

# Advantage Africa

*pathways out of poverty*



**Report and Accounts**  
Year ended 31 July 2023



Margaret (left) with her stall selling basic provisions and Rodah (centre) and Sheila (right) from MWDG.

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### Acronyms used

<b>ACA</b>	Associated Chartered Accountant
<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
<b>COVID-19</b>	Coronavirus Disease 2019
<b>FRS</b>	Financial Reporting Standard
<b>EFPA</b>	Elgon Foundation of Persons with Albinism
<b>GBV</b>	Gender-based violence
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>HMRC</b>	His Majesty's Revenue and Customs
<b>IAAD</b>	International Albinism Awareness Day
<b>ICAEW</b>	Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
<b>KDPO</b>	Kibwezi Disabled Persons' Organisation
<b>KISE</b>	Kenya Institute of Special Education
<b>MWDG</b>	Migori Women with Disabilities Group
<b>SNUPA</b>	Source of the Nile Union of Persons with Albinism
<b>SORP</b>	Statement of Recommended Practice
<b>SPAU</b>	Single Parents' Association of Uganda
<b>STI</b>	Sexually Transmitted Infection
<b>UN</b>	United Nations

Front cover: Children with their teacher at Rescue Team's Nursery School.

Rear cover: The SNUPA team with refugees at the Nakivale Refugee Settlement.

# Trustee-Directors' Report

## for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

### Charity and Company Information

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## Introduction

This Report and Accounts outlines how Advantage Africa helped improve the lives of several thousand vulnerable people in Kenya and Uganda and used our resources to fulfil that purpose.

We're most grateful to our inspirational partner organisations and our generous and committed supporters who made the achievements in this Report possible, and brought joy and hope into poor communities across East Africa. Thank you for making a difference.

## Governance

Advantage Africa's governance is described in its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustee-Directors and the current Board is shown on page two. Three Trustees left the board this year because of relocation, other commitments or having served the maximum term of 10 years. New candidates are considered by the existing Trustee-Directors according to the match of their skills and experience to our identified needs and are given an induction during their first few meetings.

Advantage Africa's organisational policies cover all aspects of its operation including finance, employment, safeguarding and professional practice and we have a schedule for their periodic review e.g. our Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually.

The Trustee-Directors meet four times a year to oversee Advantage Africa's activities and monitor progress against the objectives of our Strategic Plan. At each meeting the Trustee-Directors reviewed our impact in Kenya and Uganda, financial performance, fundraising, risk and organisational policies.

## Objects of the Charity

Advantage Africa's objects, as defined in its Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated 6th March 2002 and amended by special resolution 31st May 2002, are *'The relief of need, poverty, hardship and distress and the advancement of education amongst people in Africa, in particular by supporting and working with local people to develop sustainable initiatives within their own region'*.

In practice, Advantage Africa supports people affected by poverty, disability, albinism and HIV to improve their education, health and incomes. Our partnerships with local organisations in Kenya and Uganda help vulnerable people to help themselves and build a better future for their families and communities. Advantage Africa provides its partners with resources, advice and training as well as links to other sources of knowledge, skills and funds.

## Review of Activities

### Oversight

The Trustee-Directors have planned and overseen the activities of the charity with regard to the Charity Commission's Good Governance Code, their guidance on 'Public Benefit', and 'Working Internationally' as well as HMRC's recommendations on 'Payments to Overseas Bodies'. Advantage Africa is also a member of the Fundraising Regulator.

### Vision and Strategy

Many millions of people in East Africa continue to live in relentless poverty, excluded from the benefits of economic growth. They have been disproportionately affected by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and rising prices triggered by the war in Ukraine. Among the most vulnerable people of all are those affected by disability and HIV, often stigmatised and denied their basic human rights, causing them to lack self-worth, opportunity and hope.

Advantage Africa's vision is for such vulnerable children, women and men to be respected as equals, free from poverty, discrimination and fear, and to have appropriate education, good health and sustainable livelihoods. To this end, our current strategic goal is *'better lives for the most vulnerable children and adults in East Africa'* and our objectives towards achieving it are to:

- (1) Support the most vulnerable and excluded children, women and men to overcome poverty and meet their needs in a sustainable way.
- (2) Contribute to changing the conditions, attitudes, policies and practices that keep them in poverty.
- (3) Create a more resilient and sustainable charity.

Advantage Africa's team of four staff in the UK comprised Director Andrew Betts, Programme Managers Rob Aley (Kenya) and Jane Betts (Uganda) and Finance Manager Lianne Betteridge (until February 2023) who all worked to fulfil these objectives.

This Review outlines some of the activities carried out and impact achieved in 2022/23. Names of some beneficiaries have been changed to protect privacy.

Towards our first objective, supporting the most vulnerable people to overcome poverty, Advantage Africa's Strategic Plan aims for us to *support at least eight partner organisations to provide essential services to improve the education, health and incomes of vulnerable people*.

We actually supported eight partners and also undertook work that cut across all three of these programmatic themes. These partners were Thinu Primary School; Mitaboni Primary School; Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE); Migori Women with Disabilities Group (MWDG); Kibwezi Disabled Persons' Organisation (KDPO); Rescue Team for HIV & AIDS; Single Parents' Association of Uganda (SPAU) and Source of the Nile Union of Persons with Albinism (SNUPA).

## Education

### Special Education Units and Early Years Education (Kenya)

Student numbers in the special units we support at Mitaboni and Thinu primary schools in eastern Kenya slowly recovered from COVID-19 closures and disruption. This enabled nearly 80 children with disabilities to learn with their friends in a safe and caring environment. Advantage Africa provided monthly salaries to the vital support staff, including the cooks, house mothers and security guards, and helped with the maintenance including repairs to the bathrooms and playground equipment at Mitaboni.

In December 2022 Thinu school celebrated the graduation of five of their oldest learners. All were assisted to make successful starts to their adult lives in the community.

