE	Children at Risk network	PWDs	Persons with Disabilities
FOLD	Facilitating Organizational Learning and Development	RWHTs	Rain water Harvesting Tank
HIV	Human Immune Virus	SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
HURINET	Human Rights Network	SHC	School Health Clubs
HWF	Hand Washing Facility	SHEP	School Hygiene / Sanitation Education Programme
IDRF	International Development Relief Fund	SMC	School Management Committee
IEC	Information Education Communication	UN	United Nations
IMF	International Monetary Fund	UWASNET	Uganda Water and Sanitation Network
JAD	Just A Drop	VAD	Voluntary Action for Development
M.O.U	Memorandum of Understanding	VIP	Ventilated Improved Pit Latrine
MHM	Menstrual Hygiene Management	WASH	Water Sanitation and Hygiene
MRDF	Methodist Relief Development Fund [ All we Can]	WATSAN	Water And Sanitation
NGO	Non- Government Organization	WSC	Water and Sanitation Committee
		WUC	Water User Committee

# Message From The Executive Director



## **Benedict Male**

Executive Director,  
Voluntary Action for Development [VAD]

We stand at a precipice. For the first time in two decades extreme poverty has risen in the country due to the impacts of climate change compounded by COVID-19. To step back from the precipice and halt the decline from communities where we work, VAD must come up with an effective agenda to reduce inequality, poverty and climate change.

This is what we did this year, VAD tackled the root causes to end poverty, lack of access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene services, limited access to education opportunities, income, health and effective service delivery in the most vulnerable communities in Uganda. In the past year we scaled up to go further than ever before. We supported more than 96,727 beneficiaries with various services including improved access to WASH, livelihoods, access

to finance, education and health.

The platform for these efforts and achievement during the past year has been our new and recently launched strategic plan. We are driving innovation through cooperation, supporting teams to adapt and improve, employing both proven and new approaches to achieve greater impact. Most profoundly, the reach and delivery of our work is made possible because of the commitment of our staff who care deeply for our clients and build strong bonds of trust in the communities where they live and work.

The support and strong partnerships with our donors and funders particularly Just A Drop-UK, Signpost International-UK, Aid Link-Ireland, Friends of Uganda-Germany, Danish People's Aid through UWASNET and the dedication of board members assured us that we can continue to bring fullness of life to vulnerable communities in Uganda with opportunities to thrive even when hope was seemingly fading due to COVID-19 ravaging of the planet and human kind overall over the world.

On a sad note, I would like to bring to your attention the death of our board Chairperson Mr. Elidad Mukasa Ssebale who succumbed to COVID-19. May His Soul Rest in Eternal Peace. On the same note I would also like to introduce to your Mr. Fred Katongole who is the newly appointed Board Chairperson. He comes in with a wealth of experience and dedication to serve the organization and steer it to new heights.

We hope you are inspired and will join us as we seek to go even further than we have ever imagined together.



### **Katongole**

Chairperson, Board of Directors [BoD]  
Voluntary Action for Development [VAD]

## Message From the Chairperson

2021 has been a truly challenging and historic year, with the onslaught of COVID-19 and so many crises converging at once. Almost nine out of ten of Uganda's children were out of school because of the pandemic. A country hunger crisis put about 1.5 million people on the brink of famine across the Northern and Eastern parts of Uganda, millions were thrown out of employment, business collapsed and millions were thrown to abject poverty. At the same time both communicable and non-communicable diseases put the country's health sector at the standstill due to breakdown in the supply chain of medicines, limited access to safe water and sanitation, breakdown in the communication system to mention. Further still, the breakdown in the economic situation saw millions of the both young people and women totally unemployed.

However, VAD has been there throughout, keeping hope alive. Our staff across the two regions have empowered girls and boys, women and men and the vulnerable communities of Uganda to press for change in their own communities, amplifying their voices to be harder

for better service delivery. The achievements against this challenging backdrop have been remarkable. Even in the midst of COVID-19, we reached more than ninety six thousand (96,727) people in need of WASH, health, education and economic empowered services.

