Introduction
This project was implemented in order to assess the nutritional status of pediatric patients at Soroti Regional Referral Hospital. According to the Uganda Health and Demographic Survey of 2016 (UHDS 2016), the frequency of severe malnutrition (-3 SD or less) in the sub-region surrounding Soroti is 3.3% stunting, 0.4% underweight, and 0.3% wasting. The aim of this research is to quantify the magnitude of discrepancy between the nutritional Z-scores of pediatric patients (ages 6 months to 5 years) at SRRH, and those recorded in UHDS 2016. We assessed demographic factors, food and water security, and the patient’s reason for admission.

Methods
Anthropometrics assessed were height, weight, sex, age, mid upper-arm circumference (MUAC), and bipedal edema. A survey of patient pathology, demographics, and food security was conducted at SRRH in July 2018. Results Data was gathered from 99 patients. Severe stunting was seen in 25.6% of patients, severe weight deficiency was seen in 24.7% of patients, and severe wasting was seen in 19.1% of patients. 74% of guardians said their children were missing key foods, the most common of which were milk, eggs, and meat. 50% of patients were concerned that their drinking water was unclean. The median family income was 41,000 UGX (14.15 CAD) per month, and the median family size was 8.

Conclusions
Severe malnutrition is a significant concern at SRRH, and is in need of systemic addressing. Patients from families earning less than 41,000 UGX per month are more often stunted and underweight.

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