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URAFIKI

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Charity Number 1078505

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Registered Charity Number	1078505
Principal Address	12 Waverley Avenue Exeter Devon EX4 4NL
Trustees	Mari Davis (Chair) Maggie Bamber Norman Bamber Jeannette Fear Chris Gill Liz Grayson Chris Miller Imelda Wightman

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is governed by a constitution dated 29 April 1999 as amended on 16 November 1999.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity are the advancement of education, the relief of sickness, the protection of health and the relief of poverty of the people of Africa.

In planning our activities for the year we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Trustees' meetings.

The focus of our activities remains the awarding of grants in order to support various projects in Africa. This benefits the people of Africa through the prevention or relief of poverty, the advancement of education and the advancement of health and social care.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Projects Supported

Projects in Yala, Kenya

Urafiki has been supporting projects in Kenya for many years by awarding grants (gifts) to our partner organisation in Kenya, which is known as Urafiki Community Linkage NGO (NGO). The NGO is a formally registered Kenyan legal entity with similar status and objects to a UK charity. The NGO works with the very deprived local community in Yala, to identify needs and provide support and solutions by setting up and managing various projects.

Although Urafiki and the NGO are separate organisations with different roles and a different geography, they work in very close collaboration. The ways of working together are based on a common purpose and shared values. Both organisations believe in the importance of education and employment to alleviate poverty. The organisations work in partnership, have built very close and trusting relationships over the years and value each other's ideas and thoughts. Above all there is total trust and with that comes the ability to challenge and listen deeply to each other's perspectives.

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Accountability to funders is of course crucial. The trustees make regular visits to Kenya and make weekly Skype calls to liaise with the NGO directors. The NGO finds vulnerable children and adults who require support. The number of adults and children who are to be supported by each project is agreed each year. The directors of the NGO then produce detailed budgets setting out the expected cost of supporting these people. Urafiki then raises money from sponsors and donors in the UK and other countries to fund the work carried out by the NGO. We attempt to match individuals in need in Kenya to specific donors in the UK and elsewhere. In addition the team in Yala identifies community priorities such as housing or the training of young people and liaises with the UK charity about the possibility of funding these activities on a project basis.

In 2020 £310,128 was sent to Kenya to support over 750 people on the following schemes.

Education Sponsorship Scheme Yala, Kenya

This scheme has seen considerable expansion since it was established. At the end of 2020, it had over 275 sponsored secondary school students. 52 students are due to complete their secondary education in March 2021. The delay in completing their final school year was due to the Covid lockdown in Kenya. Some post-secondary students will then move onto doing voluntary work in the Yala community whilst they are awaiting places at university. Other students will look for employment. The scheme's success reflects the hard work of the students; the support provided by the Yala NGO team and the continuing generosity of sponsors. We anticipate that the success of these students will continue to have a positive impact on the whole community in Yala by raising the aspirations of other young people who are growing up in poverty.

Feeding Scheme, Yala, Kenya

This scheme continues to support 150 people who are in need of support due to their advanced age and/or their HIV/Aids status. There is a monthly gathering of the people on this scheme who are given a communal meal. At the conclusion of the meeting, they are provided with a bag of staple foods to take home.

Home Rebuilding Scheme, Yala, Kenya

The home rebuilding programme continued and saw the rebuilding or reroofing of 42 homes. Much of the building work was completed by NGO students who, having completed school, volunteered to assist the qualified masons and the community through this rebuilding work.

Orphans and Vulnerable Children Scheme

Having increased numbers of children on this scheme, it now remains stable with up to 250 sponsored children. Eve Muliango and the team continue to provide excellent support to the children.

Children with Disabilities scheme

12 children are on the scheme and are benefitting hugely from educational opportunities. The Yala team have succeeded in obtaining places in suitable schools for the children and have also managed to arrange transport for them. 3 younger children are also receiving monthly transport so they can travel for physiotherapy support. It is hoped that by educating children with disabilities, the community's attitudes towards disadvantaged children may change.