I am honored to take up the role of Chairman Board Governors for Voluntary Action for Development to lead a group of dedicated and distinguished men and women to steer the organization to new heights amidst new local, national and global challenges.

We cannot do this alone but partnerships remain key to our work. From our incredible volunteers, donors, international partners, local and Central Government in communities where we work to beneficiaries of our work throughout the country, these spectacular results we have achieved together are in plain sight in this report. The amazing work done by our VAD staff and family is truly inspirational and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

# Key Achievement for the Year 2021:

Over the last year, we have been able to reach a total of 96,727 beneficiaries which included school children, farmers, households, patients, teachers, SMT and PTA members directly with WASH services, health, livelihood services and improved access to education services through our projects across the three districts of Napak, Kapelebyong and Wakiso. The table below presents a summary of beneficiaries across our thematic interventions.



# COMMUNITY WASH



04

BOREHOLES UNITS  
CONSTRUCTED

54,630 PEOPLE SERVED



04

COMMUNITY WASH  
PROMOTION POSTERS

36 PEOPLE SERVED

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 54,666

# SCHOOL WASH



03 36

Schools | Stances

SCHOOL LATRINES  
(VIPS) CONSTRUCTED

1,218 PEOPLE SERVED



03 schools

SCHOOL WASH PROMOTION

Trained pupils, teachers and School Management Committees in School WASH best practices and their roles and responsibilities and in Operation & Maintenance

1,347 PEOPLE SERVED



04 schools

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE  
MANAGEMENT (MHM) TRAININGS

1,280 PEOPLE SERVED



04 schools

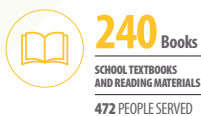
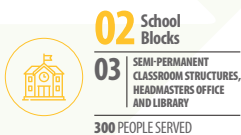
SELECTED AND TRAINED  
SCHOOL IN LIQUID SOAP MAKING

2,096 PEOPLE SERVED

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 5,941

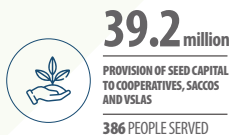


## EDUCATION



TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 1,723

## LIVELIHOODS



TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 2,498

# WASH IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES



**22** | CONSTRUCTED 2 LINED VIP LATRINES INCLUDING 2 STANCES FOR STAFF AND PATIENTS/CARE GIVERS  
4,200 PEOPLE SERVED



**04** | FERRO CEMENT TANK CONSTRUCTED 30,000 LTRS Galvanized stainless tank / hand washing Facility Constructed 2,000/5000 ltrs  
4,200 PEOPLE SERVED