Our nursery school in eastern Kenya for vulnerable children run by Rescue Team, saw pupil numbers rise to pre-pandemic numbers of 23. The school compound was further developed with the renovation of a storage building, the installation of an energy-efficient stove in the school kitchen, and planting of mango and other drought-resistant trees. Plans were made to start a community water project at the school with a grant already approved by Wilmslow Wells for Africa. Rain water will be harvested from the school roofs, stored in large tanks and provided to around 1,000 people in the local community.



Children plant trees at Rescue Team's nursery school.

### Disabled Children's Education (Kenya)

With support from British and Foreign School Society, we started the scaling-up of our training for special teachers in Kenya. Building on our successful pilot project with 20 teachers last year, we recruited teachers from a further 17 schools who attended two week-long training sessions hosted by our partner the Kenya Institute for Special Education (KISE).



Teacher training using interactive methods.

The training equips teachers with the knowledge and skills to support older learners with intellectual disabilities to make successful transitions from school to adult life. Many of the trainee teachers are already advanced in applying the learning in their schools, with 10 school-leavers already helped in productive post-school community-based activities such as livestock rearing, hair dressing and carpentry this year. The project will continue to expand in 2023/24 with the first group completing their training and another group of 23 teachers joining the programme.

Nancy, 22 is one of the young people benefitting from this project. She has learning disabilities and comes from a poor family and was at risk of getting 'stuck in school'. Her teacher Pamela received training from Advantage Africa and applied it in supporting Nancy to make a successful transition from her special school in western Kenya. With a grant from Advantage Africa she started duck rearing at home with the support of her father. Nancy says 'I love my ducks and attend to them first thing every morning'.



Nancy with her ducks.

## Vocational Training for Young People (Uganda)

In the rural community of Kyabiiri, Uganda, Advantage Africa supported 45 unemployed / out-of-school young people aged 14-28 with 12-15 months' vocational training. Most had completed basic levels of primary education only, and this training will culminate in a formal Government certification.

10 male and female trainees opted to learn how to grow coffee under the expert tuition of Bernard from the Kibenge coffee farmer's co-operative society. The training course included practical farming skills, setting up and managing a coffee nursery bed, optimising growing seasons, disease management, marketing of seedlings, overcoming challenges and resourcing a new enterprise.

After six months the group had already produced 25,000 healthy coffee seedlings which they could sell at 1,000 Ugandan Shillings (22p) each. Sarah of SPAU reported *'The seedlings have grown well and the trainees are equipped to set up a coffee nursery bed themselves.'*



Coffee trainees build their first nursery.

25 young people undertook motorcycle mechanic training under the guidance of Geoffrey and Abdu. The trainees, previously feeling bored, frustrated and hopeless, found purpose, friendship and great enjoyment in their apprenticeships.

Uganda's transport system largely relies on boda boda (motorcycle taxis) for people to move around cheaply and quickly. This means that the skills learnt by these young people will always be in demand and they're equipped to earn an income for life.

10 young people who opted to learn welding were trained by experts Musa and Eddie and all applied themselves keenly to learning new skills. They impressed their trainers with how quickly they picked up metal shaping and cutting, and at the six month mark were producing impressive metal gates, fences and doors together. Their welding skills have also equipped them to repair motor vehicles and many other services in demand by the local community.



Motorcycle mechanic Geoffrey teaches his trainees.



Welding trainees at work.

## Reducing the Spread and Impact of HIV (Kenya and Uganda)

With support from Evan Cornish Foundation, we completed a pioneering project to support 162 sex workers in eastern Kenya to protect themselves from STIs and abuse. Through comprehensive training from our local partner, Rescue Team, empowered the women with knowledge and confidence about their rights and health, resulting in the establishment of a network of self-advocates called 'Bidii (hard-working) Champions'. The women were also supported with grants to overcome crises and start small enterprises to reduce their reliance on sex work to survive.

Burgwin, our project coordinator says *'It's clear these women have been really left out, their knowledge levels at the start of the training were very low, and they really needed a group. Previously they all just looked after themselves'*.

The project also provided HIV testing and counselling for 199 sex workers and 53 others, with 5 referred for treatment and STI screening for 120 women and 25 referrals. The project culminated with a large and vibrant public awareness event held for 250 people in Kibwezi town that was featured on mass media.



The Bidii Champions sex workers made banners and T-shirts for their health awareness campaigning event.

Now, the Bidii Champions are actively bridging the gap between women in crisis and essential services, including during emergencies like sexual violence and police misconduct.

Through their other local HIV programmes throughout the year, Rescue Team provided a further 390 (total 541) people with HIV testing and counselling, many of them orphans and vulnerable children and their caregivers. The reduced incidence of HIV infections demonstrates the impact of Rescue Team's prevention work supported by Advantage Africa over the last decade.

Our HIV & AIDS work in Uganda focused on a five-day 'Memory Work' training of trainers course for single parent families in Kyabiiri followed by sessions of HIV counselling and testing. The course enabled the 80 participants to become trainers themselves in overcoming stigma and fear surrounding HIV. Learning and socialising together for a week, the parents and carers were equipped to frankly discuss and tackle challenging issues relating to HIV, relationships and planning for the future within their families and wider community. Most participants noted appropriate support for older teenagers, creating family trees and will-writing as invaluable parts of the course about which they had limited knowledge before. Single parent Godfrey echoed many in saying *'I am going to give advice to my friends on what we have learnt.'*

## Rehabilitation, Health and Welfare Rehabilitation Services (Kenya and Uganda)

Our support of Kibwezi Disabled Persons' Organisation (KDPO) enabled them to provide 60 wheelchairs and mobility tricycles to people with disabilities this year. All were secured through our long term partnership with Motivation UK. Each wheelchair recipient was assessed, measured and fitted with an appropriate chair for their needs. Users were then visited in their home to ensure they were getting the best use of their chairs. These evaluations of effectiveness enabled KDPO to be designated as one of Motivation's eight partners trusted to provide assessment, fitting and follow-up services and approved for further collaboration. Next year we expect to provide a further 150 robust wheelchairs.

