



## Trustees Annual Return and Accounts for the year ended 30 April 2021

Goodwill & Growth for Africa UK, aka *GAGA UK*

**Registered Charity Number – 1092028**

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# **GAGA UK – Trustees Report, 2020/21**

## **Trustees**

Mr Tony Weller (Chairman)  
Mr Charlie Homer (Vice-Chairman)  
Ms Amanda Barrie (Treasurer)  
Ms Sarah Hodgson (Secretary)  
Mr Richard Lucas  
Mrs Elena Godfrey – appointed October 2020\*  
Mrs Ann Smith – retired at AGM May 2021

*The chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer shall constitute the four trustees of the executive committee. The executive committee shall have the power to make decisions in any emergency and to carry on business between the meetings of the trustees but all actions and decisions of their committee shall be reported to the trustees for confirmation and ratification at the next meeting.*

\*Mrs Godfrey paused her involvement in December 2020 until August 2021 due to Covid illness.

## **Appointment of Trustees**

1. There shall be at least four trustees. Every future trustee shall be appointed by resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting called under clause J of the trust deed.
2. If for any reason trustees cannot be appointed in accordance with the foregoing position the statutory power of appointing new or additional trustees shall be exercisable.

## **Staff Members**

Mrs Claire Whatley (Director)

### **Principal Bank**

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## **Constitution**

Declaration of trust dated 19/03/2002 as amended by deed dated 17/03/2010 as amended by deed dated 31/03/2010 as amended by deed dated 22/01/2011.

## **Objectives**

- (I) To relieve poverty and sickness in South Africa and elsewhere in particular by providing relief to orphans and their carer's.
- (II) To advance education, training, personal development and employment including self-employment, partnerships and co-operatives of children and/or their carer's in South Africa and elsewhere.
- (III) To preserve and protect health of children and their carer's in South Africa and elsewhere.

## **Summary of main activities**

Our main activities are and remain, to raise and distribute funds to partner projects in South Africa and elsewhere, namely in Tanzania, and any other African country and project, which the board of trustees deems worthy.

We continue to focus on health care and education, in particular on areas that continue to be affected by HIV/AIDS and poverty, and since 2020 have also been adversely affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. We continue to disburse a large proportion of our funds to support the running of the clinic at 1000 Hills Community Helpers and we sponsor a bed at the Hillcrest Aids Centre Trust respite unit. Regarding education, we have a broader spectrum, supporting a primary 7 class at a rural school in Tanzania, as well as continuing to help seventeen students to further their education at university or college in South Africa. Through 2020 the early childhood development centre which opened in January 2020 was beset with challenges arising from the impact of Covid-19 and the restrictive lockdown regulations implemented in South Africa. This meant that many jobs were lost and poverty was exacerbated in the surrounding community. We continued to support the small crèche as it became a vital lifeline for the small children attending, providing their only meal of the day. Many of the scholarship students we support found their courses suspended or reverting to on-line learning. This proved challenging for those students in the rural communities where electricity supply was patchy and they often had to rely on smartphone data to access on line learning.

Our staff, trustees and volunteers continue to fundraise in the UK and our regular donors continue to help us deliver our objectives as listed above. Much of the fundraising in 2020/21 was virtual, with the charity hosting online quizzes and taking part in national virtual events like the 2.6 Challenge and My Ride London. We also launched a successful Crowdfunder and found that our existing donor base responded positively to the increased challenges that South Africa and Tanzania were facing in the global pandemic. Our regular donor base, including our major donors remained loyal and we also recruited and additional corporate donor just outside the 2020/21 financial year in May 2021.

It was not possible to travel to South Africa or Tanzania for the regular monitoring and evaluation activities due to travel restrictions both from the UK (Foreign Office advisory) and into the destination countries. We are fortunate to have trusted ambassadors in situ in South Africa and also utilised Zoom and WhatsApp to maintain high levels of contact to compensate for the inability to travel.

We are proud to report that we disbursed nearly £60,000 to Africa in 2020/21 and we were able to support specific initiatives which assisted the organisations we support with their responses to Coronavirus, either through the provision of PPE or by addressing the impact of lockdown with food parcels and clothing support for impoverished families. In addition to financial support we sent a shipment of warm clothing, school uniform and blankets to South Africa in July 2020.

## **Summary of main achievements**

### **Health – 1000 Hills Community Helpers, South Africa**

1000 Hills Community Helpers received ongoing funding throughout 2020/21 as well as receiving a shipment of knitted items, school uniform and medical dressings sent in July 2020. The project focussed on their emergency feeding and clothing scheme in the initial lockdown and changed processes and procedures to enable them to return to a level of clinic and community care for the remainder of 2020.

This year GAGA UK's funding contributed 25% of the funding required for the 1000 Hills primary care clinic, meaning GAGA's donations continue to contribute significantly to the impact the clinic has on the lives of many. The clinic faced significant cost increases in 2020/21 as the pandemic resulted in supply shortages; this was combined with increased demand, especially for their family planning services as Government clinics reduced their family planning provision to redirect funds to fighting Coronavirus. They continue to face challenges of funding and increasing costs into 2021.