**02** | CONSTRUCTED 2 WASH ROOMS FOR MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT  
1,500 PEOPLE SERVED



**01** | CONSTRUCTION OF 1 INCINERATOR FOR BURNING HEALTH MEDICAL WASTES  
1,500 PEOPLE SERVED



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**01** | CONSTRUCTED 1 SOLAR PUMPED BOREHOLE  
2,000 PEOPLE SERVED



**02** | HEALTH CENTRES Hygiene and sanitation education promotion  
4,000 PEOPLE SERVED



**04** | HAND WASHING FACILITIES (HWFs) CONSTRUCTED  
4,000 PEOPLE SERVED



**02** | WATER AND SANITATION COMMITTEES (WSC) FORMED AND TRAINED  
25 PEOPLE SERVED

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 23,625

# ADVOCACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE



**03** | 1 STUDY, 2 AGENCIES RESEARCH ON ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION  
250 PEOPLE SERVED



**02** | CHILD RIGHTS AWARENESS TRAININGS  
100 PEOPLE SERVED



**01** | CHILD RIGHTS AWARENESS OUTREACHES  
24 PEOPLE SERVED



**02** | 2 SETS (500 COPIES) PRODUCTION AND PRINTING PF CHILD RIGHTS AWARENESS IEC MATERIALS  
1500 PEOPLE SERVED

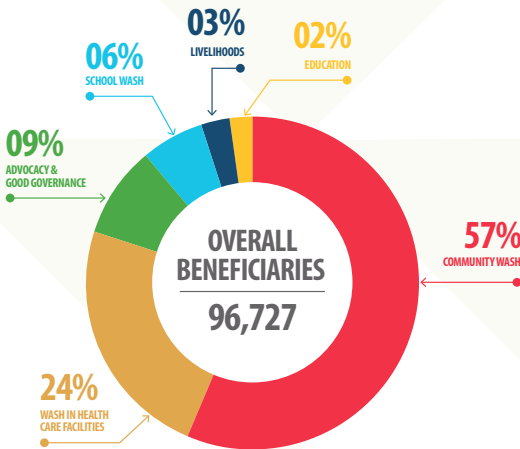


**02** | 2 PETITIONS, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LWABENGE SOLAR POWERED WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM  
2400 PEOPLE SERVED



**01** | LOBBIED FOR ONE (MOTORIZED) BOREHOLE AND EXTENSION OF WATER TO COMMUNITIES IN NAGURU FROM UGANDA MOSLEM SUPREME COUNCIL  
4000 PEOPLE SERVED

**TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 8,274**



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54,666	Community WASH
23,625	WASH in Health Care Facilities
8,274	Advocacy & Good Governance
5,941	School WASH
2,498	Livelihoods
1,723	Education



# FINANCES

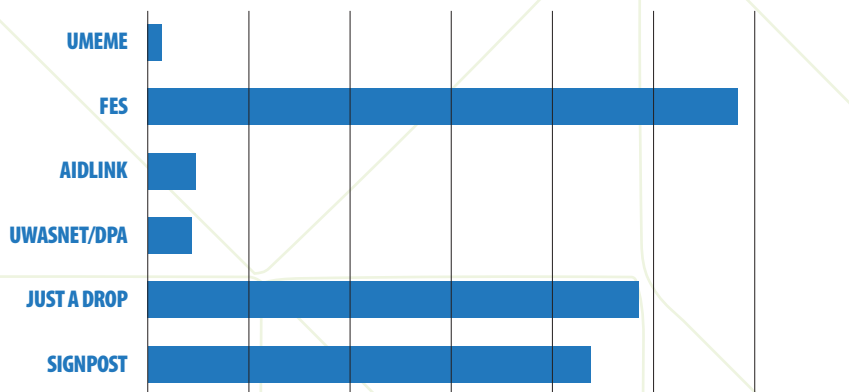
## Incomes, sources, expenditure and accountability

### Incomes

Due to COVID -19 pandemic, VAD finances took a nose dive from UGX 1,582,146,596/= to UGX 807,048,125/=. However we continue to be very grateful for all those donors who heeded to the call of COVID-19 and have continued to support us through the years. We give you one assurance that we shall continue to be accountable up to the last shilling and emphasize financial frugality while expending our resources to the benefit of the vulnerable communities we serve.

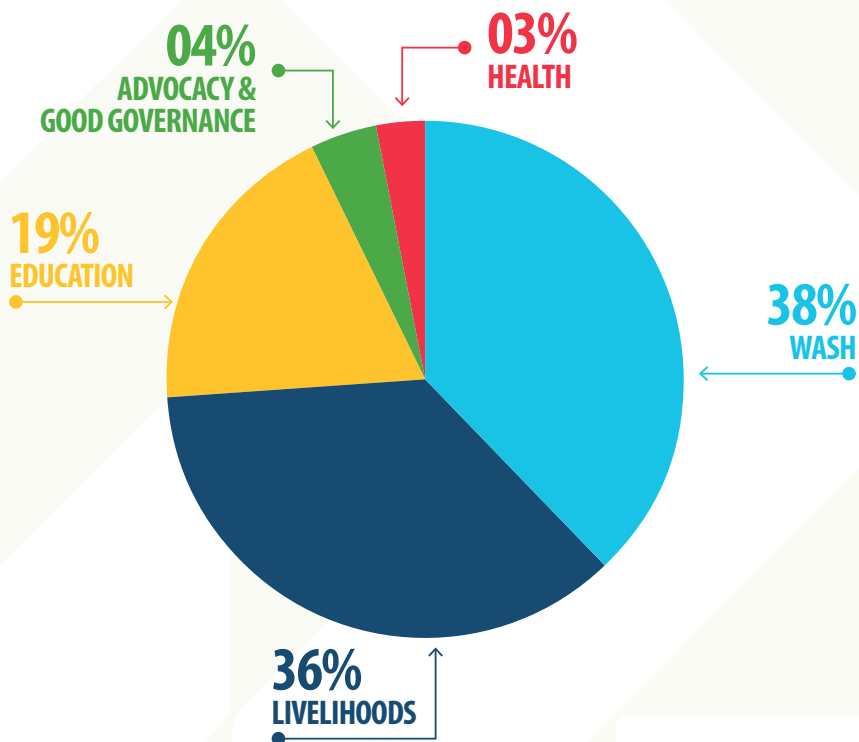
Our revenue sources for the financial year 2021 were generated from the following sources:

