

RSVP Trust

Annual Report and Accounts

2022

Registered Charity 1093860

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Trustees Annual Report

For the period: 01-01-2022 / 31-12-2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The RSVP Trust

Registered Charity Number 1093860

Address: P O Box 55, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1UG

Names of the Trustees

Mr Richard Fenning 21/03/13 – 13/2/23

Mr Ray Meacham 15/9/13 – current

Mr Tony Ingham 15/11/21 - current

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document: Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted: Trust

Trustee selection method: Appointed by the Trustees

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

OBJECTS

-To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in the

Trust Deed.

-To relieve poverty or hardship.

-To advance education.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Supporting evangelists

- Gifts of Hope emergency relief scheme (Rwanda and UK)

- Orphanage Project (Rwanda)

- Ministry to prisoners (UK & Rwanda)

- Ministry to prostitutes (UK & Rwanda)

- Ministry to addicts (UK)

- Child Sponsorship Scheme (Rwanda)

- Development of poverty relief projects (Rwanda / Uganda)

- Missions to other countries (including USA/Africa/ Europe/Asia and within the

UK)

- Church Leadership conferences (UK & overseas)

- Mobile Bible School (UK & overseas)

- Publishing Christian Literature and digital media

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trust continued to provide all its usual service throughout 2022. These are outlined below as normal.

However, the Trustees noted that there was a continuing decline in income, and explored how we could be proactive in avoiding any potential future crisis.

DIFFICULT DECISIONS

The Trustees met several times during 2022 to specifically explore the projected possible future funding challenges. Although we expected everything to continue for the next 18 months to 2 years as before, we nevertheless had to accept that the challenges in raising the usual levels of income faced increasing challenges.

The main issues we face were outlined as follows:

- an aging donor base.
- difficulty in engaging younger supporters
- the effects of the pandemic on jobs and people's income
- the devastating effect of the cost-of-living crisis
- the rapid increase in costs of utilities and general price increases

Although the published annual income over the last decade doesn't look at all bad, we noted that the annual figures were affected in some years by special large donations that would not be repeated. These were from a very small number of special donors who were keen for the Trust to avoid any difficulties or deficits, or from donors giving a large sum for a specific purpose for beneficiaries over several years.

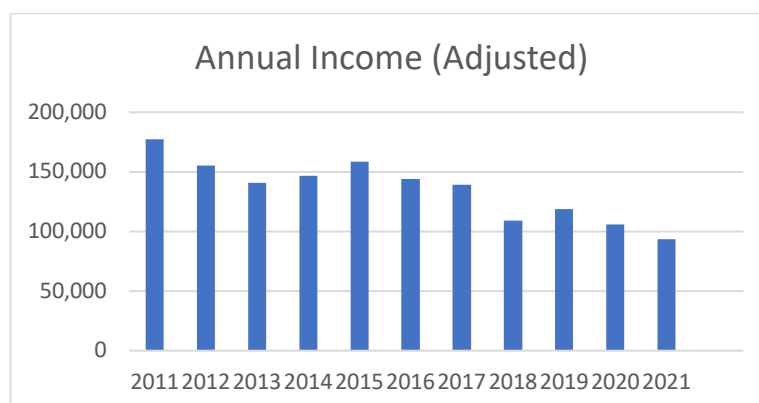
Specifically, the Trust received one-off special donations as follows:

- 2017 - £33,529 to cover all costs of 12 orphans, and also several sponsored children to complete high school.

2020 - £20,000 for general funds to soften the overall decline in income.

There was similar additional help in 2022 but this special support is now exhausted.

If the annual income figures for the last decade are adjusted to remove these special unrepeatable donations, it's clear that the income of the Trust is in an overall downward trend, from £177,615 in 2011, down to £93,632 in 2021 as shown in the graph below – basically income halved.



It felt like time to ask some searching questions:

- has the Trust achieved the main aims it set out in the beginning?
- could some, or all, of the ongoing work be passed on to others so it could continue?
- should the Trust be proactive now, in good time, to slowly wind down the Trust, hand the work onto others, and thus avoid a possible pressurized crisis at some time in the future?

Discussions were had both formally and informally, including the Trustees, employees, advisors and others about the possible winding down of the Trust.