### **HIV/AIDS – Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust, South Africa**

Hillcrest Aids Centre Trust remained a trusted partner and the sponsor a bed scheme (contributing towards the costs for one of the beds in the 24-bed unit, helping with the unit's running costs and helping to ensure that their vital services in helping those in the end stages of AIDS are able to continue) was adopted again for 2021.

Early in 2020, at the start of the pandemic HACT revised their operational model to ensure the safety of staff and inpatients. They closed the unit to visitors and ceased their retail activities to minimise footfall on the site. Training rooms were converted to staff accommodation and staff stayed on site for the duration of the first and subsequent lockdowns to minimise the risk of contracting and spreading the virus. The pandemic response continues into 2021 as South Africa faces a third wave and therefore, the Board approved an additional payment in February 2021 to support the increased costs associated with operating in a Covid safe way.

### **Education: Svnokuhle/ First Step Right, South Africa**

As reported in the 2019/20 report the refurbished property that used to house First Step Right was closed by the property owner, Frey's (Meat Processing Plant) due to the risk associated with operating a crèche and preschool adjacent to the factory during the Coronavirus pandemic. Staff were compensated with three months salary as a severance payment and the assets of the project will be transferred to another early childhood development scheme in the area. The application to create a Not for Profit Company, called Svnokuhle commenced but due to a number of factors this remains outstanding at the time of this report. The crèche resumed, with the oversight of the Department of Social Development (DSD) in smaller premises, but struggled to become self-supporting as unemployment struck the area. GAGA UK continued to support as the crèche was often the provider of care and the sole meal of the day for small children when their parents or carers were unwell or seeking employment. The lead director was taken into hospital with severe Covid disease in June 2021 and we continue to monitor the situation closely.

## **Education – Sangobeg Scholarships, South Africa**

The Sangobeg Scholarship programme continued to be a valuable part of our portfolio, 17 individuals received some form of funding from the programme in 2020/21, ranging from subsistence support, through fully funding degree, diploma, and vocational training. Funds received by David Morrison are restricted specifically for this programme. David Morrison continues to be a steadfast supporter of GAGA UK, and the student programme, maintaining a keen interest in the progress of the students. 2020/21 saw one student graduating with a teaching qualification but all students suffered some level of disruption to their learning in this period. Tragically one student lost her life in January 2021 and some financial support was extended to the family. With the addition of a new volunteer, a Sangobeg Alumnus is being developed and there are lots of ideas to develop this into 2021/22.

## **Education - Tanzania**

We continue to support the work of KYGN UK and their work with the KYGN School in Tanzania. The 2020 Primary 7 cohort achieved a remarkable performance in their secondary transfer examinations, made even more admirable given the twin interference of flooding and coronavirus. April 2020 saw Mabogini hit with some of the most extreme weather ever encountered destroying the main road to the village and leaving people's homes flooded. The impact of the weather was so bad that many people were cut off from basic food and shelter, so KYGN commenced deliveries of food and basic supplies, including hand sanitiser to guard against Coronavirus.

GAGA UK agreed to extend funding to KYGN in the February 2021 board meeting to £3k in 2021/22 and a special appeal has been created on the website to encourage more regular donors to support with £5 a month. At the year end the appeal had not achieved the target of 25 donors, however in early May 2021 a new corporate donor has come forward with the full £1,500 sponsorship and there are 7 regular donors and £500 of one-off donations against the appeal.

## **Early Childhood Development – Number 9**

GAGA UK continue to maintain a strong link with this small creche, although we do not support the running costs on an ongoing basis. We have a regular supporter who provides donations for the creche through GAGA UK and in 2020/21 funds were sent to contribute towards the building of an additional classroom. We were devastated to hear that Promise the Head Teacher of Number 9 crèche lost her life to Covid in January 2021. The Number 9 crèche is continuing under the control of her daughter and we will continue to maintain contact to support where we can, hoping to complete the new classroom in 2021/22 in her name.

## **Abandoned Babies – South Africa**

We continue to receive a small, regular monthly donation which was requested to be restricted to Likhon iThemba. In addition, in 2020 we set up a website appeal for Likhon iThemba so that UK based supporters could contribute. These donations are forwarded to Likhon iThemba every 6 months (or less if other funds are sent), to keep costs for GAGA to a minimum.

## **Isthembiso Community Care Centre (previously The White House), South Africa**

Russell Sthe Chili continues to operate his Gogo Lunch Club although this was adapted through 2020/21 during South Africa's lockdown period to providing food parcels for the grandparent headed households. Many of these women survive on their state old age grant and therefore, hunger, malnutrition and illness are common. His ability to buy in bulk and make up weekly food parcels made this approach cost effective and provided a lifeline for many rural families. He also has extended his residential provision but GAGA UK continues to ring-fence our support for the Gogo lunchtime programme.

