

ACTION IN AFRICA

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Activities

Objects: The relief of poverty, sickness and distress in Africa and the advancement of education through sponsorship, in particular, in the communities of Nyaishozi & Mtandika, regardless of faith, colour and ethnicity.

Activities: Sponsoring of education for those who otherwise would be unable to afford it. This ranges from kindergarten to university. Promotion of healthcare and economic development.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** AFRICA AND IN PARTICULAR IN THE NYAISHOZI CATHOLIC PARISH IN THE RULENGE DIOCESE OF TANZANIA.
- Tanzania
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£63,067	£60,097	-	-
2024-04-05	£39,931	£42,761	-	-
2023-04-05	£67,925	£48,828	-	-
2022-04-05	£31,558	£23,612	-	-
2021-04-05	£37,291	£33,415	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
tina rayburn	Chair	2025-03-16
CAROLYN JANE HIGGS		2014-05-01
Kay McGregor		2026-02-19
Michael Agius		2025-03-17
Michael Edward Andrews		2015-04-02

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2024-25



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The Chairman's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present Action in Africa's Annual Report, which sets out for our supporters and the general public what we have achieved in the past twelve months, and our future plans.

Nyaishozi

2024 has been such an exciting year for Nyaishozi. We would like to begin by thanking the Hilden Charitable trust who donated £5,000 to our appeal to raise funds to refurbish a classroom. The classroom is to be repurposed to provide a resource room for female students with varying disabilities at Ruhinda Secondary School.

City of London Freeman's School is the first UK School to ever visit Nyaishozi. Headmaster and Nyaishozi Action in Africa General Secretary, Mr Ambruce, insisted on hosting the students at Ruhinda Secondary School. Ruhinda teacher and Nyaishozi Action in Africa committee member, Jovinus, acted as guide and chaperone for three weeks, while CLFS and Guildford High School worked on projects that they, themselves had raised funds for, back in the UK. Every Action in Africa supported Nyaishozi school participated in the programme and benefited from these groundbreaking trips. Besides working on long drop toilets, (pictured right), the refurbishments of classrooms and dormitories, the UK visitors found time to erect goal posts, organise friendly football and netball matches and take part in an impromptu choir practice (see the pictures below and overleaf).





In addition, we are delighted to announce that the visitors did not arrive empty handed but came with enough feminine hygiene kits to accommodate 1400 schoolgirls over five secondary schools! Pictured below is one of the Nyakasimbi Secondary School girls with her feminine hygiene kit.



Hand carrying this quantity of kits was no mean feat and we would like to thank Adventure Lifesigns Group, the trip organisers, for ensuring that the kits arrived in Nyaishozi safely. Consequently, this huge initiative was very successful and means the world to our Nyaishozi girls.

The visitors' schedule was hectic, but they still managed to visit the local dispensaries and health centres. We had to include this great photo of CLFS with former Action in Africa student, committee member and midwife Rebecca. We would like to thank Ashley Bate who can be seen holding Rebecca's beautiful baby girl, Mercy. Ashley kindly consented to her photos being allowed for use by Action in Africa.



To capture the achievements of the UK teenagers who visited Nyaishozi, we sent Japhet Mushi to film the completed projects after the visitors had departed. Japhet is a graduate of Film and Media

from Dodoma University. The faculty is headed by former Action in Africa student Mary Venance. She was thrilled to put Japhet forward to do all the filming for us. He is pictured left being ambushed by our kindergarten pupils who couldn't resist getting in on the action!



Jeules Philbert, pictured above, joined the Action in Africa family 7 years ago. She had lost both parents to AIDS. We have sponsored her through secondary school and university. She recently graduated and now has a diploma in Nursing and Midwifery. We are so proud of her and wish her every success in her career.



While Jeules is ending her university experience, Sala Joseph (pictured above) is just beginning. Sala, an Action in Africa sponsored student since 2019, is now an undergraduate at Mzumbe University, studying Human Resource Management. We are delighted with what she has already achieved.



We were delighted to announce that Adam Brooks, Deputy Head at St. Andrew's Secondary School Leatherhead, is our London Marathon runner 2025. He ran for us way back in 2015, raising a staggering £3,000. He is pictured above left with his medal. We have every confidence that he will beat that total next year.



Action in Africa launched our fundraising appeal for 2025. We are raising funds to provide rainwater harvest tanks for Kajunguti and Ihembe Secondary Schools as part of our Clean Water For Schools Campaign. We visited both schools in 2023 and were appalled by the condition of the tanks in use. They were in a dreadful state of decay, with covers crumbling into the tanks and ridden with mosquitos. Students were still using the fetid water to wash and worse, drink. Father Hans oversaw the construction of such a tank for Rugu Secondary School in 2022 – it was one of his first major Action in Africa projects on arriving as the new parish priest. He is picture above with Rugu headmaster Mr. Ezekia. Fr Hans was visiting his home in Austria at the time of the launch and was able to be present for it here in the UK. It was so good to have him at such a relevant time. He is pictured below with trustees and their spouses and friends of the charity Tim Forder, John and Alison Morgan and Fr Chris, Parish priest of St. Michael's Ashted. Treasurer Carolyn Higgs was celebrating her mum's 100th birthday that day so could not attend.





Rebecca, our resident Nyaishozi midwife and Action in Africa committee member has been instrumental to the success of the Action in Africa Incubator Appeal and is seen pictured left with the new incubator at Rugu dispensary. Pictured centre is the incubator at Ihembe Dispensary and pictured right is the incubator at Rubale, both delivered in February 2025. When we started the appeal at Christmas 2022, there were no incubators in the Nyaishozi region of Tanzania. Now the appeal is complete – every dispensary in the area has this life saving piece of equipment.



Every year around Christmas time, we send £700 to Fr Hans so that he can buy emergency food supplies and distribute them to the most vulnerable in the community. Pictured above is Sr Xaverina, pictured right, with the recipients.



Over two hundred pieces of computer equipment have already been delivered to Nyaishozi (pictured above right). They are to be distributed to our six secondary schools and village hub (being purpose built, pictured above left). Action in Africa has partnered with Computer Aid to digitise the education system at our six secondary schools and provide technology access to Nyaishozi village by way of a

computer village hub. Computer technicians will be trained for each school and the community computer hub – courtesy of Computer Aid, who send teachers from the U.K. We would like to thank Keith Sonnet, Chief Executive of Computer Aid International for sticking with this project and working tirelessly to secure the huge amount of funding required. The community of Nyaishozi would also like to extend to him their extreme gratitude. It will change their lives. Mr Ambruce, Action in Africa General Secretary and Ruhinda Seocndary School headmaster, is pictured below checking the Computer Aid shipment after its arrival at Nyaishozi. He is also pictured below right with Fr Hans and sorting the electric sockets for the classroom computer hub.



Sister Xaverina, pictured below second right, has been unsung hero of Action in Africa. Her local knowledge has been crucial to our success in Nyaishozi over the last two decades. She has worked hard alongside both Fr Vitalis and Fr Hans. Her contribution to the charity has been invaluable. We are so sad to see her leave Nyaishozi but know that she will do great work in her new parish. Thank you for everything you have done for us Sr. Xaverina!



We would like to welcome Sr Albina, pictured below, to the Action in Africa family. She has taken over from Sr Xaverina – they are big shoes to fill, but we are sure that she is up to the task.



Julianus Lucas, pictured below, is the latest addition to the Action in Africa family. He is 16 years old and a diligent student at Ruhinda Secondary School. His mother struggles to provide for him and his siblings. His father has passed away.



When checking on the attendance of our secondary sponsored secondary school students we found Irene Leonidas to be absent. Further investigation found that not only had she been pregnant, but she had already given birth. This situation brought to light the plight of teenage schoolgirls, who after having a baby, are no longer welcome back at school. To help these girls acquire skills which can be used to raise money for their families, we set up a Young Mothers' Support Project.



Irene Leonidas and Siima Yustace on their first day at 'Baby's sewing school.