Another 107 disability appliances were designed, built, supplied or repaired this year at KDPO's rehabilitation workshop with materials, tools and technician's allowances provided by Advantage Africa. These include crutches, standing frames, supportive seating and special footwear. Five amputees were assisted to have prosthetic legs fitted and we initiated a partnership with a new provider Circleg, who offer more sophisticated prostheses than we've sourced in the past.



HIV testing and counselling for couples.



**KDPO technicians Mike and Nguli (right and centre) assemble wheelchairs ready for client fitting**

In Kyabiiri, Uganda, four people with disabilities were provided with sturdy new wheelchairs suitable for the local terrain. We are waiting to provide at least eight further adults and children with disabilities with fitted wheelchairs in the area when a delayed shipment of kits arrives in the country.

The despair and chronic poverty of prolonged COVID-19 lockdowns meant that substance abuse and anti-social behaviour had risen sharply in the Kyabiiri community, especially among teenagers who were out of education and work. We responded by enabling our partner SPAU to deliver three days' training for 100 people about avoiding and recovering from drug and alcohol abuse.

Many of the young people taking part in our vocational training attended the course. Having learnt and debated freely together, substance abuse and addiction are no longer taboo subjects in the community and the trainees are equipped with skills to help others.

### **Welfare and Shelter for Vulnerable People (Kenya and Uganda)**

It was another incredibly tough year for vulnerable people in East Africa. In Kenya, extremes of drought in the east and flooding in the west combined with dramatic price increases in staple foods and fuel, to intensify the acute hardship experienced by the most disadvantaged families.

Advantage Africa supplied significant quantities of food including maize flour and beans plus essential hygiene supplies to 135 families with debilitating medical conditions, no family support or unable to earn an income for themselves.

Targeted support was also delivered to 45 families in Kenya identified by our partners as at the very highest risk. In addition to food, we provided help with hospital treatment, disability appliances, beds and bedding, house repairs and carers' allowances.



**MWDG with relief food ready for distribution.**

Clinton, an orphan with severe disabilities, is typical of those supported. We found a caring foster family to look after him and provided food, clothing, bedding, a wheelchair, commode and his much-loved solar-powered radio. Other recipients included a young female victim of domestic violence for whom we constructed a safe house and a fragile family of eight for whom we also began building a home.

Where individuals in need had the capacity to earn a living for themselves, we provided capital costs and advice to start their own small businesses. Margaret (pictured on page 2) was one such enterprising person who now has a sustainable income.

In Uganda, we distributed health kits to 45 of the most vulnerable families in Kyabiiri and food to 25 families affected by albinism living in chronic poverty in various locations. People in the poorest homes sleep on thin mats on hard mud floors where they are prey to parasitic infections and have insufficient rest. The kits include comfortable mattresses, sheets and soft blankets and were met with great appreciation by the community who highlighted the improvement to their lives gained from better sleep and subsequent ability to cope with life's challenges.



**Mattresses arrive in Kyabiiri for distribution.**

In both countries the 'Severe Hardship Funds' we provided to our partners gave targeted, swift support to individuals and families in extreme need, including emergency nutrition, palliative care and pain relief for people with albinism with inoperable skin cancer.

We undertook shelter repair and construction for families living in dire and dangerous homes in the Kyabiiri area. Single parent Ruth was living in a tiny, dilapidated mud house with five children, one of whom has epilepsy and intellectual disabilities. The SPAU team reported *'In this village Ruth's house is in the poorest shape. Whenever it rains heavily her neighbours rush to see if it has collapsed on them!'* It was agreed by the SPAU team that *'renovating the old house would be a waste of resources'* so our team therefore built the family a new home.

## Gender-based Violence (Kenya)

This year we directly assisted six survivors of gender-based violence with emergency medical help and long-term psychological and practical support. Where possible we helped apprehend and prosecute perpetrators, sometimes in the face of intimidation and threats. Legal action is a long process, and sometimes takes years, but we maintained our commitment to secure justice in the courts.

In a new initiative that recognises men are usually the perpetrators of gender-based violence, we supported Rescue Team to engage men in reducing its incidence in their community. Our workshop with motorbike taxi ('boda bodas') drivers confirmed the need and approach of a project to begin next year.

## Epilepsy (Uganda)

Epilepsy is a key and growing focus for Advantage Africa. This year we held three days' epilepsy awareness training in the Kyabiiri community for 121 people affected. All were equipped with knowledge about their condition, skills to challenge discrimination and tailored medication following assessment. Most had never had access to epilepsy medication before and lived with daily, debilitating seizures. They now have regular prescriptions and report that their seizures have completely stopped or significantly reduced.

Having heard about the training's transformational impact on people's lives, 60 further families in the Kyabiiri community, who had previously not come forward, approached us for help. We subsequently supported 80 further children and adults with epilepsy to have training and access regular medication. This transformed community attitudes and people's ability and confidence to go to school and work.



**Families affected by epilepsy gather for training.**

46 of the most vulnerable families affected by epilepsy from across Kyabiiri formed four peer support groups and received small business training and start-up loans to improve their self-reliance. The size of loans provided depended on the enterprises each family had decided to pursue and included trading in coffee, maize and bananas. Each group developed plans for individual loans to be paid back over 6 months and safeguarded in an account by the treasurer. This meant that in due course each group could invite new families to join, learn from their business skills and receive enterprise loans.

Grace has epilepsy and lives with her elderly mother. Before our training and medication she suffered from frequent debilitating seizures which severely hampered her education and ability to work. Following the project, her life completely changed. Grace joined one of the peer support groups and received a loan for her knitting business. She said *'I'm strong and brave – ever since the training!'*

Grace now makes jumpers for local schools and produces scarfs, shawls and other knitwear to sell in local markets. She is known for always wearing a beautifully-made scarf around her neck, has grown enormously in confidence and is a passionate advocate for people with epilepsy.



