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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 01/ 2024 to 12/2024

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

Resigned during 2024

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

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document is a Trust Deed

During 2024 we continued our discussions about the future of the Charity. This was a testing time for the Trustees and sadly one of our Trustees stood down towards the end of the year, meanwhile some positives appeared with three potential new Trustees. This coincided with what was for us a sizeable legacy donation, all of which encouraged us to decide to find a way to move forward.

We worked through our Trust Deed document in more detail and were able to plan for changes to roles of Trustees for the coming year.

At the beginning of the year we had not taken any new pupils for 2024, but by the end of 2024, things looked different for us, so the decision was made to start up school sponsorship again in January 2025, meaning there would be just one year of secondary school with no sponsored pupils.

We planned to take on some or all of the new Trustees in 2025 once we had had an opportunity to meet and get to know one another. This was planned for January 2025. Two were already known as supporters of the charity for many years.

Volunteers and Representatives of the Charity in Kenya

Our representative in Kenya is still Jonah Arome, supported by his brother Stephen Arome. Jonah is the person who fulfils most of the responsibilities. He is 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.

As part of our discussions during 2024 we decided to find ways to strengthen the representative group in Mombasa to formalise the way decisions are made and the finances are managed, and to better safeguard our trusted representatives by forming a committee of carefully selected local people and including one of our Trustees (Sunny Thethy) This would be started when Sunny next visited Mombasa, where he has family, at the beginning of 2025.

Communication and links with our representative

The Trustees maintain contact chiefly by email. There is a WhatsApp link both with our representatives and a separate group including past sponsored students.

It has been the tradition for some Trustees to visit every two years when possible, but given that this is at our own expense, it cannot be a condition of being a Trustee.

As Trustees get older and have health issues, this has become more of a challenge for some. However one of our Trustees has family and business interests in Nairobi and

Mombasa so can always be the charity's "in person" representatives when he is there on other matters.

Although there is reasonable communication by email or occasionally WhatsApp, the personal visits play a different role and often to lead to changes in what we do or additional improvements that emerge through the experience of the visit and face to face meetings. The last such visit was in 2023. No other Trustees were able to visit in 2024, and no plans made to go in 2025.

How we operate in the UK

In addition to governance, Trustees are willing to give talks about EducAid Africa. Such engagement with local schools, churches and interest groups has somewhat faded since COVID. Nevertheless the revenue from regular supporters and churches continues. Some schools are still holding fund raising events for us and Trustees giving talks about the charity in Assemblies. . We are not lacking the resources we currently need.

One of our Trustees has been helping to organise and support a successful golf tournament and corporate day and another such day was held in 2024.

The challenge of supporting our successful school pupils through college and University since the increase in cost in 2023 has made us think more carefully about doing this, however as we had funds left and were thinking we would close the charity, we decided to keep helping those already on our lists. After that, with our U turn later in 2024, we are prepared to deal with requests as they come to us, and there are thoughts that the legacy money could well be used for some of our University students.

We have never been able to sponsor those looking for funding at overseas universities.

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 for a period of 4 years in boarding schools in their local area. In 2024, the new school year began in January but as agreed we took on no new school pupils.

All existing sponsors have continued to receive regular termly reports and a letter from their pupil, with extra photographs and information after a Trustees' visit. We have been able to continue support of two nursery schools with Uji (maize porridge) for their daily feeding programme as well as equipment and books to a local primary school. These schools are also visited by Trustees when in Kenya.

In the summer of 2024 we supported some students who wanted extension or new courses, most of which were short courses and less expensive, as we felt this was a good way of using funds we were holding, and would need to draw down if the charity was to close. This was before we knew about the legacy donation.

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. 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 was always 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 2024, 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 and have an annual official audit of their finances, a copy of which is sent to us each year.

Funds have been transferred as needed, normally twice a year. In December 2023 however the UK bank failed to send the large transfer in December at the correct time and so it appears in the accounts in early January of 2024, meaning we appear to have a much greater carry over than normal. This transfer was for the payment of school fees for the 2024 school year but includes other amounts to support the nurseries and equipment for the Primary school we support, as well as an amount that

can be used in small amounts in the case of hardship or medical needs of our sponsored pupils and students, at the discretion of our colleagues in Mombasa.

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

Each year our carry over is maintained at a level such that we can still support outstanding sponsorships where that money is in the account already, plus sufficient to meet an adverse change in the exchange rate.

The legacy donation has doubled our funds, however we are keen to find appropriate ways to use it very soon and are considering moving it into a short term account where it can earn us some interest until a decision has been made. We do not wish to retain large sums.

The trustees declare that they have approved this report.

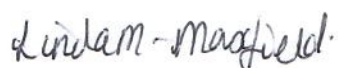
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Full name: Jennifer Anne Kitson

Position: Treasurer

Date: 23.10.25.



Full Name: Linda Mary Maxfield

Position: Chairperson

Date: 23.10.25.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

EDUCAID AFRICA

Charity No.
1087844

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
01.01.24

To

Period end date
31.12.24

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	23,978	-	-	23,978	32,388
	-	-	-	-	-
Tax refund/Gift aid	5,282	-	-	5,282	4,688
	-	-	-	-	-
Legacy	31,250	-	-	31,250	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	435	-	-	435	202
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</i>	60,945	-	-	60,945	37,278
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	60,945	-	-	60,945	37,278
A3 Payments					
Grant Payments	41,521	-	-	41,521	12,314
	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer charges on Grant & other Payments	125	-	-	125	21
	-	-	-	-	-
Freight Charges	1,025	-	-	1,025	-
School Materials given	-	-	-	-	688
other Payments	78	-	-	78	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	42,749	-	-	42,749	13,023
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	42,749	-	-	42,749	13,023
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,196	-	-	18,196	24,255
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	37,109	-	-	37,109	12,854
Cash funds this year end	55,305	-	-	55,305	37,109

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	54,890	-	-
	Lloyds Bank-Treasurers Acc.	415	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	55,305	-	-
		OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	LLOYDS BANK - BUS.BANK		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		L.M. Maxfield	LINDA MARY MAXFIELD	23.10.25
		J. Wilson	JENNIFER ANNE KITSOW	23.10.25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
EDUCAID AFRICA

On accounts for the year
ended

31.12.24

Charity no
(if any)

1087844

Set out on pages

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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 **31/12/2024**

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

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.

Signed:

Date:

17/10/25

Name:

Mrs Christine M Burr

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

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