



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Charity name: GRASS ROOTS RWANDA

Charity registration number: 1086330

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	1) THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DUE TO POVERTY, SICKNESS, DISABILITY AND OLD AGE. 2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION BY PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND SCHOOL MATERIALS. 3) THE ADVANCEMENT OF RELIGION BY FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CLERGY AND RETIRED CLERGY, FOR THEOLOGICAL TRAINING AND FOR BUILDING WORKS ALL IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RWANDA, SHYOGWE DIOCESE RWANDA
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	SEE SECTION 'ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE' BELOW. ALL FUNDS RAISED GO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TOWARDS THE IMPROVEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY, HEALTH, EDUCATION OR THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE WHO BENEFIT FROM THE ACTIVITIES THE TRUST SUPPORTS
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	THE TRUSTEES HAVE HAD REGARD TO THIS GUIDANCE AND REVIEW THE USE OF FUNDS RECEIVED BY SEEKING REPORTS FROM THE DIOCESE SUPPORTED BY PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE AND VISITING THE DIOCESE REGULARLY

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	THE TRUSTEES PREFER TO USE THE ASSETS OF THE TRUST TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES AWAY FROM TOWNS WHERE THE NEED IS GREATEST AND TO SUPPORT PROJECTS RATHER THAN INDIVIDUALS

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>ALL TRUSTEES ARE VOLUNTEERS AS IS ANYONE ELSE WHO WORKS WITH OR FOR THE TRUST. ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO BENEFICIARIES APART FROM FEES FOR THIRD PARTY SUPPORT SERVICES SUCH AS BANKING</b>
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>The charity's activities in the financial year 22/23 have continued much as in previous years and are best illustrated by excerpts from the information we provided to potential donors during the year, which are reproduced below:</b></p> <p>The Trust continues to support rural communities in trying to improve the quality of life and by supporting local parish churches through which most of the available help in these locations is provided. With the government now providing free education the Trust has given less to primary and secondary educational projects but examples of the sort of things we do now are:</p> <p>Pre-school education</p> <p>Children commence school at the age of 7 so vital early age learning and skills are missed. Munazi pre-school is a nursery which, as children have grown up, has developed into a pre-school for local children. There are 30 mums who are being educated within the Healthy Mums programme on diet, saving &amp; credit and initiating income generating projects who have children in the preschool between 3 &amp; 6 years old. There are 35 in the baby class and 30 under 6's. With money sent previously by Grass Roots, including a generous UK school donation, chairs, 2 floor mats, football and tennis balls, clothes for the mums and 10 piglets to initiate an income generation project so that they can pay for pre-school themselves have been purchased. This is a thriving and important benefit to the rural community in Munazi.</p>

		<p>Hunger relief</p> <p>Sadly, many of those living in the poorest rural communities still suffer from lack of income for food, and significant poverty. This is mainly due to the soaring cost of food in Rwanda and worldwide and partly due to the longer term impact of Covid lock-down when there were no markets/sales outlets for farmers. We continue to support the deprived communities by providing the most basic everyday food. We are therefore trying to ensure that all parish pastors can access supplies directly for their communities. Photographs have been received showing communities in Rugendabari, Kiyonza, Kabuga, Kironbozi, Gisanga, Rubona, Vunga and Mutara parishes receiving support from funds sent throughout the pandemic. In particular, the elderly, widows, single mothers and vulnerable individuals and their families were helped.</p> <p>Peace and Reconciliation Programme</p> <p>Shyogwe Diocese is expanding this programme by training church and community leaders to become 'trainers of trainers' by December 22 who will equip pastors and peace agents with skills in Trauma Healing and Recovery, Conflict Management and Alternative Disputes Resolution, and socio-economic challenges within 4 districts. They will have a bible perspective focussed on mediation, negotiation and forgiveness using workshops, forums and community based joint livelihood projects with genocide prisoners and survivors. A longer term objective is to build capacity within both Shyogwe Diocese and beyond into the southern province.</p> <p>Theological Education</p> <p>Five years ago the Government stated that once five years had passed only those with Government approved theological degrees would be permitted to preach. Within Rwanda these degrees are only attainable at Kigali Theological College or Hue University (formerly Butare). At that time very few pastors had such qualifications. The Trust has sent £5,000 each year for the last two years to help able people to gain such degrees.</p>
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		<p>Support for individuals</p> <p>GRRs mission is to reach out to the poorest, support spiritual needs through training and building programmes and support medical facilities and education. Special requests from or on behalf of individuals for funding are considered carefully and the following are examples of those that have been agreed:</p> <p>C: has been receiving support for hospital treatment for a serious skin problem. Her treatment stopped during the pandemic but we pray that it will continue again soon.</p> <p>J-B, the son of Reverend Manasseh: is a gifted student who has earned a scholarship for a special overseas student course based in the USA. This is aimed at a future career in high level politics, management, culture and leadership roles. He has to find travel and visa costs (which his father is unable to do for him) but is otherwise fully funded. Although an unusual request we believed his career potential in Rwanda could have a significant impact later in life so funded his fares, visa costs, and subsequently a laptop which he needed in order to pursue his course once in the USA.</p> <p>Y: is a young recently married man with a baby who is a devout Christian and keeps in regular contact with us. He has been unable to find employment and wants to train as teacher but will need the finance to pay for this. Generous donors will be funding part of this alongside GRR and payments will be made in instalments over the 2 year course.</p> <p>Examples of other funding decisions</p> <p>Electricity supply to Rugendabari church which would also provide electricity for homes in the parish.</p> <p>Electricity supply to Nyamagana parish for the remote village chapels of Musamo and Mwali.</p> <p>Hanika Health Centre for new equipment to replace rusty and damaged items.</p> <p>Shyogwe pastor's house which is virtually derelict as there is currently no home available for the pastor and his family.</p> <p>Young single mothers who have been subject to exploitation, rape and abuse (Teen Mothers Association) - vocational training equipment needed for tailoring to provide them with a means of support for themselves and their children.</p>
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		<p>Ongoing support for the provision of water filters for remote villages.</p> <p>Support for the vocational training undertaken at the VTC in Zion Hill.</p> <p>Dufatanye Project</p> <p>This project originally came under the auspices of a different charity but has now been brought under the umbrella of Grass Roots with all the funding kept separate. It supports a number of individuals through self-help initiatives including crafts, farming, fishing and provision of housing. On a recent trustee visit we saw that its 30 acre site is used for many activities, such as making various items including baskets, bowls and beads for sale. On the land owned by the project, we met a woman who had been homeless but now has somewhere to live and the means to support herself by growing bananas and other crops and keeping chickens. Others were involved in the fish farm which stretches across the valley floor. The whole site was very well maintained and clearly cared for by all engaged in the project.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Post pandemic giving to the Trust has declined somewhat so in the year in question reserves were spent in order to maintain support where it was needed. That still leaves a relatively substantial sum to use similarly in the current financial year
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Money is spent as the trustees decide it is most needed and prioritised against specific requests. The trustees are keen to balance income and expenditure each year but levels of income are yet to settle following the pandemic and the impact of inflation on the cost of living in the UK, so they continue to hold reserves to enable them to give more than the Trust receives, at least for another year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£36,639 unrestricted funds
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed dated 19 January 2001, as amended on 14 April 2018
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	By personal introduction and/or personal search as needed