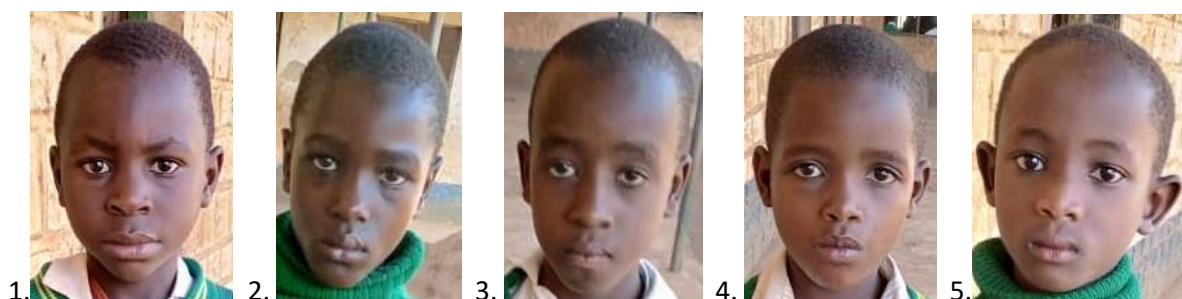
Still in its infancy, we are funding the training of two young mums at the local sewing school. The sewing and tailoring course will last for six months. On completion, the girls will be given sewing machines and six months rent on a shop in the village, as well as materials to start up their business. During the time that they are studying, the girls will also receive money for food and the local midwife will call monthly on the family to ensure that the babies are not suffering while their mothers study.



In addition, we are supporting single mothers whose children are a little older. We have partnered with the charity World Villages for Children, a U.K. charity which funds Kiluvya Training College, just outside Dar es Salaam. Kiluvya runs six-month vocational courses for single mothers whose children are old enough to be looked after by a family member whilst mum is away studying I.T., Solar Electrics and Needlework. To ensure that the children are being well looked after, regular health checks are made, and a small food allowance is provided. The first two participants of this course are Avirath January and Edina Deogratia, pictured above, waiting to board the coach that will take them to Dar es Salaam and at their sewing machines at the college. Kiluvya also provides support in finding employment when the young ladies have completed their vocational courses.

We took on the sponsorship of five new students at Nyaishozi Primary School. Aged between 6 and 8 years old, each child has their own challenges, but poverty is an issue that all their families suffer. We will sponsor these children until they decide to leave formal education. They are:

1. Daniel Yohana,
2. Eradius Mapinduzi
3. Iram Graison
4. Jerevines Jovith
5. Leath Lucas



A brilliant time was had by all who attended our annual Quiz Night at St Michael's Hall. (Pictured below). It was full to the rafters of quizzers, keen to win, but after intense competition, it was Stranger Things who took the brainbox crown. A staggering £1,660 was raised! Every penny will go towards our Clean Water for Schools Campaign, to construct a rainwater harvest tank at Ihembe Secondary School. A big thank you to Carolyn, our treasurer, who did such a great job organizing the event and to her partner Mike, who was a brilliant quizmaster.



Looking forward to the spring of 2025, we are eager for the completion of the computer project – which will see six Nyaishozi secondary schools with their own computer classrooms and a community computer hub. In addition, it will be great for the disabled female students at Ruhinda Secondary School to enjoy their own resource room. Also, we can't wait for our young mothers to set up their very own business in the village and start providing for themselves and their families.

Mtandika

St Agnes Vocational Training College

2024/2025 has been another excellent year for St Agnes Vocational Training College at Mtandika. The college continues to be registered with the Tanzanian Government's National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET).

As well as the long-established Tailoring and Electrical courses, the Hotel Management course is well into its second year. An inspection by NACTVET in early 2025 gave a very good report on the progress of the new course.

College management remains as last year. The Principal is Sister Damiana Kikoti, the Vice Principal is Shabani Bilaly and the Bursar is Sister Restituta Msemwa. The teachers are also as last year, with Shabani Bilaly (Vice Principal) the teacher of Electrical Engineering and Engineering Science, Peter Madeba as teacher of English and Communications, Technical Drawing and Life Skills, Yohana Mtagawa as teacher of Computer Studies and Mathematics and Sylvia Mfalomagoha as teacher of Tailoring, Business Studies and Entrepreneurship. The teacher for the Hotel Management course remains Christina Mwinuka.

In 2024 there were twenty-nine students, eleven on the Electrical course with nine in Year 1 and two in year 2; twelve on the Tailoring course with eleven in Year 1 and one in Year 2; and six on the first year of the Hotel Management course. In 2025 the total number of students has increased substantially to forty-nine. There are eighteen on the Electrical course, with nine in Year 1 and nine in Year 2; sixteen on the Tailoring course, with five in Year 1 and eleven in year 2; fifteen on the Hotel Management course; with nine in Year 1 and six in Year 2.



Practical electrical work



Electrical practical exam



Hotel Management students in the Canteen

Exam Results

VETA have reported that the exam results from St Agnes VTC for 2024 continued to be excellent. Their local Manager once again congratulated the teachers on achieving such good results.

The photo below shows some of the 2024 graduates who are now working for TANESCO, the State Electrical Company, who have formed their own soccer team.



Medical Problems

At an inspection of the college by VETA in March 2025, the college authorities were informed of a big problem countrywide with MPOX, which originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zambia and Malawi. It had now arrived in Tanzania. The problem is increasing in the local villages because sometimes students request lifts from HGV drivers from Congo to Tanzania who have been in contact with the disease. Doctors have already gone to the local schools to advise the students how to protect themselves from the disease and give each student a vaccination. Despite this, even in Mtandika village cases had been noticed.

Cases of MPOX included two of our sponsored students at the local Lukosi Secondary School. This resulted in their bodies being covered in a violent rash of blisters, along with fever, headache, muscle aches, backache, swollen glands, and exhaustion. After a period of isolation and a course of medication, the students recovered.



Student Veronica with MPOX

The VETA Manager told the college staff and students that they should be very careful and follow the following precautions:

1. The toilets to be kept clean and safe
2. Bottles of water should be kept in all toilets
3. Everyone should wash their hands all the time.
4. People should keep a distance from each other.
5. Other people's items should not be handled.

Apart from the two cases of MPOX, there were several cases of mild disease throughout the year, generally from drinking water that had not been suitably purified. It was stressed to the college staff that all the water used around the college should at least be boiled.

Apart from the above medical conditions, students have needed medical treatment for extraordinary incidents such as crocodile attacks whilst collecting water from the river and several bus accidents whilst travelling to and from college. It was stressed to students that extra care must always be taken when working near the river.



Crocodile attacks in the river



Students involved in bus accidents

College Rehabilitation

This year only fairly minor rehabilitation work has been required around the college. The work has included:

- re-concreting of patches in classroom floors
- re-placement of curtains to dormitories
- tiling to the boy's toilets
- new doors to the teachers' and boys' toilets
- replacing some old solar panels
- re-wiring after electrical short circuits following power surges
- repair of the maize milling machine



New curtains in dormitory



Replacing roof sheets



Toilet block before rehabilitation



Replacing solar panels



Rehabilitation of main student stove

Cultivation of Crops

Students have continued to assist in the growing of staple crops, such as maize, cassava, rice, beans, onions, tomatoes, bananas and papayas. New crops such as macadamia nuts and okra have also been grown. This year there has again been plenty of rain which has resulted in multiple healthy crops. However, as last year, a small amount of damage has again occurred to the maize from monkeys, necessitating the erection of fencing around the crop and to the beans, cassava and papaya, as a result of elephants crossing the nearby river onto college land.



Young maize



Macadamia nuts



Beans



Onion Store

Fundraising

A drop in the dollar/pound exchange rate in 2025 has benefited the Charity. As in previous years, whilst two thirds of the College students pay annual tuition fees of TSh 700,000, about £200 at current exchange rates, ten of the forty-nine College students who are orphans or from very poor families are sponsored by TWOAT [Tadworth Overseas Aid Trust] and four by a private donor. **In addition to supporting college students, TWOAT continue to supplement the teachers' salaries and have also been instrumental in the setting up of the Hotel Management course with support for the additional teacher and students.**

In addition to TWOAT's generous donations, fundraising continues to come from Benevity, the charity arm of the Bank of Canada, as well as many personal donors. In addition, proceeds from regular cake and jam sales have provided much needed funds. We continue to receive generous, regular donations from individual sponsors.

All income helps with the general running of St Agnes VTC, as well as the education of eight Secondary School students, one student studying for a degree at university and two students taking short VETA vocational courses. All of these are either orphans or from very poor families.