Children who are Deaf

Urafiki obtained initial funding for a small school for deaf children. Two classrooms were built and 3 excellent teachers recruited. 24 deaf children were supported during 2020.

Tailoring, Hair and Beauty Schemes.

These schemes were established to provide some less academic former primary, secondary student leavers and women without skills in the community with the opportunity to obtain marketable skills. Teachers have been recruited, sewing machines and other equipment were sent to Yala in the first container. The hair and beauty programme is thriving with the 2021 course full already. 10 tailoring students are waiting to take their exams in the later part of 2021 and also to make uniforms for the children at primary school.

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Agriculture

The Urafiki NGO in Kenya has long been looking for ways of making the community more sustainable. The year 2020 saw the second and third cycles of a programme to improve agriculture practices and outputs with the aim of making small farmers independent. Led by Urafiki graduates Selene and Mercy, the project is going very well with the scale increasing gradually. It started with 10 farmers, expanded to 25 and is now up to 60. Farmers are provided with a mix of grants and loans with the aim of repayments coming from increased harvests. Trustees are optimistic that one day, an expanded agriculture scheme could cover a large proportion of Yala households transforming the lives of those families and of the whole community.

Solar Lamps

Many people in Yala still use kerosene lamps. This form of lighting is dirty, potentially carcinogenic, sometimes burns users and is expensive. By contrast, solar lamps are environmentally friendly, cheap to run and encourage students to spend more time completing their homework. During the year, lamps were provided to all the new secondary students and to the final year students on the OVC scheme.

Water Improvement project

Access to clean water is a daily challenge for most of the people in Yala. Obtaining their supplies often involves arduous journeys and the water sources are often erratic and contaminated. A major project is under way to improve this dreadful situation. Starting with a survey, it was possible to identify multiple sites across the area where springs were used. Unfortunately, most of the springs were difficult to use and the water was sullied by people and animals. 20 of the sites were improved during the year, using local labour and volunteers and with the work being led by Urafiki graduate Protus Mudome. Each site, when improved, is left in the care of a local committee which has been fully engaged in the process.

Restricted Fund Payments

Emergency feeding appeal

Initially the community in Yala was not affected by the Coronavirus. Kenya had very low numbers of cases and none in the region where Yala is located. The immediate 8 month school lockdown and other restrictions imposed by the Kenyan Government were a different matter. The local economy closed down and many people faced starvation. Nancy and the NGO leadership team led a response and provided emergency feeding to the old people already on the feeding scheme and the families of the secondary students and orphans and vulnerable children. This expenditure was funded by a one-off appeal. Urafiki supporters are thanked for their generosity – the target of £30,000 was reached within a week.

INCOME

Donations

The overwhelming majority of Urafiki's work is supported by donations, including the hundreds of people who make regular contributions to support named individuals. Huge thanks to everyone for their generosity over such a long period of time. 2020 was a difficult year to have social gatherings due to Covid 19 restrictions. We thank everyone for their loyalty during this time, especially for the generous support of the emergency feeding appeal.

Income Generated by Fundraising Events

Annual Quiz

The Exeter Cricket Club pavilion was again the venue for the 21st annual quiz. The quiz generated a total of over £886. Thanks to all involved in running this popular event.

THANKS

We would like to express our gratitude and thanks to the directors and staff of our accountants, Bick Accountants Limited, for their help and guidance. We would also like to thank them for the generous support of our work, by declining to charge a fee for their services.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Charity's Policy on Reserves

As at 31 December 2020 we held cash at the bank totalling £157,189. Of this, £17,730 was in restricted funds with £139,459 in general unrestricted funds. In addition, we expected to receive around £65,000 from gift aid claims, which were available, but not claimed at the year end. Total unrestricted reserves at the year-end were £204,459.