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	GRASS ROOTS RWANDA
Other name the charity uses	NONE
Registered charity number	1086330
Charity's principal address	Barnside Tredington Tewkesbury GL20 7BP

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Muir	Chair	N/a	N/a
2	Rev James Stevens	Trustee	N/a	N/a
3	Judy Stevens	Trustee	N/a	N/a
4	Rev Paul Reynolds	Trustee	N/a	N/a
5	Gregor Moss	Trustee	N/a	N/a
6	E. Mary Hughes	Trustee	N/a	N/a
7	Sally Kitchener	Trustee	N/a	N/a
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

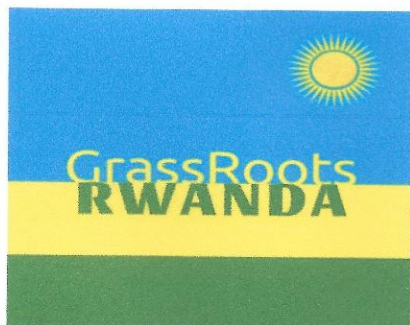
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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Gregor Moss</i>	
Full name(s)	GREGOR MOSS	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	
Date	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	



# GrassRoots Rwanda

charity number  
1086330

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

Period start date

01/04/2022

To

Period end date

31/03/2023

## Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted  
funds

to the nearest £

Restricted  
funds

to the nearest £

Endowment  
funds

to the nearest £

Total funds

to the nearest £

2020/2021

to the nearest £

### A1 Receipts

Bible School	-	12		12	2,707
Diocesan support	-	407		407	8,792
Education support	-	420		420	1,539
General	19,692	-		19,692	18,830
Health Support	-	0		0	0
Individual Support	-	832		832	2,383
Mothers Union	-	24		24	217
Parish Support	-	2,948		2,948	1,274
Vocational Training	-	68		68	0
Dufatanye Project		6,741		6,741	10,293
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>19,692</b>	<b>11,453</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,145</b>	<b>46,035</b>

<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>19,692</b>	<b>11,453</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,145</b>	<b>46,035</b>
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### A3 Payments

Bible School	8,853	0		8,853	5,107
Diocesan support	12,287	399		12,687	20,713
Education support	1,669	180		1,849	623
General	0	-		0	0
Health Support	0	0		0	0
Individual Support	4,480	1,911		6,390	3,964
Mothers Union	0	0		0	0
Parish Support	3,370	2,170		5,539	0
Trust Expenses	819			819	1,233
Vocational Training	0	0		0	0
Dufatanye Project	0	7,150		7,150	10,199
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>31,477</b>	<b>11,809</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43,287</b>	<b>41,838</b>

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>31,477</b>	<b>11,809</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43,287</b>	<b>41,838</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(11,785)</b>	<b>(357)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(12,142)</b>	<b>4,197</b>
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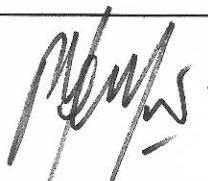
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
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<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>48,424</b>	<b>26,063</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74,487</b>	<b>70,290</b>
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<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>36,638.93</b>	<b>25,706.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>62,345.19</b>	<b>74,487</b>
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## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		36,639	25,706	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>36,639</b>	<b>25,706</b>	<b>-</b>

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Signed by the Chairman on behalf of all the trustees		P. J. WILKINSON	23.10.23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
GrassRoots Rwanda

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1086330

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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:

Date:

22 - 10 - 23

Name:

ROGER CRIVE GRIMSHAW

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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