Grace with other members of the savings group.

### Safe Water (Uganda)

Our support for safe water focused on Kyabiiri Uganda, where we supported water management and hygiene training followed by a new borehole to provide safe and accessible water for the 1,300 strong community. SPAU's Director Paul Lwanga said *'You can't imagine the happiness of the people of Kyabiiri! They've been travelling three to four miles to get water but right now they have their own clean, safe water in the heart of their community.'*



Women collect water from the new borehole.

### Improving the Health of People with Albinism (Uganda)

People with albinism in East Africa are extremely vulnerable to skin cancer; without intervention, almost none reach 40 years of age. This year we held 45 skin clinics for children and adults with albinism across 15 districts. During the clinics, each participant received a comprehensive skin check from our dermatologist Dr. Ngobi and cryotherapy if needed to remove pre-cancerous lesions.



Marion received cryotherapy at one of the 45 clinics.

Over the course of the clinics Dr. Ngobi and his assistants provided 1,299 skin checks and 482 cryotherapy treatments. Attendees also received supplies of high sun protection factor (SPF) sunscreen and lip balms, as well as sunglasses and wide-brimmed hats if needed.



Baby Sarah shows healthy skin at one of our clinics.

We also held five skin clinics for refugees with albinism in the Nakivale and Rwamwanja Refugee Settlements in southwestern Uganda, providing much needed skin checks, sunscreen and hats.

During one of the visits to Rwamwanja Refugee Settlement Faruk from the SNUPA team told us *'People with albinism are excited and thankful for SNUPA's continued outreaches in the camp. They have told us about their numerous challenges in accessing any health services.'*

SNUPA's visits, encouragement and friendship boost the morale and resilience of refugees with albinism whose physical and mental health needs are routinely overlooked and neglected. We also support their families with maize, beans and soap to help them improve their nutrition and overall health.

The albinism project is crucially supported by our partnership with Ultrasun UK. In addition to funding, they provided a consignment of 1,845 bottles of sunscreen which arrived in Uganda just in time for our mass skin clinic at SNUPA's International Albinism Awareness Day commemoration in Jinja.

All this activity has dramatically reduced the incidence of skin cancer among people with albinism in Uganda. Unfortunately, as the reach of our prevention activities increases, some attendees at the 50 clinics were diagnosed with skin cancer requiring urgent attention. Dr. Ngobi successfully treated many with minor surgery but others required more extensive treatment. During 2022/23 we supported 17 people to have life-saving skin cancer surgery and follow-up medical and nutritional care.

They included widower Fred who is breadwinner and carer for four young children. He attended one of our skin clinics in Bududa District in December 2022 for the first time and we quickly took action to provide surgery to remove the aggressive and fast-growing cancer on his chest. Back at the next skin clinic in March 2023, Fred was brimming with relief and joy. The SNUPA team told us, *'We were thrilled to learn that he is much better - completely cancer-free!'*

These operations also extended to people with albinism in refugee settlements. For example, we provided life-saving surgery for 18-year old Eva, a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo living in Nakivale Refugee Settlement who developed cancerous lesions across her back. The SNUPA team first met Eva at our skin clinic in March 2023 where she told them she feared for her life: *'I'm scared...the wound keeps progressing.'* We acted quickly to arrange treatment, Eva recovered well following her operation and is now skin cancer free. She has learnt from SNUPA how to keep safe from the sun and the importance of protecting herself with skin checks, sunscreen and hats.



**Joyful Eva following surgery with Fazira from SNUPA.**

Young people with albinism have varying levels of visual impairment which impairs their ability to read and study. This can cause them to drop out of education because they struggle to see learning materials, perform poorly and lose confidence.

This year we supported 40 young people with albinism to have eye tests with SNUPA's local optometrist and to receive photochromatic spectacles, which also act as protective sunglasses. The impact for the young students has been transformational. They can study effectively with renewed thirst for reading and learning and have grown in independence and confidence.



**Patrick undertakes a sight test.**

## Incomes

### Sustainable Enterprises for Vulnerable Families (Kenya and Uganda)

Vulnerable people, especially single parents and those with disabilities, often ask for opportunities to work their way out of poverty. This year we concluded our project in eastern Kenya arising from such a request to generate incomes for 20 disadvantaged single mothers from goat rearing. The initial benefits of the project were evident last year with the goat numbers quickly multiplying from 40 to 76. This trend continued and monitoring showed a further expansion in the families' goat herds and milk production, with these increases expected to continue into the future. In addition to incomes from milk sales, the project promotes women's dignity and self-esteem, and builds resilience for their future.

In western Kenya, our partner Migori Women with Disabilities Group (MWDG) started a small tailoring business with funding from Ashworth Charitable Trust. This was used to purchase sewing equipment, materials and training with an experienced tailor.



**Tailoring training by Irene at MWDG.**

The intention is to fulfil the local demand for garments such as sportswear, school and hotel uniforms. We also supported MWDG to start making liquid soap to help cover their organisational costs and enable 40 women with disabilities to complete enterprise development training.

On the other side of Kenya, our support to KDPO enabled them to expand their network of village disability groups to 30 and assist them with enterprises such as tree nurseries, soap making and weaving. Their close links with the local government facilitated the Siembeni village group to start poultry rearing with a donation of 300 chickens.

In Kyabiiri, Uganda, we supported 22 single parents and carers to rear goats to help them boost their families' self-reliance. With comprehensive training in care, feeding and disease-control complete, each family received two young female goats. The group as a whole received and cared for two males for breeding; a proportion of their offspring will be given to other vulnerable families in the community.