Thanks

As Chairman, I would like to thank the Trustees who sat on the Action in Africa board this year, Tina Rayburn (Vice Chairwoman), Carolyn Higgs (Treasurer) and Michael Andrews for all their hard work. I really feel that the Charity continues to make a marked difference to the lives of so many people living in the Nyaishozi and Mtandika areas of Tanzania.

Having been Chairman for some time and with increasing old age, I thought it was time for me to hand over the reins to Tina, whilst remaining a Trustee.

Michael Agius,

Chairman

ACTION IN AFRICA (Charity No. 1072661)

Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 5 April 2025

Receipts

General Fundraising	£20,827
Donations received	£38,421
Gift Aid receipt	£3,558
Bank interest	£261
Total	£63,067

Costs

Administration (Tanzania)	£0
Administration (UK)	£589
Cash transfer costs	£1,015
Fundraising expenses	£1,330
Total	£2,934

Net Income **£60,133**

Payments to beneficiaries

Education	£20,351
Development	£18,229
Health, including Incubators	£21,517
Total	<u>£60,097</u>

Funds at 6 April 2024 **£30,333**

Excess of receipts over payments for the year £36

Funds at 5 April 2025 **£30,369**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 5 April 2025

Assets	Total	£30,369
Liabilities	Total	£0

Note to the accounts:

Net Fundraising

Quiz	£1,660
Jams/Cakes sales	£2,350
Marathons 2024/2025	£5,653
Give as you Live, Easy Fundraising, BCMY recycling	£104
Church Christmas collection	£761
CLFS, Guildford High and ALG	£8,969
Total	<u>£19,497</u>

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Action in Africa

I report on the accounts of Action in Africa for the year ended 5th April 2025, which are set out in pages 16 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts provide a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

Have not been met or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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28th July 2025

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The Chairman's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present Action in Africa's Annual Report, which sets out for our supporters and the general public what we have achieved in the past twelve months and our future plans. With the Covid crisis now behind us, we have at last been able to visit Nyaishozi. It was the first time to meet Father Hans since he became chairman of the Action in Africa committee and the first time for us to meet not only our Y1 intake at our primary schools, but also our trustees. It was a great trip and we can't wait to share it with you, as well as all the other news of 2023 and 2024.

Nyaishozi

Sourcing the incubators funded by our Christmas Appeal 2022 took a lot of our time, with a reliable Tanzanian distributor only being discovered late 2023. Now that one was found, the procurement of the incubators could begin in earnest.



Two incubators were delivered to Nyaishozi late 2023. The first went to Nyaishozi dispensary and the second to Kibogoizi. They were both put to work immediately, with twin boys being born at midnight on Christmas Eve at Nyaishozi dispensary (pictured below left) and at Kibogoizi dispensary, 12 babies requiring use of the incubator intensive care facility within the first few weeks of its arrival (pictured below right). We must thank St Mark’s Overseas Aid Trust for providing the funds to purchase the incubator at Nyaishozi and the Randal Charitable Foundation and the Oakdale Trust who donated the funds for the Kibogoizi incubator.



2023 was dominated by our trip to Nyaishozi – a very exciting time for us to meet everybody and check in with all our projects. The presbytery, Father Hans’ home, is next to the kindergarten. This little preschool has always been supported by Action in Africa – the Nyaishozi committee members send their children there, (pictured below with Father Hans and Sister Xaverina). It provides a childcare service for professionals that is rare in elsewhere in Nyaishozi.



While there we also visited our sponsored primary school children at Nyaishozi Primary School (pictured below) to give them gifts of teeshirts, (provided by St Andrew’s Catholic School, Leatherhead), underwear (kindly provided by Smalls for All) and Chelsea shirts, donated by Chelsea football club.



While at the primary school, we were able to sign off on our Maize for School dinners project which, if successful, should provide a maize gruel lunch for all 1071 children during term time. Pictured below are labourers preparing the school ground allocated for the maize crop, left and Nyaishozi Primary teacher and Action in Africa trustee Evaster with the maize ready for harvest.



In addition to our Maize for School Lunches project, we also ran a feminine hygiene course for the older female students at the school. Some girls can be as old as 16 before they graduate to secondary school. The kits we provide are washable and if cared for properly can last up to five years. We extended this initiative to Kasheshe Primary School, pictured below – a school which we began supporting in January 2023.





Pictured above are our Y1 intake 2024 at Kasheshe Primary School. We will support these children until they decide to leave formal education.



Besides supporting primary school pupils, we sponsor secondary school students. We enjoyed catching up with all our secondary schools during our visit. In particular, we spent time at Ruhinda Secondary School where our Nyaishozi General Secretary, Mr Ambruce Abel, is headmaster (pictured right) and Jovinus, a teacher at the school and also a trustee on Nyaishozi committee is pictured left.

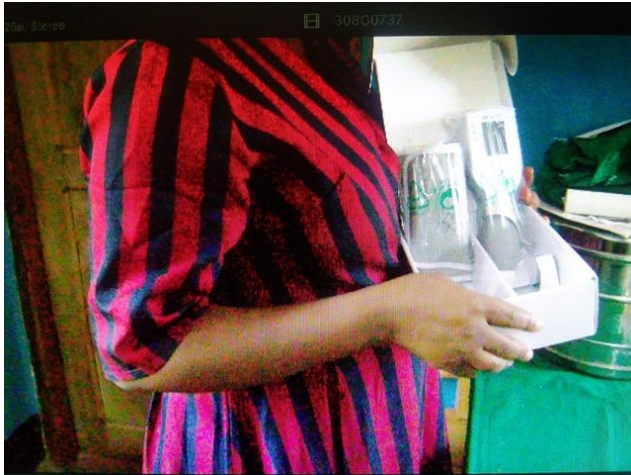
Ruhinda Secondary School accommodates 77 girls with varying disabilities. The Tanzanian government has constructed a purpose built dormitory to meet their physical needs. However, there are no funds to cater for the girls academically and currently they are sitting in on mainstream lessons. While visiting the school, we were dazzled by an outstanding dance performance put on by the female students. It was only later that we were informed all the girls participating were in fact deaf.



It was then we decided to launch an appeal to raise funds to refurbish a derelict classroom (pictured below, left and right) to accommodate 71 female students who have varying disabilities. Our aim is to raise enough funds to equip the classroom with education aids and materials and medical assessment equipment. This is our Christmas Appeal 2023.



Besides hand carrying washable feminine hygiene kits and gifts for our sponsored children, we also took two blood pressure machines which work on a traffic light system and are easy to use. They indicate preeclampsia – a life threatening condition for pregnant woman. Pictured below in the hands of our resident Nyaishozi midwife, Rebecca Didas and at Kibogoizi dispensary, these machines were designed and donated by Ashtead resident Rachel Tribe – Professor of Maternal and Perinatal Science. We would like to thank Rachael for her generosity.



Currently, we have four students studying at university, three of whom are female. Summer 2023 was the first time we were able to arrange work experience for our undergraduates. Through Rebecca we were able to organize internships for Jeules Philbert (pictured left) and Albina Alphonse (pictured on the left of Rebecca). Both girls are studying midwifery. Bibiana Patrice (pictured right on the last day of her work experience) is studying Law and secured work at Kayanga District Court through a former Action in Africa sponsored student.



We have been partnered for a few years with Computeraid – a charity which reconditions computers and laptops and creates computer hubs in schools and villages in third world countries. We are delighted that Keith Sonnet, the Computeraid CEO, has secured funding to digitalise Nyaishozi secondary schools and providing a village community computer hub. Below are photos of the Computeraid technicians hard at work, below left and the Computeraid warehouse, below right.



Each school will receive 25 computers, a router, printer, projector and screen. Computeraid will also run a training programme for teachers and staff at the village hub, as well as providing laptops for our midwives at Nyaishozi dispensaries. This is a huge step forward for education in Nyaishozi and will at last allow students to access the internet.



Our annual quiz night was very well attended – with everybody enjoying the new format presented by quizmaster Duncan. As expected, our treasurer, Carolyn Higgs, organised a brilliant evening with the fish and chip supper going down a storm. It was lovely to see so many of our regular supporters there. ‘Chilled’ and ‘7 Samurai’ shared the brainbox prize. A staggering £1663 was raised.



Kahanga clinic took possession of their very first incubator (pictured above left) in addition to Ruhita (pictured above right). These two dispensaries took precedence over other, busier medical centres. Midwife Rebecca, who has been overseeing the project, advised us that these two clinics were in most need, being the most remote of all the Nyaishozi dispensaries.