## **Spirit of Africa and Ithembalihle**

We continue to follow the work of Spirit of Africa and Ithembalihle and hope they will continue to thrive and develop. We donated £300 towards a Christmas party for the children at Ithembalihle.

## **Fundraising 2019/20**

Our fundraising campaign 'The Remembering Tree' took place for an eighth year, spanning November 2020 to April 2021. The Coronavirus restrictions meant that we were unable to remove the tree coverings following the lockdown in January but this had the benefit of additional support coming through our text to donate numbers. We were happy that we continued to receive donations from new donors but struggled for business sponsors in 2020. We received significant local press & local radio coverage for the initiative as we collaborated on a "Poppy" tree in addition to our usual trees and sadly were also the victim of vandalism on the trees sited at Holy Trinity Churchyard. However, local support for this remains strong.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of our ambassadors, volunteers, fundraisers, and supporters, without whom our work would not be possible. Many people joined our online events, quizzes in the autumn winter of 2020 and a Springtime party night in March 2021. Local businesses providing raffle prizes made a significant difference to our fundraising. Many also supported our virtual challenge events – the 2.6 Challenge and My Ride London as well as our Crowdfunder.

Rotary Clubs: Alcester and Bidford and Stratford upon Avon Rotary Clubs continued to support GAGA UK, through fundraising events and donations. We received funds from SuA Rotary in support of the challenges faced by our partner projects in South Africa and the floods in Tanzania.

## **Trustees**

We remain a strong organisation with a dedicated board of trustees who continue to work towards our objectives. Mrs Elena Godfrey's application to join the Board of Trustees which was made in July 2020 was approved at the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Mrs Godfrey brings a wealth of experience from her career in overseas development. Unfortunately, she suspended activities from December 2020 to August 2021 due to ill health but we are fortunate that she has returned now her health is improved. Mrs Ann Smith, a founding Trustee announced her retirement from the Board at the AGM in May 2021, effective August 2021. She remains fully involved and takes up a role as an ambassador for GAGA UK.

## **.Related Parties and Trustee Transactions**

There were no related party or trustee transactions in the reporting period.

### **Fundraising Policy**

GAGA UK is a member of the Fundraising Regulator. GAGA UK will continue to show our commitment to accountability and transparency through prompt and thorough reporting and analysis of accounts. There were no complaints received in the reporting period.

### **Reserves Policy**

In 2014/15 the Board of Trustees invested £10,000 into a deposit account. This deposit remains in place, and acts as a reserve fund, were it to be needed. It would help to cover almost one quarter's worth of donations to those we have ongoing commitments to. There is no indication that current events will necessitate drawdown of these reserves in the foreseeable future.



## **Goodwill & Growth for Africa UK**

### **Accounts**

**Year ended 30 April 2021**

## **Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the Trustees of Good Will and Growth for Africa - Charity No. 1092028**

**On accounts for the year ended 30 April 2021 set out on pages 11 and 12.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 April 2021.

### **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.

  
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07 September 2021

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**Goodwill & Growth for Africa**  
**Income & Expenditure Account**  
**Year Ended 30 April 2021**

	2021		2020	
Income	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary Income</b>				
Donations Received	83,204		73,672	
Gift Aid Tax	4,589	87,793	4,348	78,020
<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>				
Fundraising Income	3,185		16,221	
Merchandising	1,285	4,470	2,090	18,311
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Interest Received		8		63
<b>Other Income</b>				
Other Income		2,841		3,177
		95,112		99,571
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<b>Fundraising Trading Costs</b>				
Fundraising Costs	298		776	
Other Event Costs	740	1,038	2,319	3,095
<b>Charitable Activities Costs</b>				
Charitable Disbursements UK	2,447		3,675	
Charitable Disbursements Africa	59,257		74,354	
Salaries and Wages	20,665		20,135	
Pension Costs	1,040		1,127	
Training Costs	60		-	
Overseas Travel	-		1,730	
UK Travel	64		342	
Rates	380		749	
Insurance	280		280	
Telephone	822		806	
Postage & Stationery	277		6	
Printing and Photocopying	21		304	
Website	1,368		1,368	
Equipment Purchases	-		7	
Equipment Repairs	-		481	
Sundries	5		231	
Other Expenses	-		317	
<b>Governance Costs</b>				
Accountancy	290		943	
Trustee Meetings	-		33	
Bank Charges	-		68	
Professional Fees Paid	29	87,005	50	107,006
		88,043		110,101
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year</b>	£	7,069	£	(10,530)

**Goodwill & Growth for Africa UK**

**Balance Sheet**

**As at 30 April 2021**

	2021	2020
<b>Accumulated fund</b>	£	£
Accumulated fund brought forward	38,486	49,016
Excess of expenditure over income for the year	7,069	(10,530)
Accumulated fund carried forward	<u>£ 45,555</u>	<u>£ 38,486</u>

**Represented by**

**Current Assets**

Balance at bank and in hand	40,966	34,138
Accrued income	<u>4,589</u>	<u>4,348</u>
Net Current Assets	45,555	38,486
	<u>£ 45,555</u>	<u>£ 38,486</u>