

**URAFIKI**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Charity Number 1078505**

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### TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### 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 WhatsApp or Teams 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 2023 £209,717 was sent to Kenya in cash and/or goods to finance the schemes described below.

#### ***Education Sponsorship Scheme Yala, Kenya***

This scheme has seen considerable expansion since it was established. At the end of 2023/ beginning of 2024, it had over 223 sponsored secondary school and youth polytechnic students. 70 students completed their secondary education in 2023. 28 post-secondary students then moved onto voluntary work in the Yala community whilst awaiting places at university, colleges and polytechnics. Other students sought 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 continued to support 110 people who were in need of support due to their advanced age and/or their HIV/Aids status. There was a monthly gathering of the people on this scheme who were given a communal meal. At the conclusion of the meeting, they were 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 7 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***

Numbers on the scheme remain stable with around 62 sponsored children including those at junior secondary school. 19 children went on to polytechnic or secondary schools. Eve Muliango and the team continue to provide excellent support to the children.

#### ***Children with Disabilities scheme***

11 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. It is hoped that by educating children with disabilities, the community's attitudes towards disadvantaged children may change.

#### ***Hair and Beauty Scheme.***

This scheme was established to provide some less academic former primary and secondary student leavers and women without skills in the community with the opportunity to obtain marketable skills. The hair and beauty programme is thriving with the 2024 course full already. The programme currently has 58 students and 2 teachers.

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##### ***Agriculture***

The Urafiki NGO in Kenya has long been looking for ways of making the community more sustainable. The year 2023 saw the fifth cycle of a programme to improve agriculture practices and outputs with the aim of making small farmers independent. Led by Simon, Mercy and Collins, the project is going very well with the scale increasing gradually. It started with 10 farmers, expanded to 25, then 65 and is now up to 300. 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. There has been increased emphasis on evaluation and the data shows that, on average, farmers saw harvests which were 102% bigger than the year before.

##### **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 and loyalty over such a long period of time.

###### **Fundraising and awareness raising events**

During the year we held a number of events including coffee mornings, mince pie sales, and 2 talks. Many thanks to everyone who worked on and contributed to the success of these events.

##### **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 2023 we held cash at the bank totalling £83,812. Of this, £17,985 was in restricted funds with £65,827 in general unrestricted funds. In addition, we expected to receive around £115,000 from gift aid claims, which were available, but not claimed at the year end. Total unrestricted reserves at the year-end were £180,827.

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 and colleges. With a potential total of 56 students starting university or college in 2024 or later, 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 2023 and earlier years, some of the expenditure will take place in 2024 and later years.

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 other issues noted 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

Mari Davis  
Chair

29-9-24

Date

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF URAFIKI**

I report on the accounts of Urafiki for the year ended 31 December 2023, 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.

Signed:  .....

John Bick FCCA  
Independent Examiner  
Bick Accountants Limited  
52 Longbrook Street  
Exeter  
EX4 6AH

Date: 1/10/2024 .....

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<b>Donations and Grants</b>				
Donations	163,932	-	163,932	173,349
Legacies	-	-	-	9,050
Gift Aid Tax Refund	147	-	147	23,422
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	164,079	-	164,079	205,821
 <b>Operating Activities to Generate Funds</b>				
Various fundraising/awareness events	2,005	-	2,005	1,927
 <b>Investment Income Receipts</b>				
Bank interest	1,312	211	1,523	529
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<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	167,396	211	167,607	208,277
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 <b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments</b>				
Urafiki Community Linkage NGO	209,717	-	209,717	200,043
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	209,717	-	209,717	200,043
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 <b>NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS</b>	(42,321)	211	(42,110)	8,234
 <b>Bank Balances Brought Forward</b>	108,148	17,774	125,922	117,688
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<b>Bank Balances Carried Forward</b>	65,827	17,985	83,812	125,922
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>BANK BALANCES</b>				
Cash at Bank	65,827	17,985	83,812	125,922
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<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	65,827	17,985	83,812	125,922
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<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Gift Aid	115,000	-	115,000	90,000
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	115,000	-	115,000	90,000
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	180,827	17,985	198,812	215,922
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The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 29 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by



N Bamber  
Trustee

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## **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

### **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.

Very sadly the major donor died in July 2022. In accordance with the wishes of the donor the balance on the restricted funds were transferred to the unrestricted fund in 2024 and thus made available for the general objects of Urafiki.