2024 promises to be another busy year for Nyaishozi, with another four incubators on order for deliver, two UK schools set to visit Nyaishozi in the summer and the Computeraid partnership moving swiftly ahead.

Mtandika

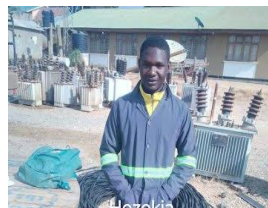
St Agnes Vocational Training College

2023/2024 has been another excellent year for St Agnes Vocational Training College at Mtandika. formally known as the Mtandika Trade School. The college continues to be registered with the Tanzanian Government’s National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET).

The highlight of early 2024 was the establishment of a third main course in Hotel Management, alongside the long established Tailoring and Electrical courses. Tourism has always been a major money earner for Tanzania and it has been obvious for many years that there was a need for training of staff employed in this industry. In fact a canteen block was constructed before Sister Barberina tragically died in 2019, with the intention that a course would be established. Now, with generous donations from sponsors, the Canteen/Classroom has been fully equipped and a teacher employed. So in January the course started with six students. A recent inspection by NACTVET congratulated all involved with setting up the course and the fact that practical work was carried out in the Canteen, which was open to the general public.

The college management remains as last year, with the addition of the teacher for the Hotel Management course, Christina Mwinuka. The Principal is Sister Damiana Kikoti, Vice Principal Shabani Bilaly and Bursar, Sister Restituta Msemwa. The teachers are also as last year, with Shabani Bilaly as Vice Principal and teacher of Electrical Engineering and Engineering Science, Peter Madeba as teacher of English and Communications, Technical Drawing and Life Skills, Yohana Mtagawa as teacher of Computer Studies and Mathematics and Sylvia Mfalamagoha as teacher of Tailoring, Business Studies and Entrepreneurship. The consistency of the management and teaching staff is a great advantage for the success of the college.

In 2023 there were twenty four students, nineteen of the students being on the Electrical Installation course and five on the Tailoring course. Of the twenty four students, twenty one graduated at the end of 2023, seventeen students from the Electrical course and four students from the Tailoring course. All of the graduates already have good jobs.



2023 Electrical Graduates who already have jobs with TANESCO



2023 Tailoring Graduates who already have jobs

In 2024 there are twenty nine students, eleven on the Electrical course with nine in Year 1 and two in year 2, twelve on the Tailoring course with eleven in Year 1 and one in Year 2 and six on the first year of the Hotel Management course.



The 2024 Students with the Sisters and Teachers



**Electrical Students
with Teacher Shabani Bilaly**



Electrical Practicals



**Tailoring Class
with Teacher Sylvia Mfalamagoha**



**Hotel Management Students
with Teacher Christina Mwinuka**



**Hotel Management Students
in class**



Students in Exam

VETA indicated that the exam results from St Agnes VTC for 2023 were excellent and their Manager congratulated the teachers on achieving such good results.

Computing

On a visit to St Agnes VTC in August 2023, Action in Africa Chairman, Michael Agius, handed over six computers donated by Exsur IT Solutions. These had been uploaded with an Educational programme, Endless OS, by the donor. During the visit computer teacher, Yohana and some of the students were given a tutorial in the use of Endless.



Computer tutorial

Sports

Outside of the classroom, sport is high on the list of student activity. Prior to the August 2023 visit the younger members of the Agius family had held a sponsored football match in UK and raised £800. The proceeds were used to manufacture and erect two football nets and two netball nets and these were put to good use playing with the Sisters, teachers and students during the visit. In

addition Exsur IT Solutions donated the green football kits shown in the photo below. Six footballs were also donated.



The donated green football kits

The donated football goals



The donated netball posts and kits

College Rehabilitation

This year there have been several periods of excessive wind and rain and many buildings in the Mtandika area have had roofs ripped off. Luckily none of the college buildings have been affected that badly but minor damage has occurred and several roof panels needed to be replaced and other panels fixed more securely. In addition the roofs have been painted with anti-corrosive paint. There has also been flooding around the college, although damage has been limited.



Damaged roofing



Fixing loose panels



Repainted roofs



Flooding around the college buildings

Cultivation of Crops

Also outside the classroom, students have continued to assist in the growing of essential crops, such as maize, cassava, rice, beans, onions, tomatoes, bananas and papayas, continuing the work ethic established by the late Sister Barberina. This year there has again been plenty of rain which has resulted in multiple healthy crops, although unfortunately a small amount of damage occurred to the maize from monkeys, necessitating the erection of fencing around the crop and to the beans and cassava as a result of elephants crossing the nearby river onto college land.

The following areas were planted : 13 hectares of maize giving 84 sacks; 3 hectares of beans giving 21 sacks; ¼ hectare of bananas; ¼ hectare of cassava, although this was badly affected by elephants; oca giving 17 sacks; 1 hectare of onions giving 30 sacks.



Fencing to protect crop from monkeys



Bagging maize



Bagged maize



Bean crop



Bagged beans



Rice drying after harvesting



Rice being transported from one of the college's distant 'shambas'



Replanted bananas after elephant damage



Onion fields showing irrigation channels

Fundraising

As in previous years, whilst two thirds of the College students pay annual tuition fees of TSh 700,000, about £250 at current exchange rates, ten of the twenty nine College students who are orphans or from very poor families are sponsored by TWOAT [Tadworth Overseas Aid Trust] and four by a private donor. **In addition to supporting college students, TWOAT continue to supplement the teachers' salaries and have also been instrumental in the setting up of the Hotel Management course with support for the additional teacher and students.**

In addition to TWOAT's generous donations, fundraising continues to come from Benevity, the charity arm of the Bank of Canada, as well as many personal donors. In addition proceeds from regular cake and jam sales have provided much needed funds. We continue to receive generous, regular donations from individual sponsors.

All income helps with the general running of St Agnes VTC, as well as the education of three Primary School children, five Secondary School students, three students studying for Degrees at university and two students taking short VETA vocational courses. All of these are either orphans or from very poor families.



Primary school students with Headmaster

Accounts

The Accounts for the year 2023/2024 are appended to this report.

Thanks

As Chairman, I would like to thank the Trustees who sat on the Action in Africa board this year, Tina Rayburn (Vice Chairwoman), Carolyn Higgs (Treasurer) and Michael Andrews for all their hard work. I really feel that the Charity continues to make a marked difference to the lives of so many people living in the Nyaishozi and Mtandika areas of Tanzania.

Michael Agius,

Chairman

ACTION IN AFRICA (Charity No. 1072661)

Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 5 April 2024

Receipts

General Fundraising	£6,340
Donations received	£27,464
Gift Aid receipt	£5,874
Bank interest	£253
Total	£39,931

Costs

Administration (Tanzania)	£0
Administration (UK)	£220
Cash transfer costs	£774
Fundraising expenses	£1,276
Trustee visit to Tanzania	£3,437
Total	£5,707

Net Income **£34,224**

Payments to beneficiaries

Education	£24,724
Development	£5,411
Incubators	£12,626
Total	<u>£42,761</u>

Funds at 6 April 2023 **£38,870**

Excess of receipts over payments for the year -£8,537

Funds at 5 April 2024 **£30,333**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 5 April 2024

Assets	Total	£30,333
Liabilities	Total	£0

Note to the accounts:

Net Fundraising

Quizzes	£1,683
Jams/Cakes sales	£2,820
Marathon 2024	-£55
Amazon Smile, Easy Fundraising, BCMY recycling	£99
Church Christmas collection	£517
Total	<u>£5,064</u>

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Action in Africa

I report on the accounts of Action in Africa for the year ended 5th April 2024, which are set out in pages 17 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts provide a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

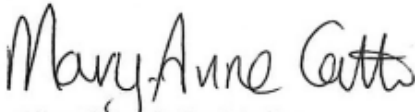
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ACTION IN AFRICA

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Action in Africa Annual Report

2022-23



Our Mission Statement.

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The Chairman's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present this year's Action in Africa's Annual Report, which sets out for our supporters and the general public what we have achieved in the past twelve months and our future plans. With the Covid crisis now behind us, we have been able to focus on supporting our Tanzanian friends as we had pre-pandemic. It has been a very busy twelve months. In Nyaishozi, in order to celebrate 25 years of Action in Africa, an ambitious appeal was launched to provide each of the 10 Nyaishozi dispensaries with an incubator for their maternity wards. Currently Nyaishozi has the highest infant mortality rate in Tanzania. This shocking statistic is largely down to the lack of intensive care available in clinics for premature and underweight new-borns. The response has been overwhelming, with enough funds raised to purchase 6 incubators.