**Namtume (centre) receives her young goats.**

We also assisted 25 vulnerable families affected by albinism living in poverty with training in business management and grants to pursue their chosen enterprises for sustainable incomes. These included tailoring, selling clothes, retail kiosks or making snacks. All grew in confidence through the training and encouraged each other to succeed in business.



**Margaret's garment-making business is thriving.**

## Building Partners' Resilience and Capacity

In January 2023 we reviewed the monthly allowances provided to partners. In recognition of rising inflation and the cost of living crisis in Uganda and Kenya we subsequently increased these payments by 10% for all partner staff. In addition to specific project costs, we also supported partners' running costs such as office rent, fuel and vehicle maintenance, electricity and internet access. The offices of KDPO, MWDG and SNUPA in particular are bases for outreach and support for several thousand people with disabilities and albinism in their respective regions.

Unfortunately, our KDPO technician Mike Munguti was involved in a serious road accident in May 2023 resulting in his right leg needing amputation. We supported Mike and KDPO through this period and are delighted that he made a remarkable recovery and quickly returned to working with the team.

With the support of the Spanish NGO Beyond Suncare and Advantage Africa, SNUPA continued to empower and train Elgon Foundation of Persons with Albinism (EFPA) in the Bugisu sub-region of eastern Uganda. This is enabling EFPA to train health workers and meet the skin protection needs of more than 400 people with albinism across the region who are outside of SNUPA's own area.

Through support visits, phone and video communications, our two Programme Managers worked to build our partners' capacity and resilience throughout the year. This included reviewing partners' progress against strategic plans, monitoring impact and advancing project planning and training, for example on safeguarding and advanced wheelchair assessment (hosted by Motivation).

Skill sharing is a two-way process and our constant contact with partners, as well as field visits to beneficiaries continually fed our learning of the daily challenges faced by people living in poverty.

## Changing attitudes, policies and practices

Advantage Africa's strategic plan outlines our goal to *'change the attitudes, policies and practices that keep the most vulnerable women, men and children in East Africa in poverty'*.

Among this year's highlights in our partners' extensive participation in advocacy and awareness forums and events was KDPO and Rescue Team' vital contributions to regional celebrations for International Days for Disabilities and AIDS. We funded the sex worker champions to participate in the latter event and the team to perform drama that compellingly called for HIV and GBV prevention.

Elections were held in Kenya on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Our partners contributed to the democratic process by educating people with disabilities about their equal rights to vote. MWDG made local radio broadcasts and held meetings and KDPO contributed to County Government efforts to make voting accessible to people with disabilities.



**Women with disabilities learn about their voting rights.**

We enabled our partners to broaden their networks significantly this year. In particular, KDPO collaborated with Light of the World and VSO on youth with disabilities initiatives. They also worked with United Disabled Persons of Kenya to make the Kenya Constitution disability friendly and contributed to Makueni County's five-year strategic planning.

In the UK, we disseminated our work with school-leavers with disabilities among other organisations at the British and Foreign School Society grant holders' workshop and secured funding to research the reality of education for children with dyslexia and autism in Kenya and advocate for improved approaches.

More than 600 people with albinism plus their families and supporters took part in our commemoration of International Albinism Awareness Day in Jinja, Uganda on 13th June. Under the theme 'Inclusion is Strength' people with albinism shared their stories and called on local and national authorities to challenge the discrimination they face.



**Marching through Jinja on IAAD.**

In Uganda myths and stigma still surround albinism and cause those affected to be ostracised and persecuted. The SNUPA team never miss an opportunity to educate and arm people with the facts, in one instance taking over a hospital waiting room to explain 'No magic, no witchcraft, just albinism!'

Our international advocacy included providing Muluka Miti-Drummond, the UN Independent Expert on Albinism with detailed and 'invaluable' evidence to report to the UN General Assembly on improving the lives of refugees with albinism.



**Muluka presents her report at the UN General Assembly.**

## Creating a more Resilient and Sustainable Organisation

Through this objective we aim for Advantage Africa to help vulnerable people in East Africa for many years to come - but the continuing cost of living crisis in 2022/23 meant it was challenging to fulfil. In particular, our Finance Officer's departure and difficulties in maintaining a cost-effective outsourced finance function presented a setback to address in 2023/24. Furthermore, funding is likely to remain erratic and sustainability issues will continue to be firmly on the Trustee-Directors' agenda.

However, amid this background, our partnerships with Beyond Suncare, Ultrasun UK, new donors and local partners in our autism and dyslexia research were all positive steps towards the charity's resilience and sustainability. Together with the hard work of our three UK staff in fundraising and our committed and generous supporters, we were able to increase income, impact and reach on the previous year.

## Concluding Remarks

Despite continued economic pressures in East Africa and the UK, 2022/23 was a successful year for Advantage Africa. We supported thousands of vulnerable people to improve their lives.

Highlights included: 158 vulnerable children and young people in education or vocational training; 17 special needs teachers trained; 541 people had HIV tests and treatment; 162 sex workers protected from STIs and GBV; 1,000+ people with albinism protected from skin cancer and 17 received life-saving surgery; 100 people assisted to avoid substance abuse; 3 families supported with new houses and 12 with repairs; 171 people received wheelchairs or appliances; 201 people affected by epilepsy supported; 6 women affected by violence helped; 107 vulnerable families started enterprises and 8,000+ reached at rallies on health and rights.

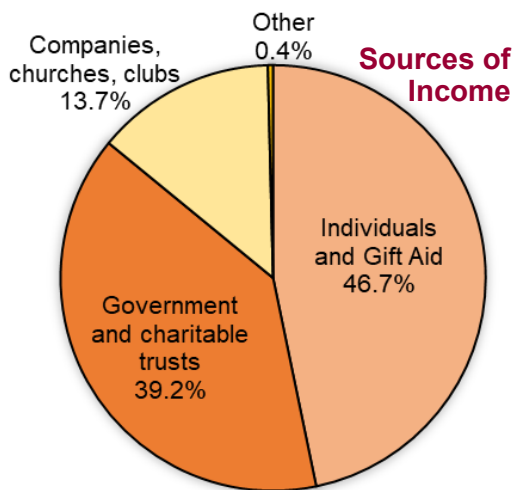
We're grateful to everyone who helped make these achievements possible including many individual and organisational supporters, towards our goal of 'better lives for the most vulnerable people in East Africa'.

