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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 01/ 2020 to 12/2020

Reference and Administration details

EducAid Africa

Reg No.: 1087844

Contact address as above.

Trustees

Ian Carnell	Chairman
Lorraine Armstrong	Secretary
Jenni Kitson	Treasurer
Linda Maxfield	Liaison
Sunny Thethy	International liaison
Alison Thethy	International liaison

Non Trustee Associate : Angela Robson

Trustees meet three or four times a year and a sub-committee acting as a working group convenes as necessary for practical tasks.

Registered Charity No : 1087844

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document is a Trust Deed

During 2020 Angela Robson has ceased to be a Trustee but still joins some of our meetings and has been responsible for drawing up our newsletters.

2020 was the year that Covid-19 affected us all, so Trustee meetings have been held on Zoom.

It has not been a year for attempting to find new Trustees although we would still like to find some younger people to join us.

Trustees are selected by existing Trustees.

Volunteers and Representatives of the Charity in Kenya

Our representatives in Kenya are Jonah Arome and his brother Stephen Arome. Jonah is the person who fulfils the largest part of the responsibilities though the two share the role. They are paid a small retainer twice a year by EducAid Africa and basic expenses are reimbursed. Stephen and Jonah are both retired and based in Mombasa with a house still in Stephen's village where they have strong links with the local community.

Communication and links with our representative

The Trustees maintain contact mainly by email and some exchanges by post. We are seeking to find a way to include our Kenyan representatives in video meetings.

Every two years when possible, a group of Trustees travel at their own expense to visit the area and meet sponsored students, distribute books and equipment and assess what future needs may be possible projects. This is an important monitoring of the activities we support and allows free and open dialogue with our representatives to make changes where necessary.

At short notice two of the Trustees decided to visit Kenya in February 2020. Ian Carnell and Jenni Kitson, Chairman and Treasurer, decided to make 10 day visit as it had been more than two years since our last direct contact in March 2017. In the event it proved to be a timely opportunity as soon after our return all travel to Kenya, and most places, was suspended for the rest of the year because of the pandemic.

We were able to meet almost all our sponsored students, including those who had just started.

There was also an opportunity to meet up with those studying at college and university when they came to Mombasa to speak with us, some of our past students now in work joined them, and acted as mentors to those still in education.

As a result of our visit we were able to highlight some essential needs which we went on to put into practice during the following months, in spite of lockdown. This included a new toilet block for the Primary school, and sowed the seeds of the idea to provide them with a kitchen to support their feeding programme of pupils at lunchtimes. Small items like new mugs for the daily porridge at the nursery were purchased while we were there. Some new pupils in need of support were taken on.

How we operate in the UK

In addition to governance, Trustees are active in engaging with local schools, churches and interest groups, giving talks about the work of the charity and highlighting the importance of support for education of young people in such less developed countries.

In 2020 this has not been possible although we have been in frequent contact with our regular supporters by email and during the year raised funds for a new toilet block for the primary school at Malau. Later in the year we have organised the building of a simple school kitchen for the school after the family of a supporter who died decided to fund it in his memory.

In January 2020 we had another successful fund raiser evening which raised £767.00. After that face to face events were not possible.

At the announcement of lockdowns here and abroad in March 2020, a sum of £5000 was sent to our account in Mombasa to be used to alleviate hardship for any of our sponsored pupils and students who found themselves in difficult situations. Over a period of time small sums were distributed to help with food or local travel or medicine, managed by Jonah and Stephen.

Our supporters in the UK have continued to send regular sums to sponsor pupils and students at college and university. However during 2020 most young people in Kenya had their education interrupted for many months,

from March to the end of the year, with a plan for just a few to complete exams before Christmas and then the rest to return in January 2021.

Because of this no new fee payments were required in December 2020 and we carried over a much larger fund in readiness for when the new year started and they would be required.

Where there are administrative costs we continue to keep these very low or find donors to cover these specifics so that these costs do not come from general donations.

Object of the Charity

The charity began as a response to meet the needs of young people in Kenya who could not afford to attend secondary school. Each year we are able to sponsor a number of pupils at this level in boarding schools in their local area. In 2020 we took on 6 new pupils at secondary school in Form 1 and another for his final year only. Secondary education is for four years from the age of about 14 to 18. In 2020, we had 25 sponsored students at Secondary School through the four years. All sponsors receive a letter and report from their sponsored pupil each term. These are monitored by one of the Trustees and copies taken so that any issues raised can be addressed at source through our representative. It is common for many pupils at this stage to range up to 22 years in age because of poor health and family circumstances which have interrupted their education.

The object of the charity is to support access to education at various levels. Over the years this has expanded from secondary education to include support for two rural nurseries where children of 3 to 6 can begin to learn number, language and reading before starting formal Primary School. This has also provided Uji, a maize porridge, at break time. One of these nurseries has now expanded into a Primary School.

EducAid Africa does not build schools but has been able to provide some books and equipment and over time has contributed to the building work by funding a toilet block, a roof, a water tank, desks, electricity and, in 2017 and 2018 I.T. equipment which we saw in use on our visits.