Nyaishozi

Father Hans has settled very well into his role as chairman of the Nyaishozi Action in Africa committee. In order to help him, we welcomed another two new trustees to the Nyaishozi board. Jovinus Kahatano (far right) is a teacher at Ruhinda Secondary School and Evaster Nyamkara, pictured beside Jovinus, is a teacher at Nyaishozi Primary School. They will be keeping a watchful eye over our sponsored students and are well placed to give us regular updates on academic progress.



Besides sponsoring Nyaishozi students, we try to help the schools they attend. Father Hans (pictured below top left at Rugu Secondary School) oversaw his first construction project (pictured top right) working with Rugu Secondary School to build a new rainwater harvest tank. The build came in on time and on budget. The completed tank is pictured bottom left and behind the students using the downpipe bottom right. Thank you to Father Hans and the Nyaishozi trustees for completing this project so quickly.



The original rainwater harvest tank was crumbling inside, contaminating water. As a result, students were having to walk into Rugu village to access clean water at the village downpipe. When the rains come to Rugu, the tank will now be able to harvest the water for use during the dry season.



We have been working with local dispensaries to identify how we can help them to best serve their patients. Tanzanian government funding provides badly needed medicines for the clinics, but does not stretch to life saving equipment. With this in minds, dispensaries have collated 'wish lists' of medical equipment they would like. Nyaishozi midwife and Action in Africa trustee asked for a digital blood pressure machine, 'doppler' machines to listen to for the babies' heartbeats and hospital beds.



With the help of Rebecca and the Nyaishozi committee, we launched an ambitious appeal to celebrate our 25th anniversary. We vowed to provide each Nyaishozi dispensary with an incubator. The region has the highest mortality rate in Tanzania. A third of all babies are born premature and currently there are no incubators in any of the Nyaishozi dispensaries. Babies born early are either put on under a light bulb, under blankets, (pictured below right) or placed on the mother's skin for warmth (pictured

below left). The incubators (pictured below) already in use at Tanzanian hospitals cost £6,000, but are simple to use and easy to maintain. Nyaishozi dispensaries have the medical expertise and the electricity to facilitate this piece of lifesaving equipment. Action in Africa believes that every baby deserves access to intensive care regardless of location and circumstances.



The response to this appeal was overwhelming with two Ashted residents coming forward to fund an incubator each. In addition, SMOAT – St. Mark's Overseas Aid Trust made Action in Africa the main beneficiary of their Christmas Appeal, ensuring funds that would purchase another incubator. Rentokil Initial also sponsored an incubator. Both Souter and the Randal Charitable Foundation provided £5,000 towards two incubators and City of London Freeman's School have committed to raising funds for an incubator. St Andrew's Catholic School Leatherhead have confirmed that the Action in Africa incubator Appeal will be included in their fundraising for 2023/24. A huge thanks to all the individuals, companies, charitable trusts and schools mentioned. We have eight dispensaries to furnish with incubators – and to date have raised a whopping £36,000 towards this £48,000 target.

The Oakdale Trust generously donated £1000 to this appeal and the Exworthy family created a memorial Justgiving page to help raise funds. This was set up in memory of Veronica Exworthy, (pictured below with husband Peter) who sadly passed away in November 2022. Veronica was a staunch supporter of the charity, being married to its founder and former chair, Peter. It raised a staggering £1,100! We would also like to thank to thank the parishioners of St Michael's Church Ashtead who donated £722 through the second collections made after our pulpit addresses.



Every Christmas we send money to Nyaishozi so that the resident chairman can purchase emergency food and basic medical supplies for the most vulnerable in the community. This year, Father Hans (pictured below left with two parishioners) distributed food and medicines to over 42 families, living in 21 of the most remote villages. He told us after his travels that he hadn't realised how many disabled and blind people there were living in his parish, (pictured below middle and right). We will work with him to try and provide extra care for these families.

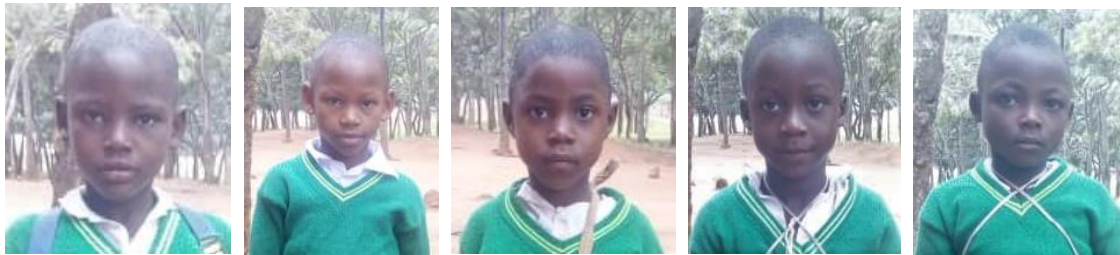


Our first fundraiser since before Covid 19 was our quiz night, which was held at St Michael's Hall, Ashtead. As always, our lovely treasurer, Carolyn Higgs, organized a great night, alongside her partner, Mike Wareing, who was our magnificent M.C. and quizmaster. The food was delicious, the company very good and a great time was had by all. The raffle prizes were particularly good this year. We would like to thank everybody who donated and who bought tickets. Team Lily O'Brien took the quizzing crown.



Besides thanking everybody who attended, we would especially like to thank Ray Quinlan, former Action in Africa treasurer and talented Ashtead artist. He is pictured above with just some of his works, which he had kindly donated for quizzers to purchase on the night. These works of art was very much appreciated by everyone and raised a significant amount of funds. These monies will be used to help sponsor our new intake of Year 1 pupils who have just joined Nyaishozi Primary School. A staggering £1700 was the final total.

We took on five new sponsored children in January 2023 from Year One in Nyaishozi Primary School, they are pictured below.



Amina, Neema, Tekra, Tusime and Vumilla will now be sponsored by Action in Africa until they decide to leave formal education.

We have also sponsored another five pupils from Kasheshe Primary School, at the bequest of Father Hans, who tells us that this school educates children from very poor families. pictured left to right they are Mulashan Gillad Chrisant, Linah Miokozi Mathayo, Aletha Scarion Laurina and Ivona Octavius Andrew. Ansbert Mkapa Willam is pictured on the right with his grandmother. Headmaster Haveson Mulashan is pictured on the left and has kindly agreed to come onto the Nyaishozi Action in Africa committee and Sister Xaverina is on the left. He has promised to keep a watchful eye on our sponsored pupils.



Mtandika

2022/2023 has been another good year for St Agnes Vocational Training College, formally known as the Mtandika Trade School. As reported in previous years, the College was registered with the Tanzanian Government's Vocational Education and Training Authority [VETA]. VETA has now been renamed as the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET).

The college management remains as last year with Principal, Sister Damiana Kikoti, Vice Principal Shabani Bilaly and Bursar, Sister Restituta Msemwa. The teachers are also as last year, with Shabani Bilaly as Vice Principal and teacher of Electrical Engineering and Engineering Science, Peter Madeba as teacher of English and Communications, Technical Drawing and Life Skills, Yohana Mtagawa as teacher of Computer Studies and Mathematics and Sylvia Mfalomagoha as teacher of Tailoring, Business Studies and Entrepreneurship. The consistency of the management and teaching staff is a great advantage for the success of the college.

NACTVET carried out their first inspection of the college since taking over from VETA in July 2022. Their report was very complimentary and they congratulated the teachers on the very good results achieved. Detailed comments were :

- Buildings such as classrooms, dormitories, ablution blocks are excellent;
- Building contents, such as desks and tables in the classrooms; beds in the dormitories are excellent;
- Infrastructure, such as clean and plentiful water supply is excellent; solar lighting is good;
- Teachers have excellent qualifications and are achieving good results;
- Students are obtaining good jobs after graduating.

As a result of NACTVET's inspection the college obtained formal registration NACTVET/0759 P.

In 2022 there were twenty four students, twenty two of the students being on the Electrical Installation course and two on the Tailoring course. Of the twenty four students, sixteen graduated at the end of 2022, fourteen students from the Electrical course and two students from the Tailoring course. Of the graduates, eight electricians already have good jobs.