At a meeting of the Trustees, on Tuesday 18 October 2022, it was agreed to act as though the Trust was being wound down gradually over a period of approximately two years.

(It is possible that the Trust could find new Trustees to take on the Trust and gather a new set of supporters, but at the present time, there are no obvious candidates for this course of action).

The suggested slow and gradual winding down would give plenty of time for the work of the Trust to be passed on to others. We also had a guarantee that a monthly donation of £2,300, from a local business, would continue to be received for the next 12 months, even if the Trust was wound down. This has enabled better planning and a more gradual move to winding down.

The following plans were made to pass on the work of the Trust to others.

Child Sponsorship

Africa New Life Ministries, who have managed the scheme in Rwanda since it began, were already registered as a charity in the UK, to develop their UK support. It was planned to hand over the child sponsorship scheme to their UK organization at the end of March 2023. This has now been done.

House of Mercy orphanage

Most of the orphans have now graduated from high school and no longer require support of the House. Africa New Life Ministry, who manage this project, will take on any remaining months the project as required.

The ministry of Don Egan, who was the original founder of the Trust, will continue as he has decided to set up a freelance ministry. He will also continue the 100 Club, which provides small grants for urgent needs of people in poverty, both in Rwanda and occasionally in the UK.

The ministry of Alison Fenning will continue as she has decided to set up a freelance ministry of her own. She will take on the work of the Freedom Project in Rwanda, which she pioneered, along with the work with sex workers and addicts in the UK.

The Trustees calculated redundancy payments for the two direct employees and gave the statutory three-months-notice, with employment ending on the last day of January 2023. The redundancy pay was calculated using the government calculator and paid to those eligible.

Although these changes were challenging, all concerned felt it was better to be proactive rather than wait for some future crisis.

In terms of ***'has the Trust achieved its original aims?'***, the answer seems to be yes. We've have provided funds to build a school in Rwanda. It was built by Rwandan builders, staffed by Rwandan teachers, and owned by Rwandans. This school is now a major community hub in its locality.

Poverty has been greatly reduced in many families through child sponsorship, the House of Mercy, the Freedom Project and the general Gifts of Hope ministry. Feeding programs and other assistance helped the Rwandan communities through the most difficult days of the pandemic.

It is also noted, that our partners in Rwanda, have developed connections in America, and this has greatly expanded the work in Rwanda that we originally pioneered.

This is a brief outline of the decision to explore the winding down of the Trust during the next 12-24 months, however, **in terms of 2022, the overall ministry of the Trust has continued as before.** This is outlined below.

Ongoing work

No overseas visits were undertaken in 2022. We used more online conferencing. We also relieved poverty in Rwanda for individuals in extreme difficulty – people without food for example.

We also provided emergency food for the families of sponsored children in deepest need.

The Freedom Project graduation, where each woman graduating is given a sewing machine, was done online too.

New initiatives in 2022

We connected with the **Brinor Project**. Before the current issues came to light, we had connected with this project, who do similar work to RSVP but mostly in Zimbabwe. The project helps to educate the poor, enable women to start small scale businesses and generally relieves poverty.

A local business who has supported RSVP for many years was keen to give additional funds to RSVP to enable a grant to be given to this valuable work.

The **Child Sponsorship Programme** in Rwanda continued during the year. We had about 200 children registered with the programme most of whom are being sponsored. Sponsorship meets the costs of schooling, medical care and supplementary help. All of our sponsorships are in Rwanda.

The number of sponsor children fluctuated slightly as quite a few completed their schooling. Some sponsors took on new children but the overall number of sponsored children reduced.

We continued to develop **partnerships with churches** in Rwanda and Uganda involved with training church leaders and poverty relief projects.

We have continued to develop our partnership with Africa New Life Ministries in Rwanda and the support of an **orphanage** for originally for 16 children, but gradually scaling down as the young people become adults and move on with their life. is ongoing. Some of these children have now completed their education and left the project.

The UK outreach to women involved in **prostitution** has continued and staff continued visiting vulnerable women in the daytime, which the women value highly and see as essential to mental health of some clients.

The **Gifts of Hope** program continues to meet urgent needs in Rwanda and the UK, supplying food, bedding, housing and other basic needs.

