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## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 01/ 2021 to 12/2021

### 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

2021 proved to be a continuation of Covid restrictions both here in the UK and in Kenya. This has affected the way we held meetings and limited fund raising activities, in that we have not been able to go into schools or give talks to raise funds.

Nevertheless the charity has maintained its income and continued to support its students and projects in Kenya.

No new Trustees have joined our organisation.

## **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 most 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 nearly all by email with fewer exchanges by post now. There is a WhatsApp link both with our representatives and a separate group including past sponsored students.

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.

The last Trustees' visit was in February 2020 and there was no discussion about future visits during 2021. We will possibly now be looking at 2023 as the first opportunity for such a visit after Covid.

## **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 2021 there have been a few opportunities for talks again and our Chairman has been in regular contact with our supporters by email, keeping them informed. This year saw the completion of a simple new kitchen to provide school meals at the primary school at Malau, most of the funds being donated in 2020.



Our representatives continued to use the relief fund for small amounts but we have not needed to send further funds for non-education purposes as school returned and life resumed in Kenya after the first full year with no school.

Our supporters in the UK have continued to send regular sums to sponsor pupils and students at college and university. In January 2021 school and college resumed for most pupils with a programme of catch up lasting two years from Jan 2021 to December 2022 during which three school years were compressed into two calendar years. This disrupted the pattern of sending fee money to Kenya but we have honoured each start of a "school year" with the appropriate amounts and exams have been taken and results announced. Terms have been shorter and the holiday periods very much curtailed. This pattern will continue through 2022 until normal terms resume.

### 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 2021 we took on 6 new pupils at secondary school in Form 1 and another who was just starting Form 2. Secondary education is for four years from the age of about 14 to 18. In 2021, we had 22 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.

Interestingly after the long break when schools were closed in Kenya due to Covid, in 2020, we did not lose any of our sponsored pupils from education, all returned after the break of nearly a year.

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. Even during the lock down period as already noted we were able to ensure improved facilities at Malau School where the work went on during the long closure. 2021 saw the completion of the kitchen project at Malau School with funds largely raised in memory of a former supporter of the charity.

An increasing number of our more able sponsored students are being sponsored through college or University. In 2021 we took on six students offered a University or college place for further education, giving a total of 11 young people currently



pursuing their studies at FE level. Five of the new students had been sponsored through school by our organisation and one was another local girl who met our criteria of deserving case with good exam results who was known to us through a previously sponsored student. These are all 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 an amazing result given that these students would not even have had the chance 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 2021, our financial controls were again 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.

In 2021 the exchange rate has remained favourable to us and we have not needed to increase the amount required for sponsorship.

Funds have been transferred as needed, at slightly different times of year because of the changes to the start of the school year and terms.

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 2021.

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

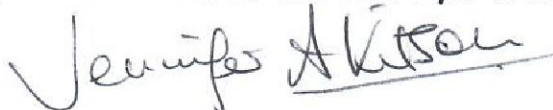
Each December it is important to retain sufficient reserves to cover the school and university fees of sponsored students, where all the money has been donated at the start of the four year period. We average the cost of fees which vary from school to school so that sponsors all pay the same rate.

We have carried over more funds this year from 2020 to 21 because fee money was not required in December 2020. We are optimistic that by the end of 2022 when the old pattern of school terms returns we will find that funds are still healthy and we shall not need to carry over such a large amount.

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 2022





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity name  
**EDUCAID AFRICA**

No (if any)  
**1087844**

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date <b>01/01/2021</b>	To	Period end date <b>31/12/2021</b>
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations received	22,238	-	-	22,238	23,307
Fund raising	-	-	-	-	1,064
Tax refund/Gift aid	4,806	-	-	4,806	5,312
Bank Interest	2	-	-	2	6
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>27,046</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,046</b>	<b>29,689</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>27,046</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,046</b>	<b>29,689</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grant Payments	28,406	-	-	28,406	15,485
Transfer Charges on Grant Payments	63	-	-	63	-
Fund Raising Costs	-	-	-	-	297
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>28,469</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,469</b>	<b>15,782</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>28,469</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,469</b>	<b>15,782</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,423</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,423</b>	<b>13,907</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>30,703</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,703</b>	<b>16,796</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>29,280</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,280</b>	<b>30,703</b>

## 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	27,725	-	-
	LLOYDS BANK - TREASURER'S ACCOUNT	1,555	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	29,280	-	-
	(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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

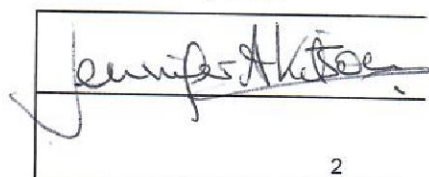
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



JENNIFER A. KITSON

26.09.22





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
**EDUCAID AFRICA**

On accounts for the year  
ended

**31.12.21**

Charity no  
(if any) **1087844**

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021

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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

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

Signed:

*Christine M Burr*

Date: **24/09/22**

Name:

**MRS CHRISTINE M BURR**

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

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