2022 Electrical Graduates who already have jobs with TANESCO in Mbeya

The Tanzanian Ministry of Education have announced that from Autumn 2023 loans will be available to all students to cover tuition costs for all Secondary education and University and Technical College education. This will slightly reduce the amount of funding that we have had to find in past years for students that we have been sponsoring through Secondary and Tertiary education. However we will still have to find funds for general living costs, including accommodation, food, clothing and other general costs.

This year essential rehabilitation of critical infrastructure once again included improvement of the main water supply. To this end, we had to replace the solar water pump which had burnt out after some ten years. This enables water to be pumped from the nearby river to the main 70,000 litre water tank, used to supply water for washing and cooking throughout the college.



Electrical students installing the new solar pump

In addition, this year it was necessary to rewire all the college buildings. Following heavy rain a major electrical short burnt out the main earth rod. This caused a fire, burning the 6mm cable from the Government's Tanesco supply. Luckily the existing circuit breakers and fuses prevented major damage but an assessment of the old wiring, some of it nearly 20 years old, indicated that the electrical system should be replaced.



Burnt cables



Burnt earth rod



Electrical students rewiring the college

The students have continued to assist in the growing of essential crops, such as maize, cassava, rice, beans, onions, tomatoes, bananas and papayas.



Students harvesting one of the less productive mountain 'shambas'

This year there has again been plenty of rain which has resulted in multiple healthy crops.



One of several healthy maize crops this year

Later in the year some of the maize was attacked by locusts and the 'shambas' had to be treated with 'dawa' to prevent further damage.



Locust damage



Spraying of maize against locust damage

As in previous years, whilst two thirds of the College students pay annual tuition fees of TSh 700,000, about £300 at current exchange rates, we continue to sponsor ten of the twenty four College students who are orphans or from very poor families. This is only possible through the generous, regular donations from individual sponsors and TWOAT, the Tadworth and Walton Overseas Aid Trust, who sponsor six of the ten students.

As well as paying for some of the running costs at the College, including £2000 from TWOAT to supplement the teachers' salaries, our sponsors continue to support the education of four young orphans who go to the village Primary School, four Secondary School students who board away from Mtanda, as well as two students studying for Degrees at university, another for a Diploma as a Laboratory Technician and one as a Tour Guide. All of these are either orphans or from very poor families.



Venzania studying for a degree in education



Dory [left], studying for a diploma in Tourism

Fundraising has continued to be extremely difficult, although we did manage to once again hold our very popular Quiz in November, the first time after the Covid lockdown. Fundraising has also continued to be from regular cake and jam sales, as well as generous donations from friends and one from Benevity, the charity arm of the Bank of Canada. It should finally be noted that the exchange rate has continued to be fairly volatile throughout the year, which has affected the value of funds transferred to Tanzania.

Accounts

The Accounts for the year 2022/2023 are appended to this report.

Thanks

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Michael Agius,

Chairman

ACTION IN AFRICA (Charity No. 1072661)

Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 5 April 2023

Receipts

General Fundraising	£8,038
Donations received	£20,128
Gift Aid receipt	£3,339
Bank interest	£29
Fundraising for incubators	£36,391
Total	£67,925

Costs

Administration (Tanzania)	£0
Administration (UK)	£203
Cash transfer costs	£700
Fundraising expenses	£390
Total	£1,293

Net Income **£66,632**

Payments to beneficiaries

Education	£23,967
Development	£10,195
Health	£1,878
Two incubators	£12,788
Total	<u>£48,828</u>

Funds at 6 April 2022 **£21,066**

Excess of receipts over payments for the year	£17,804
Funds at 5 April 2023	<u>£38,870</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 5 April 2023

Assets

Reserved funds for incubators	£23,603
Unreserved funds	£15,267
Total	£38,870

Liabilities	Total	£0
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Note to the accounts:

Net Fundraising

Quizzes	£3,912
Jams/Cakes/Small church donations	£2,532
Cranmore School	£1,051
Amazon Smile, Easy Fundraising, BCMY recycling	£153
Total	<u>£7,648</u>

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Action in Africa

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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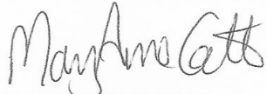
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The Chairman's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present Action in Africa's Annual Report, which sets out for our supporters and the general public what we have achieved in the past twelve months and our future plans. The timing of the Covid 19 global lockdown has run in parallel with the beginning of our reporting year. It has been our endeavour to support Nyaishozi and Mtandika through this crisis, whilst still providing the funds they need for ongoing projects.

2021/22 has still been a good year for the charity. As detailed below, we did not allow the pandemic to impinge on our work.

Nyaishozi

As no visitors were allowed to visit Tanzania for most of the accounting year, we scaled back on development projects and concentrated on our sponsored students. This time was not wasted. Father Hans, our chairman was allowed the breathing space he needed to settle into his roles as parish priest of Nyaishozi and was able to introduce himself to our students at his own pace.



Dean Macklin, teacher at St Andrew’s Secondary School and our Marathon Man 2020 was finally able to run the iconic London race in October of this year. Dean trained through the pandemic and St. Andrews Secondary School fundraised tirelessly in preparation for the event. As a result, a staggering £5,352 was raised! He had been aiming to run the gruelling 26 mile race in 3 hours 30 minutes and came in at a very respectable 3 hours 31! It was headmaster Alan Mitchell who let slip that he may have achieved his preferred running time, if he hadn’t played a full 90 minute game of competitive football the day before!

We are so proud of Dean, pictured below with his medal, after the race and with vice chairwoman Tina Rayburn (far right) and treasurer Carolyn Higgs.



When we first met Bibiana Patrice in 2015, nobody had any idea what the future might hold for this 15 year old girl, who was living in desperate circumstances with her father, disabled mum and brother, who suffers with his mental health. She and her family, are pictured below left, outside where they were living. Bibiana had only received the most basic education, intermittently, as the family finances allowed. At that time, she had no English and we had no Swahili, so we hoped that Action in Africa was making the right decision, in removing her from her daily life with her family and enrolling her to study at Nyaishozi Secondary School pictured below right, where she would become a border. It was there she would live for the next six years.



Bibiana faced huge challenges – she was basically starting from scratch with her education, but she is a clever girl and worked extremely hard. However, she failed to secure enough grades to continue to ‘A’ level and when we returned to Nyaishozi in 2019, she was at home. When we spoke to the exams officer at the school, he felt that she had the ability to resit her exams and achieve good enough ‘A’ level grades to attend university. When we met with her, she told us in English how her dream was to become a lawyer. Well – she made that happen! Well done Bibiana! This year Bibiana qualified to study Law at St Augustine University of Tanzania. We are very proud!



Bibiana is pictured here, second left with three of our other sponsored students and below at St. Augustines’s. Debora Merrick (left) is studying at Kajungutu Secondary School, Albina Alphonse (second right) is studying the environment at Kabanga Agricultural College and Jewels Philbert is training to be a medical technician at Sengerema Clinical College. We are very proud of our girls who have come desperate living conditions and had to overcome many challenges.



The departure of Father Vitalis has taught us the importance of having a strong support team for the incoming chairman. We are pleased to announce that we have three new trustees on the Nyaishozi board of Action in Africa. Mr Ambruce, deputy head at Rugu School, (pictured below centre) has taken on the role of General Secretary. In addition, we have Rugu Secondary School headmistress, Adventina Mfunjo (pictured right) and midwife at Nyaishozi Dispensary Rebecca Didas, (pictured second right). Also pictured are trustees Sister Xavelina and Paul Clavery. We would like to welcome them to the charity and thank them for their help.



These last 18 months have been a challenging time for all charities, but by tightening our belts and focusing on our sponsored students in Nyaishozi, we have weathered the Covid 19 pandemic. We have great things in store for 2022/23 and are looking ahead with hope and excitement.

Mtandika

This has been another good year for St Agnes Vocational Training College, formally known as the Mtandika Trade School. The Government's Vocational Education and Training Authority [VETA] carried out another inspection in early 2022. Their report was generally very complimentary, their main comments being as follows:

- All buildings, utilities [water and electrical provision], internal fittings [desks, beds] educational resources [materials for practicals] were generally found to be excellent.
- They congratulated the teachers on the very good results achieved.