Freedom Project

A group helping women exit the sex trade in Rwanda was pioneered over a decade ago. This is based around training in dressmaking and tailoring. We have provided and maintained a pool of sewing machines and also gave each woman graduating the course their own personal sewing machine. This has enabled some of them to create a viable business as an alternative to working in the sex trade. We continued to provide advice and resources to the group.

We continued to produce **video resources** online.

Two **workers** were deployed by the Trust and continued to pioneer new ways of communicating Christianity both in the UK and overseas. An occasional **email** to supporters and friends was continued and currently has around 500 subscribers.


The **Sanitary pad project** which supplies sanitary products and health education to teenage girls in Rwanda, closed this year due to insufficient funds being available. There was potential for another group from the USA to take on this project, but this has not been confirmed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Details of any funds materially in deficit: There are no funds materially in deficit.

The charity maintains unrestricted and restricted funds. Please see the Summary Statement of Funds for details of the various funds. During the reporting period, across all funds the charity generated income of £135.5k and incurred expenditure of £136k, resulting in a deficit of £503. Total fund balances at the end of the reporting period were £21.5k

The funds balances are considered sufficient to sustain the charity during the winding down period, and it is expected that there may be a small surplus, which would be given, either to one of the ministries we have supported over the years, or a Charity that has similar identical aims to the Trust.

Signed  (Chair) Date 1 7/19/23
On behalf of the Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of RSVP Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the RSVP Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: A. Greer CIPFA

(Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy)

Address: 24 Elizabeth Way, Stowmarket, IP14 5AX

Date: 23/10/2023

RSVP TRUST**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	31/12/2021 £
<u>Income from</u>				
Donations, Offerings and Miscellaneous sales	97,770	35,237	133,007	91,044
Rwanda Womans Freedom Project	2,388		2,388	2,268
Rwanda Girls Sanitary Towel Project	120		120	120
Rwanda Gifts of Hope			0	200
Total Income	100,278	35,237	135,515	93,632
<u>Expenditure on</u>				
Charitable expenditure	100,978	35,040	136,018	107,214
Total expenses	100,978	35,040	136,018	107,214
Net income/(expenditure)	-700	197	-503	-13,582
Transfers between funds	3,801	-3,801	0	0
Net income/(expenditure) after transfers	3,101	-3,604	-503	-13,582
Total funds at beginning of year	18,465	3,604	22,069	35,651
Total funds at end of the year	21,566	0	21,566	22,069

RSVP TRUST**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>31/12/2021</u> <u>£</u>
<u>Ministry Income</u>				
Donations, offerings and miscellaneous sales	85,397		85,397	58,274
	<u>85,397</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>85,397</u>	<u>58,274</u>
<u>Other receipts</u>				
Gift aid	12,373		12,373	10,625
	<u>12,373</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,373</u>	<u>10,625</u>
<u>Donations to restricted (and designated)funds</u>				
Child sponsorship - Rwanda - regular monthly contributions		18,076	18,076	19,112
Child sponsorship - Rwanda - Christmas and birthday gifts		1,396	1,396	1,920
Rwanda Projects-Womans Freedom Project	2,388		2,388	2,268
House of Mercy - Rwanda		265	265	1,113
Rwanda Girls Sanitary towel Project	120		120	120
Rwanda Gifts of Hope			0	200
Brinor Project - Zimbabwe		15,500	15,500	
	<u>2,508</u>	<u>35,237</u>	<u>37,745</u>	<u>24,733</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	100,278	35,237	135,515	93,632
<u>Less Expenses</u>	-100,978	-35,040	-136,018	-107,214
<u>Surplus/deficit for the year</u>	<u><u>-700</u></u>	<u><u>197</u></u>	<u><u>-503</u></u>	<u><u>-13,582</u></u>

RSVP TRUST**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022****SUMMARY OF EXPENSES**