An increasing number of our more able sponsored students are being sponsored through college or University. In 2020 we took on two new students offered a University places for further education, paid for a further one year teaching qualification for a former student already graduated and picked up another student who had slipped through the net

for his Year 1 and found a one year alternative funding, taking him through the next 3 years, giving a total of 16 young people currently pursuing their studies at FE level. These are sponsored by individuals or groups of individuals at a cost of about £600 a year which normally covers fees and term time board. This is a great result given that these students would not even have managed to attend Secondary School without the assistance of our sponsors.

Safeguarding

We the Trustees are aware of our responsibilities with reference to safeguarding children both in this country and in Africa and take this issue seriously. Those of us who give occasional talks in schools are in fact DBS checked although it is not officially necessary for this low level of contact. We currently have no powers to influence any controls of Kenyan personnel in Kenya or the system in schools there. We can however have dialogues with our representatives in Kenya to raise their awareness of the importance of safeguarding matters and would respond promptly if issues or concerns affecting sponsored pupils and students we support are brought to our notice. The type of contact between those who operate for us in Kenya and the students and young people there is enough to ensure our funds are accounted for, but is almost entirely done through the schools, where young children are involved. Many of the older students are adults, and actual one to one contact is minimal.

Maintaining the current level of support

The aim of the Trustees is to maintain the level of fundraising and support at around the same level. Whilst we would wish to raise more money because there are always needs, our current organisation relies on a small local operation in Kenya and it would become unmanageable if it were to grow too large.

Financial Review

In 2020, our financial controls were reviewed in line with recommendations of the Charity Commission.

Records are kept of donations and income in £sterling. The accounts are independently examined and are attached to this report.

When required, funds are transferred to our bank account in Mombasa managed by our representatives. They distribute the funds to schools as needed, for fees, individual needs, equipment, etc. They send a statement of funds in Kenyan shillings two or three times a year.

The value of transferred funds varies with the exchange rate.

The main transfer of funds normally occurs in December in preparation for the payment of school fees for the new school year which starts in January. A second transfer takes place in August ready for the start of the University term in September. Other transfers occur according to needs, there are rarely more than 3 transfers per year. In 2020 this pattern was disrupted because school fees were not required at the usual times, but as already stated extra funds were sent to assist with relief from hardship during the pandemic.

Whilst there is a high level of trust with our colleagues in Mombasa, in order to manage the risk of sending funds abroad, we are now asking for their accounts in Kenyan shillings to be examined officially and to send us a copy of the document each year. This was organised again for the end of 2020.

In 2020, Ebury decided they no longer wished to handle transfers for charities such as ours so during the year we have reverted to using the normal bank to bank transfer. This does incur a small fee as before and we will relook into alternatives, but for now have decided to follow Charity Commission guidelines and not take risk. We will continue to review our method of transfer to ensure low cost and reliability.

Gift Aid is an important source of income and we try to encourage all regular donors to Gift Aid where possible.

Each December it is important to retain sufficient reserves to cover the school and university fees of sponsored students, where all the money has been donated at the start of the four year period. We average the cost of fees which vary from school to school so that sponsors all pay the same rate.

Income has continued at a steady rate in 2020 and the total raised was £29,639.10 with £15,485.23 transferred to Mombasa. This year we carried over £30,703.36, a much larger sum at the end of the year. This reflects a drop in the number of sponsored pupils whilst other income

with no specific project has been maintained, plus as already stated a temporary change to the school year. We expect to be sending funds for fees again as education starts up again in 2021.

We have not needed to increase our costs to sponsors during 2020 as after an initial spike the exchange rate settled to a more favourable rate. We are aware that inflation and/or a change in the exchange rate may still make it necessary to increase donations for sponsorship in time.

The trustees declare that they have approved this report.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Full name: Jennifer Anne Kitson

Position: Treasurer

Date: October 18th 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Kitson', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

EDUCAID AFRICA

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01/01/2020

To

31/12/2020

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 £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations received	23,307	-	-	23,307	28,622
	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Raising	1,064	-	-	1,064	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Tax refund/Gift Aid	5,312	-	-	5,312	4,863
	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	6	-	-	6	8
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,689	-	-	29,689	33,493
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,689	-	-	29,689	33,493
A3 Payments					
Grant Payments	15,485	-	-	15,485	24,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Fund raising expenses	297	-	-	297	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,782	-	-	15,782	24,000
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,782	-	-	15,782	24,000
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,907	-	-	13,907	9,493
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,796	-	-	16,796	7,303
Cash funds this year end	30,703	-	-	30,703	16,796

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	LLOYDS BANK - BUS.BANK INTEREST ACCOUNT	28,440	-	-
	LLOYDS BANK - BUS.BANK INTEREST ACCOUNT	2,263	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,703	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

L.M. Maxfield
Jennifer A. Kitson

LINDA MARY MAXFIELD
JENNIFER A. KITSON

18.10.21
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
EDUCAID AFRICA

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2020

Charity no
(if any) 1087844

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

CM Burr

Date:

11/10/2021

Name:

MRS CHRISTINE M BURR

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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