Students sitting their exams

VETA did ask that an effort be made to enroll more students but it was pointed out that this was not easy, with the college being in a poor, rural environment where it's main mission was to improve the potential of poorer students, many of whom were orphans. The fact that students were leaving with a good education and very well paid jobs was recognized by VETA.



Past students now working for TANESCO, the Government's Electrical Company, the state power company equivalent to UK's National Grid.

The college management remains as last year with Principal, Sister Damiana Kikoti, Vice Principal Shabani Bilaly and Bursar, Sister Restituta Msemwa. The teachers are also as last year, with Shabani Bilaly as Vice Principal and teacher of Electrical Engineering and Engineering Science, Peter Madeba as teacher of English and Communications, Technical Drawing and Life Skills, Yohana Mtagawa as teacher of Computer Studies and Mathematics and Sylvia Mfalomagoha as teacher of Tailoring, Business Studies and Entrepreneurship. The consistency of the management and teaching staff is a great advantage for the success of the college.

The tailoring and electrical courses are now well established, with 35 students in total spread over two years. The VETA annual appraisal confirmed that the college continues to produce well educated students capable of obtaining good jobs when they leave.



Happy 2021 Electrical graduates

Funds had to be found this year for essential rehabilitation of buildings and critical infrastructure, with emphasis on reliable water supply and quality. The main 70,000 litre water tank was found to be leaking, causing scour under the tank floor and cracking of the walls. Secondly the main distribution polytank started leaking and had to be replaced. Finally several female students were getting sick from water related diseases and medical advice recommended that the girl's toilet block be renovated to minimize the potential for sickness.



Scour under the main tank



External plastering of the tank



Internal plastering



External renovation of girls toilets



Fitting new doors



Internal works



New distribution tank

The students have continued to assist in the growing of essential crops [maize, cassava, rice, beans, onions, tomatoes, bananas and papayas]. After many years of minimal rainfall, when crop production depended on irrigation by pump from the nearby river, this year there has been plenty of rain which has resulted in multiple crops.



One of several maize crops this year

As in previous years, whilst most of the College students pay annual tuition fees of TSh 700,000, about £300 at current reduced exchange rates, we continue to sponsor 10 of the 35 College students who are orphans or from very poor families. This is only possible through the generous, regular donations from individual sponsors and TWOAT, the Tadworth and Walton Overseas Aid Trust, who sponsor six of the ten students.

As well as paying for some of the running costs at the College, including £2000 from TWOAT to supplement the teachers' salaries, our sponsors continue to support the education of half a dozen young orphans who live at the College to go to the village Primary and Secondary Schools, six Secondary School students who board away from Mtandika, as well as one student studying for a Degree at university and another for a Diploma as a Laboratory Technician at college. All of these are either orphans or from very poor families. Two of the Secondary School students are now in their final year, so a decision will have to be made next year about any future education.

Fund raising has continued to be extremely difficult, with Covid virus lockdowns restricting gatherings for fundraising events such as the annual quiz and garden party. Fundraising has thus continued to be from regular cake and jam sales, as well as several generous donations from friends. It should finally be noted that the reduction in the exchange rate over recent months has considerably affected the value of funds transferred to Tanzania.

Accounts

The Accounts for the year 2020/2021 are appended to this report.

Thanks

As Chairman, I would like to thank the Trustees who sat on the Action in Africa board this year, Tina Rayburn (Vice Chairwoman), Carolyn Higgs (Treasurer) and Michael Andrews, for all their hard work. I really feel that the Charity continues to make a marked difference to the lives of so many people living in the Nyaishozi and Mtandika areas of Tanzania.

Michael Agius

Chairman

ACTION IN AFRICA (Charity No. 1072661)

Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 5 April 2022

Receipts

Fundraising	£8,324
Donations received	£18,935
Gift Aid receipt	£4,299
Total	£31,558

Costs

Administration (Tanzania)	£0
Administration (UK)	£0
Cash transfer costs	£531
Fundraising expenses	£0
Total	£531

Net Income **£31,057**

Payments to beneficiaries

Education	£18,531
Development	£5,081
Health	£0
Total	<u>£23,612</u>

Funds at 6 April 2021 **£13,651**

Excess of receipts over payments for the year **£7,415**

Funds at 5 April 2022 **£21,066**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 5 April 2022

Assets	£21,066
Liabilities	£0

Note to the accounts:

Net Fundraising proceeds (fundraising was on hold for most of the year due to Covid-19 restrictions)

Marathon 2020 (postponed to 2021)	£3,469
Jams/Cakes/Small church donations	£4,855
Total	<u>£8,324</u>

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Action in Africa

I report on the accounts of Action in Africa for the year ended 5th April 2022, which are set out in pages 9 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts provide a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 ActHave not been met or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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ACTION IN AFRICA

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Action in Africa Annual Report

2020-21



Our Mission Statement.

The objectives of Action in Africa are to provide relief from poverty and sickness and to deliver funding for education, in two areas of Tanzania – Nyaishozi and Mtandika. The beneficiaries are the people of the area, irrespective of race, religion or gender. We work through local committees representing all races and religions, men and women; helping them to develop a better future for themselves and for others.

The Chairman's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present Action in Africa's Annual Report, which sets out for our supporters and the general public what we have achieved in the past twelve months and our future plans. The timing of the Covid 19 global lockdown has run in parallel with the beginning of our reporting year. It has been our endeavour to support Nyaishozi and Mtandika through this crisis, whilst still providing the funds they need for ongoing projects.

2020/21 has still been a good year for the charity. As detailed below, we did not allow the pandemic to impinge on our work.

Nyaishozi

A Covid 19 fund was sent to Nyaishozi to enable the purchase of protective equipment against the virus and to underwrite two local educational radio campaigns.



As fundraising was not possible during Covid 19, due to lockdown, we appealed for donations. We would particularly like to thank the Oakdale Trust, Scott Bader and Heb Ffin – charitable trusts who came to our aid, in addition to our loyal supporters who also generously gave so that Nyaishozi was had the tools it needed to protect itself from the pandemic.

Although there was very little news trickling out of Nyaishozi during the months that Covid 19 took hold, one project which was near completion was the Maize for School Lunches. Father Vitalis was able to take photos of the harvested crop. He believes that this has been a bumper year and the resulting grain should be able to feed the whole of the school for twelve months. Below right, the maize is being bagged and below right are the sacks ready for storage.



Dean Macklin, teacher at St Andrew’s Secondary School and our Marathon Man 2020 suffered a setback with the iconic race being postponed until 2021. It has been confirmed that Dean will be able to run in this year’s marathon, which is great news. He is keeping up with his training – the photo above taken at the Surrey Half Marathon, which fortunately took place just before lockdown





Monies were sent to facilitate the large-scale purchases of disinfectant, gloves, masks and hand sanitisers. Father Vitalis, pictured above, acted as coordinator and with the help of his committee, has distributed the goods to the local schools and community.



Pictured above left are Nyakasimbi Secondary School children, who are seen accepting their gifts. The older students at Rugu Secondary School (above right) look less impressed with having to wear their masks!

It is believed that besides running Covid initiatives in the local schools, educating the local ladies is another way to ensure a vital message is taken into the home and good practice passed to all generations. This is especially pertinent with Covid, where mask and glove wearing is critical when a population cannot social-distance or self-isolate. Personal hygiene such as hand washing is also important. Below are photographs of one of the Covid 19 educational programmes for women that were carried out in the region.



Wash stations have been set up outside classrooms, ensuring that students have access to hand washing facilities throughout the school day. Also, very simple solutions, such as ‘tippy taps’ have been constructed from readily available materials and work just as well. Teaching the children, the importance of good personal hygiene, as seen below by Nyaishozi’s deputy head teacher, has been imperative to keep Covid at bay, in a community where social distancing and self-isolation is impossible.



Pictured below is a photograph that captures the arrival of a suction machine. This piece of medical equipment is critical for mums and could save the lives of their babies. Kibogoizi Dispensary is situated in the heart of an inhospitable, isolated part of the region and in order to serve the local community properly, it badly needs life-saving equipment. The medical technicians are a very professional, dedicated team, but have only the most basic of resources at their disposal. Kibogoizi was the first dispensary to benefit from our motorbike for nurses' scheme and it is hoped that we will continue to help supporting this well deserving clinic in the future.