# Financial Review

## Income

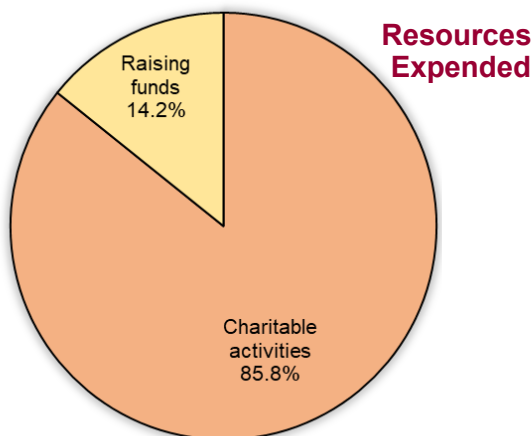
Income in 2022/23 was £333k (£276k in 2021/22). Donations from individuals remained the same at £156k and from companies and churches increased from £32k to £46k. Boosting our impact enormously, grants from government and charitable trusts increased by 75% from £75k to £131k.

We are most grateful to everyone who supported us in the year, including 136 individuals who donated monthly (137 in 2021/22). We also extend our thanks to the following organisations who donated £2k and above: Guernsey Overseas Aid and Development Commission, Clueit Foundation, British and Foreign School Society, GlobalGiving, The Reed Foundation, Sir Halley Stewart Trust, The Souter Charitable Trust, The Green Hall Foundation, The Sylvia Adams Charitable Trust, The Ulverscroft Foundation, DS Retail Contracts, Sabrefish Ltd, Ultrasun UK and The Developing World Group of Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church Harpenden. It is the policy of some organisations to remain anonymous.



## Expenditure

Expenditure in 2022/23 was £303k (£311k in 2021/22) resulting in a closer balance of income and expenditure than had been possible during and following COVID-19 lockdowns. Expenditure on charitable activities decreased by 4% from £270k in 2021/22 to £260k this year and on raising funds remained relatively stable at £43k.



## Reserves Policy

In order to meet commitments to partners in Africa, the Trustee-Directors aim to maintain a level of reserves that will protect the charity against any dramatic fall in unrestricted income or unexpected rise in expenditure. In keeping with this goal, our policy is for Advantage Africa's reserves to be maintained at between three to six months' budgeted unrestricted expenditure with provision for projected partner costs.

Unrestricted reserves remained compliant within the policy throughout the year, which closed with unrestricted reserves at £78k and restricted £46k (£61k and £27k in 2021/22).

## Risk Management

The Trustee-Directors have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating in Africa with few employees is exposed. Monthly Financial Reports and Risk Registers are used to monitor these.

## Internal Controls

Advantage Africa's documented systems of internal financial controls protect against errors or loss. The controls include the delegation of financial authority amongst the staff and Trustee-Directors.

## Trustee-Directors' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustee-Directors to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and income and expenditure by:

1. Selecting suitable accounting policies and applying them consistently.
2. Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. Stating whether the applicable standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
4. Preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue operating.

We are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

## Approval

This report was approved by the Trustee-Directors on 24th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Carole Holloway, Treasurer

Charity number 1092719

# Independent Examiner's Report

## to the Trustees of Advantage Africa

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 July 2023 which are set out on pages 15 to 24.

### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

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# Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

Summary Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022/23 £	Total Funds 2021/22 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and grants	2	190,302	141,557	331,859	262,003
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	11,896
Trading activities	4	1,122	-	1,122	2,152
Investments		191	-	191	42
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>191,615</b>	<b>141,557</b>	<b>333,172</b>	<b>276,093</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	5	43,266	-	43,266	40,530
Charitable activities	6	137,895	122,541	260,436	270,460
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>181,161</b>	<b>122,541</b>	<b>303,702</b>	<b>310,990</b>
Net income / expenditure		10,454	19,016	29,470	<b>(34,897)</b>
Transfers between funds		(349)	349	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>10,105</b>	<b>19,365</b>	<b>29,470</b>	<b>(34,897)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		68,161	26,724	<b>94,885</b>	<b>129,782</b>
<b>Fund Balances at 31 July 2023</b>		<b>78,266</b>	<b>46,089</b>	<b>124,355</b>	<b>94,885</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# Balance Sheet

as at 31 July 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	31st July 2023 £	31st July 2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	8	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Stocks	9	-	-	-	-
Debtors	10	16,014	6,297	22,311	8,946
Cash at bank and in hand	11	68,665	42,295	110,960	100,272
<b>Total</b>		<b>84,679</b>	<b>48,592</b>	<b>133,271</b>	<b>109,218</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	6,413	2,503	8,916	14,333
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>78,266</b>	<b>46,089</b>	<b>124,355</b>	<b>94,885</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>78,266</b>	<b>46,089</b>	<b>124,355</b>	<b>94,885</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Unrestricted funds: general funds	13	78,266	-	78,266	68,161
Restricted funds	13	-	46,089	46,089	26,724
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>78,266</b>	<b>46,089</b>	<b>124,355</b>	<b>94,885</b>

For the year ended 31 July 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

## Responsibilities of Trustee-Directors:

- The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report forms part of this document.
- The Trustee-Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Trustee-Directors on 24th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Carole Holloway, Treasurer

Charity number 1092719 Company Number 04388034

The notes on pages 17-24 form part of these accounts.