Figure 1: Revenue sources and amount in UGX (2021)



All your contribution was spent on improving people's lives in the following ways over the last year (2021).

Figure 2: Annual expenditure across thematic areas in UGX (2021)



# Our approaches summarized



Boreholes construction



IEC materials production and distribution



Water source rehabilitation



School water tanks construction (Ferro cement tanks of 30,000 liters)



Lined latrine construction (institutional)



Hand washing tanks in schools (3,000 liters)



Unlined latrines construction promotion (households)



Hygiene and sanitation education/ promotion at community, school and health centers.



Construction of Incinerators in schools and health centers



WASH advocacy and lobbying for equitable service delivery, accountability and transparency



Construction of Laundry areas in health centers



Formation and training of Water User Committees



Menstrual hygiene management (MHM) sensitization and training



Formation and training of School Health Clubs/ hygiene and sanitation promotion clubs



Formation and training Health Management Committees at Health Centers

# PARTNERSHIPS

As Voluntary Action for Development (VAD) aspires to deepen its impact, partnering is core to our work. We seek to collaborate and advocate for broader impact. With nearly 25 years' experience working in Ugandan communities, we have built strong partnerships international, national and locally with donor Agencies, Government Ministries, Departments, Authorities, Local Governments, cooperate organizations,

individual, partner NGOs and the communities in which we work.

Voluntary Action for Development wishes to acknowledge and express appreciation to our funding partners listed below for their continued commitment to improve the lives of Uganda's most vulnerable populations.

## AIDLINK



# WE ARE VOLUNTARY ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT (VAD)

Established in 1996, Voluntary Action for Development (VAD) is a non-profit, indigenous, Non-governmental Organization registered by the Ministry of Internal Affairs Re: No: S.1594/1709.



## Our Vision

A Healthy and Vibrant self-reliant community



## Our Mission

A developing Organisation that empowers poor communities to be self-reliant through health, education, livelihood and advocacy interventions.



## Our values



### Team work:

Being helpful and supportive to one another in ways that enable success of the whole team.



### Accountability:

Responsibility taking and faithfulness in working with organizational values, purposes and resources



### Commitment:

Adhering to essential organization principles, guidelines, and timely delivery of quality work and services.



### Love and Respect:

Respect for oneself and caring for the needs of others.

# How we Work:

VAD works with local communities, partners and institutions to facilitate them to break the cycle of poverty for the last 25 years. We work towards delivering services that are appropriate, integrated, informed and sustainable in the communities where we work.

## Who do we Serve:

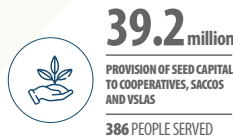
VAD works towards improving the livelihoods of the poor and marginalized communities in Uganda with special focus on children, women, youth, elderly and persons with disabilities.