Kibogoizi Dispensary has also benefitted from the arrival of a blood pressure machine – crucial for new mothers and those who are still awaiting the arrival of their babies. The machine is pictured below in the arms of Father Vitalis. We had initially sent funds for the medical equipment before Lockdown came into being – for these clinical technicians and patients, the long wait is finally over!



Maize gruel makes up the main meal of the day for most school children and for schools which cater for boarding students and Rugu Secondary School is no exception. We have contributed to a diesel milling machine. The impressive looking piece of kit, pictured below, will grind the maize for the students' nutritious daily snack. It will also bring in some revenue, as locals will pay to have their home grown grain milled there too.



While Covid 19 restrictions have meant that we could perhaps take life a little easier, one local lady, Mary Merrett, pictured right, used her time to create components for over 250 Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits (also pictured right). Mary was undeterred by the mammoth task – ordering fabric and poppers and then went on to make over 1400 liners, 500 shields and 250 bags.

We are so grateful for her dedication to this cause, which now makes creating over 1000 kits achievable. These kits are earmarked for all the Nyaishozi secondary female students and will be hand carried out to Tanzania by Guildford High Schoolgirls who will hopefully be visiting the community in the summer Of 2022.



Although most of our external funding has been in support of our Covid 19 initiatives, there was one particular charitable trust who helped us elsewhere. The Pignatelli Foundation donated a whopping £2,500 to provide mosquito nets for boarding students (some of which are pictured below) and individual solar lamps. These were also distributed to schools, so that their campuses, which are often off the electricity grid, could be lit after dark. We would like to thank the Pignatelli Foundation for their generous donation.



Each year Action in Africa holds a Christmas Appeal at St. Michael's Catholic Church here in Ashted. This was unable to take place in 2020 as Covid restrictions made it too difficult. That did not prevent the charity from sending out the funds for Father Vitalis to buy food stuffs and basic medicines to be distributed amongst the most vulnerable in the community.

Pictured below are some of the parishioners of Nyaishozi who benefitted from the Christmas fund.



Saying Goodbye to Father Vitalis & Welcoming Father Hans

It is with great sadness that we have had to say goodbye to Father Vitalis, (pictured below, centre, with the Action in Africa Ashtead committee) who has been our chairman since 2015. During that time, the charity has gone from strength to strength. We are so proud of all the good that we have achieved with his help during this time. He has embodied what Action in Africa is all about – helping those less fortunate than ourselves. He has provided us with a solid foundation on which to continue our work with our new chairman, Father Hans.



Thank you for all your hard work, Father Vitalis!



**Father Hans centre back with Father Vitalis alongside him on the right,
with our sponsored students from Ruhinda Secondary School.**

Father Hans is no stranger to the charity – we met him during our visit to Nyaishozi in 2015. At that time, he was working as an accountant for the diocese. We would like to welcome him to the Action in Africa family and hope that he settles in quickly to his new role not just as our chairman, but also as the Nyaishozi parish priest.

While we focus on our sponsored children, we are so grateful that we have strong leadership from our new chairman in Nyaishozi. We are planning fundraisings and the resumption of our development projects. There is much to do in the year ahead.

Mtandika

St Agnes Vocational Training College, as the Mtandika Trade School is now registered with the Government's Vocational and Educational Training Authority [VETA], continued to develop during 2000/2021 under the management of Principal, Sister Damiana Kikoti, Vice Principal Shabani Bilaly and Bursar, Sister Restituta Msemwa.

Apart from one change, Peter Madeba replacing Okea Mheni as teacher of English and Communications, Technical Drawing and Life Skills, the lay teachers remain as before, with Shabani Bilaly as Vice Principal and teacher of Electrical Engineering and Engineering Science, Yohana Mtagawa as teacher of Computer Studies and Mathematics and Sylvia Mfalamagoha as teacher of Tailoring, Business Studies and Entrepreneurship.



Left to right: Yohana Peter, Sylvia and Shabani

A VETA team from their Dar es Salaam Head Office carried out an inspection of the College in February 2021. Their report was very complimentary. The number of classrooms and dormitories were more than adequate but they asked that a new toilet block be constructed for day students and that the outside of the buildings be repainted. The painting was done by the students soon after the visit. VETA requested more tools and materials be purchased for the electrical course and sewing machines for the tailoring course. In addition, some of the computers needed upgrading. They checked the teacher's qualifications and contracts and were satisfied with these and were complimentary of the teaching standards and the results being attained by the students.



Repainted buildings

Following the first cases of Covid 19 in Tanzania in March 2020, the late President Magafule closed all schools, colleges and universities for a few weeks. However generally the Mtandika area of Tanzania seems to have been comparatively unaffected and the College has been open for most of the year.

This year has continued to be a period of consolidation for the college. The tailoring and electrical courses are now well established, with 35 students in total spread over two years. There continue to be several female students on the electrical course.



Tailoring Class



Second Year Electrical Students

Feedback from past students shows that they have all ended up with very good, well-paid jobs. Many of the electrical students end up working for Tanesco, the state power company equivalent to UK's National Grid.



Past Electrical Students

As reported in previous years, the College continues to be self-sufficient in terms of growing their own maize, cassava, rice, beans, onions, tomatoes, bananas and papayas. This year has been particularly good for maize and bean production.



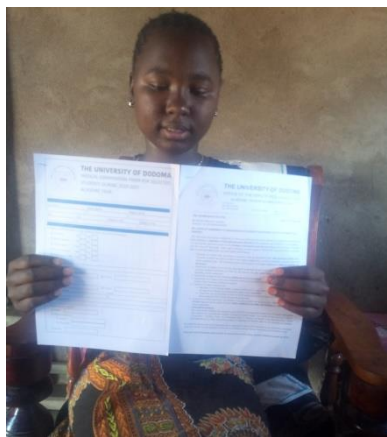
Maize in February 2021 before harvesting



Harvested maize drying

Whilst most of the College students pay annual tuition fees of TSh 700,000, about £280, we continue to sponsor 10 of the 35 College students who are orphans or from very poor families, through the generous, regular donations from our sponsors. These include 6 students sponsored by TWOAT, the Tadworth and Walton Overseas Aid Trust. In addition to the older College students, half a dozen young orphans live at the College and are sponsored to go to the village Primary and Secondary Schools.

As well as paying for some of the running costs at the College, including £2000 from TWOAT to supplement the teachers' salaries, our sponsors continue to support the education of six students boarding at secondary schools away from Mtandika, as well as six students studying for Degrees or Diplomas at universities or colleges. All of these are either orphans or from very poor families. The university students include the five mentioned last year, who will graduate at the end of 2021, plus a new student Monica Chambo who started reading for a degree in teaching at the end of 2019.



**Monica Chambo reading her joining instructions
to study at the University of Dodoma**

Fundraising is extremely important but this year this has been severely curtailed by the Covid virus restricting gatherings for fundraising events such as the annual quiz and garden party. Fundraising has thus mainly come from regular cake and jam sales, as well as several generous donations from friends. Finding funds for necessary rehabilitation of buildings and critical equipment such as the solar and

diesel water pumps, computers, photocopier and maize milling machine has thus been extremely difficult, so careful scheduling of the transfer of funds has been required.

Accounts

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Michael Agius

Chairman

ACTION IN AFRICA (Charity No. 1072661)

Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 5 April 2021

Receipts

Fundraising	£2,321
Donations received	£31,192
Gift Aid receipt	£3,778
Total	£37,291

Costs

Administration (Tanzania)	£973
Administration (UK)	£100
Cash transfer costs	£547
Fundraising expenses	£20
Total	£1,640

Net Income **£35,651**

Payments to beneficiaries

Education	£23,474
Development	£2,252
Health	£7,689
Total	<u>£33,415</u>

Funds at 6 April 2020 **£11,415**

Excess of receipts over payments for the year **£2,236**

Funds at 5 April 2021 **£13,651**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 5 April 2021

Assets	£13,651
Liabilities	£0

Note to the accounts:

Net Fundraising proceeds (fundraising was on hold for most of the year due to Covid-19 restrictions)

Marathon 2020 (postponed to 2021)	£101
Jams/Cakes/Small church donations	£2,220
Total	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Action in Africa

I report on the accounts of Action in Africa for the year ended 5th April 2021, which are set out in pages 13 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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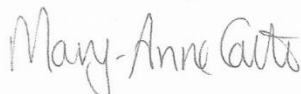
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