# Notes to the Accounts

## for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

### 1. Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, which are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities). The statements have been prepared in accordance with the 'Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102 (the Charities SORP), the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. The global financial crisis have caused significant uncertainty and made it difficult to assess the potential impact of the wider economy on the charity's operations, funding and suppliers. In particular the Trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. They have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future and when reviewing the charity's financial situation in March 2024 regarded it as reasonably strong. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. The following accounting policies were applied in dealing with material items:-

#### **a) Donated and Grant Income**

Donated income and grants receivable are taken into account when received by the charity. Income from donations includes recoverable Gift Aid which is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift Aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value (as estimated and agreed with the donor).

#### **b) Stocks**

When donated goods, services and facilities are distributed, an expense in respect of those items is included in the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year end any goods that have not been distributed or consumed are recognised as stock.

#### **c) Other Income**

Investment income represents income generated by bank interest. The charity relies on volunteers to carry out some of its activities, however, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured. Income from charitable activities represents income received from consultancy which was undertaken in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects.

#### **d) Expenditure**

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is accounted for when incurred by the charity, regardless of when payment is made. Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, include costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred in the strategic management of the charity. Support costs which cannot be attributed to a single activity have been allocated on the basis of the percentage of staff time spent on fundraising, general community development, advocacy and campaigning and Trustee-Directors' activities.

#### **d) Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustee-Directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors.

#### **e) Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Fixed assets acquired for use by the company are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £500 when they are written off on purchase. The depreciation period for equipment and IT is four years.

#### **f) Pension Costs**

The company offers a defined contribution scheme for employees after three months' service.

#### **g) Taxation**

The company is a registered charity and exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Act.

#### **h) Cash Flow Statement**

The company has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year, in line with the exemption provided by the FRS 102 SORP.

## 2. Income from Donations and Grants

	2022/23			2021/22		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Individuals and associated Gift Aid	135,264	20,414	155,678	121,066	34,797	155,863
Government donors and charitable trusts	40,832	89,755	130,587	15,584	58,990	74,574
Companies, churches, clubs and schools	14,206	31,388	45,594	12,733	18,833	31,566
<b>Total</b>	<b>190,302</b>	<b>141,557</b>	<b>331,859</b>	<b>149,383</b>	<b>112,620</b>	<b>262,003</b>

## 3. Income from Charitable Activities

	2022/23			2021/22		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Consultancy	-	-	-	-	11,896	11,896
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,896</b>	<b>11,896</b>

## 4. Income from Trading Activities

	2022/23			2021/22		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Sales of crafts, other items, donated goods	451	-	451	1,056	-	1,056
Other, including raffles and admission fees	671	-	671	1,096	-	1,096
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,152</b>

## 5. Expenditure on Raising Funds

	2022/23			2021/22		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Events	164	-	164	182	-	182
Appeals & newsletters	30	-	30	826	-	826
Staff costs	36,191	-	36,191	30,446	-	30,446
Other direct costs	3,709	-	3,709	3,222	-	3,222
Support costs	3,172	-	3,172	5,854	-	5,854
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,266</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,266</b>	<b>40,530</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,530</b>

## 6. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	2022/23			2021/22		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
<b>DIRECT CHARITABLE COSTS</b>						
<b>Community development in Africa</b>						
Staff costs	66,162	1,838	68,000	51,496	17,386	68,882
Other direct costs	3,735	762	4,497	691	3,388	4,079
Grants payable*	49,187	119,941	169,128	57,895	119,083	176,978
Support costs	6,596	-	6,596	9,830	-	9,830
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,680</b>	<b>122,541</b>	<b>248,221</b>	<b>119,912</b>	<b>139,857</b>	<b>259,769</b>
<b>Governance costs</b>						
Staff costs	3,833	-	3,833	3,579	-	3,579
Accounts and examination	1,573	-	1,573	1,200	-	1,200
Other direct costs	226	-	226	17	-	17
Support costs	-	-	-	98	-	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,632</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,632</b>	<b>4,894</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,894</b>
<b>Advocacy/campaigns/development education</b>						
Staff costs	5,589	-	5,589	4,501	-	4,501
Other direct costs	491	-	491	425	-	425
Support costs	503	-	503	871	-	871
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,583</b>	<b>5,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,797</b>
<b>Total Charitable Activities</b>	<b>137,895</b>	<b>122,541</b>	<b>260,436</b>	<b>130,603</b>	<b>139,857</b>	<b>270,460</b>

\*Grants are given towards partner organisations once their work has been identified as falling within the objects and activities of Advantage Africa, and when a partnership has been built between Advantage Africa and both the partner and the beneficiary community through visits and detailed project planning. The aims and activities of the project are then defined in a formal agreement which is written, approved and signed by the partner organisation's committee and Advantage Africa's Trustee-Directors and which forms the basis for monitoring. A breakdown of grants payable is shown overleaf.

BREAKDOWN OF GRANTS PAYABLE	2022/23			2021/22		
	Project Costs £	Allowances £	Total Grants £	Project Costs £	Allowances £	Total Grants £
<b>Kenya</b>						
Kibwezi Disabled Persons' Organisation	8,276	5,186	13,462	6,612	6,499	13,111
Mitaboni Special Education Project	131	2,168	2,299	6	2,092	2,098
Thinu Special Education Project	10	1,763	1,773	-	1,854	1,854
Kenya Institute for Special Education and Partner Schools	4,418	-	4,418	5,382	-	5,382
Rescue Team for HIV & Aids	8,794	5,536	14,330	10,272	4,780	15,052
Migori Women with Disabilities Group	11,010	2,971	13,981	8,241	1,802	10,043
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>32,639</b>	<b>17,624</b>	<b>50,263</b>	<b>30,513</b>	<b>17,027</b>	<b>47,540</b>
<b>Uganda</b>						
Single Parents' Association of Uganda	36,443	5,812	42,255	37,165	3,935	41,100
Source of the Nile Union of Persons with Albinism	64,314	12,296	76,610	76,572	11,766	88,338
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>100,757</b>	<b>18,108</b>	<b>118,865</b>	<b>113,737</b>	<b>15,701</b>	<b>129,438</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>133,396</b>	<b>35,732</b>	<b>169,128</b>	<b>144,250</b>	<b>32,728</b>	<b>176,978</b>

## 7. Staff and Trustee-Directors

Staff costs for key management personnel were £45k (£43k in 2021/22). No remuneration or travel and expenses were paid to Trustees or any person connected to them in either period.