## Our strategic Focus:

Focused exclusively on improving livelihoods of rural poor and disadvantaged communities through water, hygiene and sanitation improvement, Sustainable Agriculture promotion, Agri-business, Advocacy and lobbying, Relief aid, Rural Micro credit scheme and the family economic empowerment

# Strategic areas

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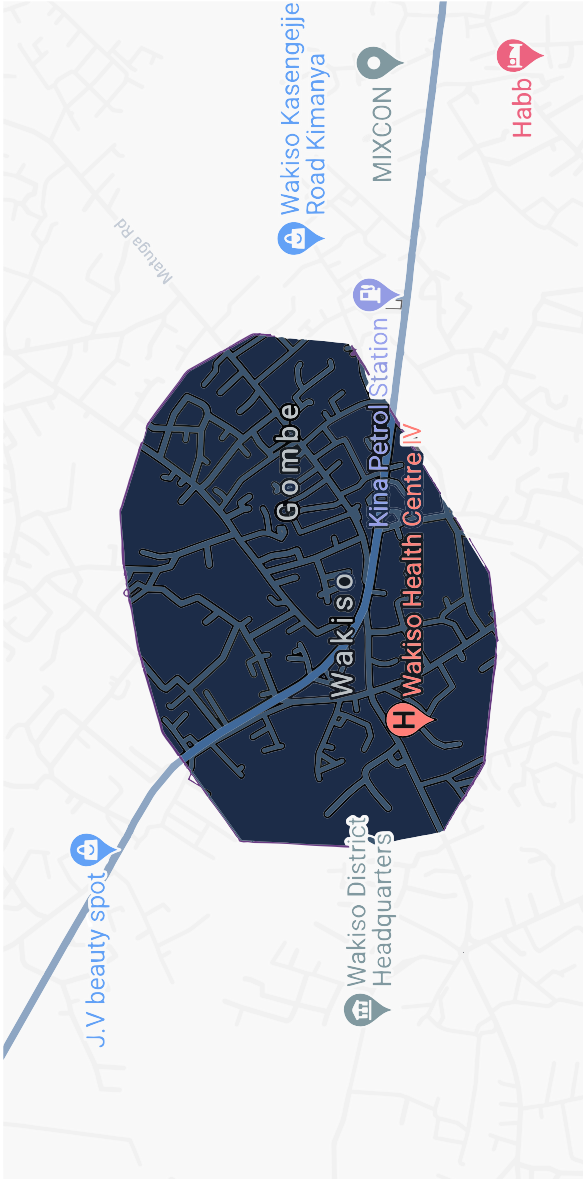