The total of unrestricted reserves including gift aid receivable shows a decrease of £58,645 over the previous year. One of the reasons for this decrease is that trustees would usually transfer to the Kenya NGO around £80,000 in late December to ensure that funds are in place in January for the payment of substantial school fees and other significant early year payments. However, the December 2019 payment was not made until January 2020 which made the reserve balance appear higher than usual at the 31 December 2019 year end. With the normal large payments resuming at the end of 2020 the unusual increase in funds at 31 December 2019 has reversed to some extent.

Our policy is to keep unrestricted funds to a minimum but we recognise that the charity needs to have a contingency to cover possible unexpected costs arising from: unexpected exchange rate movements; demands for emergency additional funding caused by poor rains or food price increases and the financial impact of election related violence. We also need to maintain reserves to cover students who are partway through their education when sponsors have contributed the full cost of their education in advance. Due to the success of the secondary scheme there are increasing numbers of students going to university. With a potential total of 22 students starting university or college later in 2021, this represents a significant financial commitment for which reserves will be necessary.

Urafiki has received generous donations from sponsors who have expressed a wish to support particular areas of activity. These include facilities for hair and beauty training, an initiative to improve small scale agriculture and projects to improve local water supply and quality. Whilst the funds to support these projects were donated during 2020 and earlier years, the expenditure will take place in 2021 and later years.

During the 2020 year, the arrival of the coronavirus pandemic has had severe implications for Yala. To support the local response we sent funds from our reserves and carried out a very successful emergency appeal to raise and send further funds. We are mindful that the coronavirus pandemic is still a very significant problem for the local community and that higher than normal transfers of funds may need to be sent to Yala to provide additional assistance.

Together with the Yala NGO team, we have identified a number of needs and opportunities which, over the next few years, will be likely to give rise to additional capital expenditure.

Given the continuing expenditure, additional capital projects and uncertainty surrounding our response to Covid-19 issues, the trustees have reviewed the level of reserves and believe that they are in accordance with the policy set.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Mari Davis. 13/7/21

Mari Davis
Chair

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF URAFIKI

I report on the accounts of Urafiki for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



John Bick FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
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22 July 2021

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
RECEIPTS				
Donations and Grants				
Donations	181,051	-	181,051	183,531
Grant for School for the Deaf	-	-	-	17,175
Gift Aid Tax Refund	27,538	-	27,538	2,605
Emergency Feeding Appeal	-	36,913	36,913	-
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	208,589	36,913	245,502	203,311
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Operating Activities to Generate Funds				
Annual Quiz	886	-	886	1,083
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	886	-	886	1,083
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Investment Income Receipts				
Bank interest	95	9	104	103
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	<hr/> 209,570	<hr/> 36,922	<hr/> 246,492	<hr/> 204,497
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PAYMENTS				
Charitable Payments				
Urafiki Community Linkage NGO	273,215	36,913	310,128	109,715
Purchase of goods for Container	-	-	-	300
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	<hr/> 273,215	<hr/> 36,913	<hr/> 310,128	<hr/> 110,015
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NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS	(63,645)	9	(63,636)	94,482
Bank Balances Brought Forward	<hr/> 203,104	<hr/> 17,721	<hr/> 220,825	<hr/> 126,343
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Bank Balances Carried Forward	<hr/> 139,459	<hr/> 17,730	<hr/> 157,189	<hr/> 220,825
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
BANK BALANCES				
Cash at Bank	139,459	17,730	157,189	220,825
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TOTAL CASH FUNDS	139,459	17,730	157,189	220,825
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OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Gift Aid	65,000	-	65,000	60,000
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	65,000	-	65,000	60,000
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TOTAL ASSETS	204,459	17,730	222,189	280,825
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The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 13 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by



N Bamber
Trustee

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTS

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comply with the Charities Act 2011.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

The only expenses reimbursed are for purchases made on behalf of the charity.

3. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The balance of restricted funds on hand at the beginning and end of the year arose from a major donation in 2011. Receipts and payments in the year are detailed in the Trustees' Report.

The balance of the fund will be used when further suitable projects have been identified with the original donor.