A total of £17,661 (£29,586 in 2021/22) was donated without conditions by Trustees-Directors, key management personnel and their close families.

We are grateful for the assistance of approximately 10 volunteers who contributed their time freely towards helping with fundraising applications and newsletters.

No fees (2021/22: Nil) were payable to Haines Watts, other than for the Independent Examination.

Staff costs were as follows:

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Gross Salaries	95,234	97,331
Employer's National Insurance	4,177	4,867
Pension	4,608	4,452
Recruitment costs		758
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,019</b>	<b>107,408</b>
<b>No. of staff</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60k or more in either period.

## 8. Tangible Assets

	Equipment and IT Total £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1st August 2022	5,615
Additions	-
Disposals	-
<b>At 31st July 2023</b>	<b>5,615</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1st August 2022	5,615
Depreciation	-
Less: Depreciation on disposals	-
<b>At 31st July 2023</b>	<b>5,615</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31st July 2023	-
At 31st July 2022	-

## 9. Stock

Sunscreen was donated by Ultrasun UK for SNUPA to distribute to people with albinism to prevent skin cancer.

		Opening Stock 1st August 2022	Received during the year	Distributed during the year	Closing Stock 31st July 2023
Sunscreen	Value, £	-	922	(922)	-
	Units (150ml)	-	1,845	(1,845)	-



## 10. Debtors and Prepayments

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Trade Debtors	6,009	6,927
Prepayments	-	165
Other debtors	23	-
Deposit	500	600
Concessionary loans	701	-
Tax receivable	15,078	1,254
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,311</b>	<b>8,946</b>

## 11. Cash at bank and in hand

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Bank operating accounts - UK	49,930	53,672
Bank operating accounts - Africa	3,249	9,075
Bank deposits	57,496	37,305
Petty cash	285	220
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,960</b>	<b>100,272</b>

## 12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Trade Creditors	6,022	9,109
Taxation & Social Security	-	1,524
Accruals	2,894	3,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,916</b>	<b>14,333</b>

Advantage Africa's five-year lease of its UK office premises with rent payable of £600 per month ended on 17th June 2023. A five year renewal of this lease with a break clause after two years at a new rate of £500 per month was signed on 12th September 2023.

## 13. Funds

<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Opening balance 1 Aug 2022 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Outgoing resources £</b>	<b>Transfers in/out £</b>	<b>Closing balance 31 July 2023 £</b>
Disability Transition Project, Kenya	-	17,407	(7,018)	-	10,389
Rescue Team for HIV & AIDS, Kenya	7,125	-	(7,118)	-	7
Migori Women with Disabilities Group, Kenya	3,525	4,000	(3,342)	-	4,183
Disability Research, Kenya	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Single Parents' Association, Uganda	1,519	47,905	(36,733)	173	12,864
Source of the Nile Union of Persons with Albinism, Uganda	14,555	61,298	(66,690)	176	9,339
Disabled children's education, including Mitaboni & Thinu schools, Kenya	-	5,947	(1,641)	-	4,306
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>26,724</b>	<b>141,557</b>	<b>(122,542)</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>46,089</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General funds	68,161	191,615	(181,160)	(349)	78,266
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>68,161</b>	<b>191,615</b>	<b>(181,160)</b>	<b>(349)</b>	<b>78,266</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>94,885</b>	<b>333,172</b>	<b>(303,702)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,355</b>

*The equivalent figures for 2021/22 were as follows:*

	<b>Opening balance £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Outgoing resources £</b>	<b>Transfers in/out £</b>	<b>Closing balance £</b>
Disability Transition Project, Kenya	7,960	-	(7,960)	-	-
Rescue Team for HIV & AIDS, Kenya	5,284	13,902	(12,061)	-	7,125
Migori Women with Disabilities Group, Kenya	-	4,775	(1,250)	-	3,525
Preventing Violence Against Women, Kenya	-	11,896	(11,896)	-	-
Single Parents' Association, Uganda	17,438	9,810	(25,729)	-	1,519
Source of the Nile Union of Persons with Albinism, Uganda	10,876	81,901	(78,222)	-	14,555
COVID-19 Support: Funds raised from a public appeal to meet urgent needs arising from lockdown	257	1,350	(1,607)	-	-
Other restricted purposes: Disabled children's education, including Mitaboni & Thinu schools, Kenya	250	882	(1,132)	-	-
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>42,065</b>	<b>124,516</b>	<b>(139,857)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,724</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General funds	87,717	151,577	(171,133)	-	68,161
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>87,717</b>	<b>151,577</b>	<b>(171,133)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,161</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>129,782</b>	<b>276,093</b>	<b>(310,990)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,885</b>

## 14. Net Analysis of Assets

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	2022/23				2021/22			
	Fixed assets £	Bank & cash balances £	Other net assets £	Total £	Fixed assets £	Bank & cash balances £	Other net assets/ (liabilities) £	Total £
Restricted funds	-	42,295	3,794	46,089	-	30,935	(4,211)	26,724
Unrestricted funds	-	68,665	9,601	78,266	-	69,337	(1,176)	68,161
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,960</b>	<b>13,395</b>	<b>124,355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,272</b>	<b>(5,387)</b>	<b>94,885</b>

## 15. Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute an amount of £10 if the charity is wound up.





Joseph, a young boy with albinism in the Nakivale Refugee Settlement, proudly holds on to his sunscreen.



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