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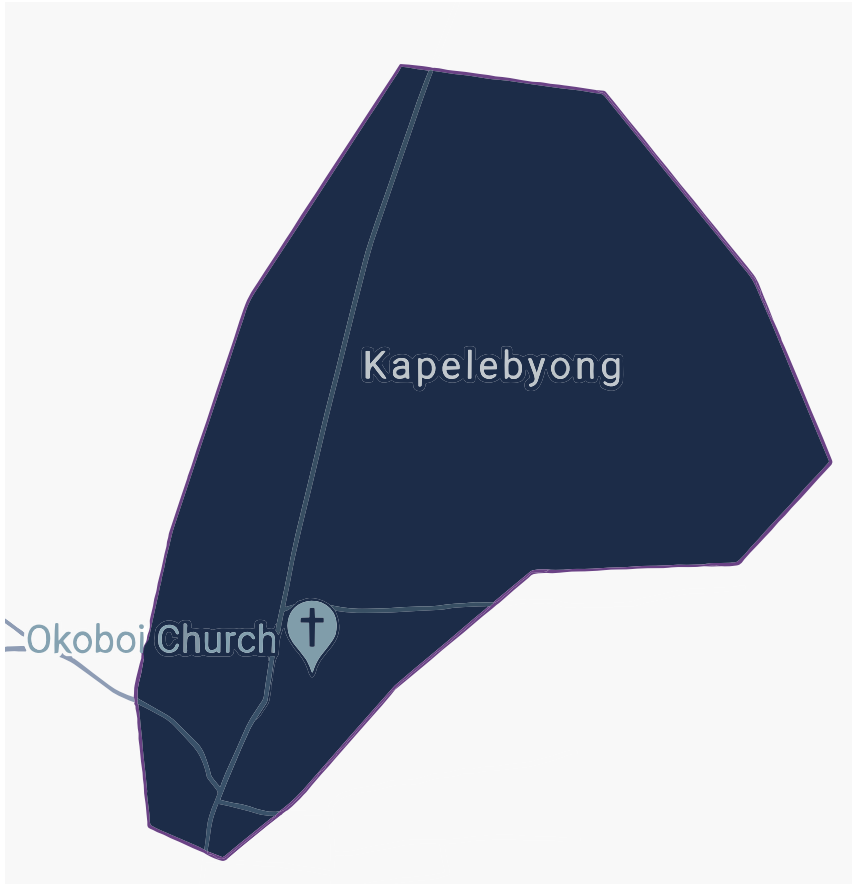
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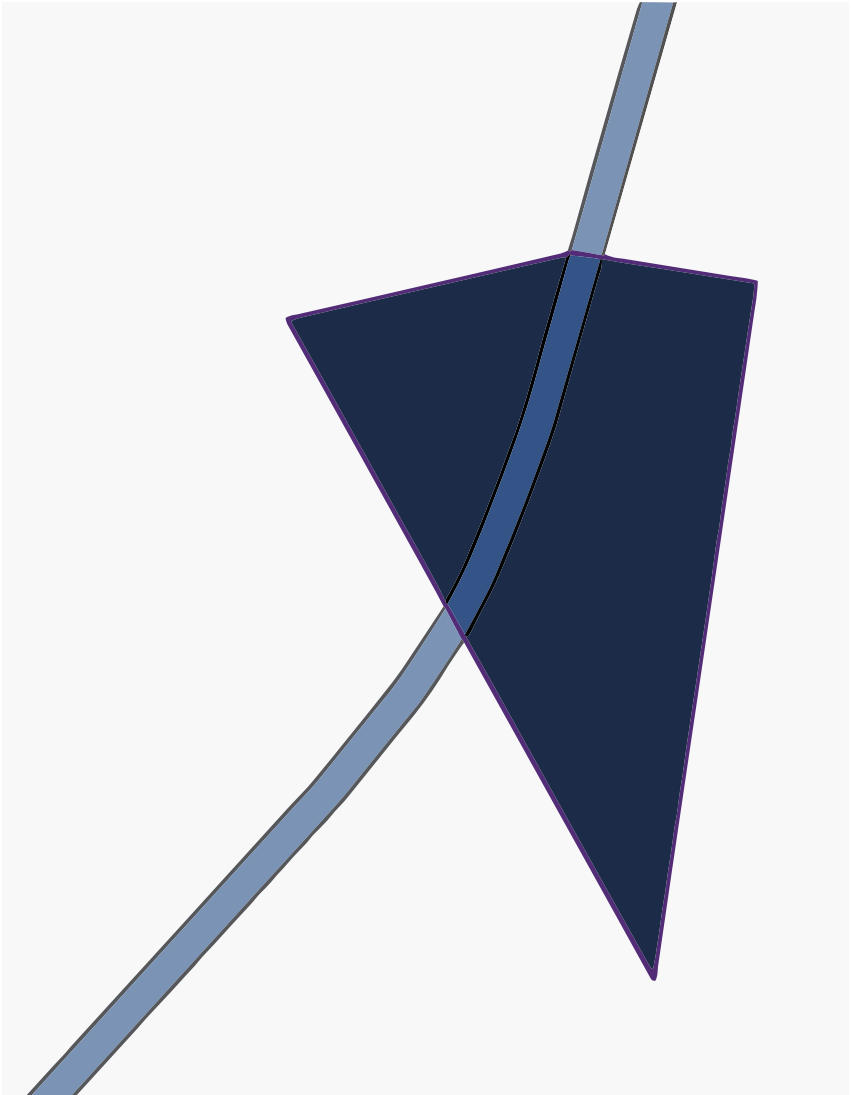
# Operation areas



Map of wakiso district



Map of Kapelebyong district



*Map of Napak district*





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