	<u>General fund</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>31/12/2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>Ministry expenses</u>				
Salaries, PAYE and pension costs	54,025		54,025	53,713
Redundancy costs	11,173		11,173	0
Overseas missions during the year	0		0	260
Travel and Parking	70		70	0
Other sundry expenses incl.bank charges	380		380	341
Evangelism mission costs in UK	200		200	0
	65,848	0	65,848	54,314
<u>Office and general costs</u>				
Salaries, PAYE and pension costs	13,562		13,562	12,391
Redundancy costs	4,877		4,877	0
Postage,stationery and advertising	1,735		1,735	1,561
Rent, telephone, internet and insurance	8,633		8,633	8,570
IT Software and Consumables	1,123		1,123	1,122
Equipment purchases	350		350	0
Accountancy Fees	450		450	450
	30,730	0	30,730	24,094
<u>Donations sent to Africa</u>				
Child sponsorships and scholarships (Rwanda)		16,039	16,039	17,404
Child sponsorship - gifts (Rwanda)		1,487	1,487	1,692
Rwanda Projects - Womans Freedom Project	3,025		3,025	1,840
House of mercy (Rwanda)		2,014	2,014	4,770
Brinor Project - Zimbabwe		15,500	15,500	0
Rwanda Girls sanitary towel project - designated	100		100	1,200
Rwanda Projects GOH - Medical Insurance	0		0	300
Rwanda Projects - Gifts of Hope	1,275		1,275	1,600
	4,400	35,040	39,440	28,806
TOTAL EXPENSES	100,978	35,040	136,018	107,214

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

FUND TRANSFERS

	Transfers out of fund	Transfers into fund	Net Transfers In/Out	Description
	£	£	£	
General Fund	-1275		-1275	Trf.to Rwanda Gifts of Hope
		375	375	Trf from Womens Freedom Project as no longer supporting this project
		20	20	Trf.from Rwanda Girls Sanitary Towels as no longer supporting this project
		1251	1251	Trf.from House of Mercy to correct bank posting rules-no longer supported
		2550	2550	Trf.frm Rwanda Child Sponsorship to correct bank posting rules
	<u>-1275</u>	<u>4196</u>	<u>2921</u>	
Rwanda Child Sponsorship	-91		-91	Trf. to Rwanda Child Sponsorship gifts to correct bank rules posting
	-2550		-2550	Trf.balance @31/12/22 to General funds-accum.children no longer sponsored
			0	
			0	
	<u>-2641</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-2641</u>	
Rwanda Child Sponsorship gifts		91	91	Trf.from Rwanda Child Sponsorship to correct bank rules posting
	<u>0</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>91</u>	
Rwanda House of Mercy	-1251		-1251	Trf.balance of funds @ 31/12/22 to General funds-Project no longer supported
	<u>-1251</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1251</u>	
Rwanda Womans Freedom Project	-375		-375	Trf.balance of funds @ 31/12/22 to General funds-Project no longer supported
	<u>-375</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-375</u>	
Rwanda Girls sanitary towels project	-20		-20	Trf.balance of funds @ 31/12/22 to General funds-Project no longer supported
	<u>-20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-20</u>	
Rwanada Gifts of Hope	0	1275	1275	Trf.from General funds
	<u>0</u>	<u>1275</u>	<u>1275</u>	
TOTAL NET TRANSFERS	<u>-5562</u>	<u>5562</u>	<u>0</u>	

RSVP TRUST**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022****SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

	<u>Balance at start of year</u> £	<u>Incoming resources</u> £	<u>Outgoing resources</u> £	<u>Transfers</u> £	<u>Balance at end of year</u> £
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	17,233	97,770	96,578	2,921	21,346
Rwanda Womens Freedom Project	1,232	2,388	3,025	-375	220
Rwanda Girls sanitary towel project	0	120	100	-20	0
Rwanda Gifts of Hope	0	0	1,275	1,275	0
Total unrestricted funds	<u><u>18,465</u></u>	<u><u>100,278</u></u>	<u><u>100,978</u></u>	<u><u>3,801</u></u>	<u><u>21,566</u></u>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>					
Child sponsorship and scholarships - Rwanda	604	18,076	16,039	-2,641	0
Christmas and birthday gifts for sponsored children - Rwanda	0	1,396	1,487	91	0
House of mercy orphanage - Rwanda	3,000	265	2,014	-1,251	0
Brinor Project - Zimbabwe	0	15,500	15,500	0	0
Total restricted funds	<u><u>3,604</u></u>	<u><u>35,237</u></u>	<u><u>35,040</u></u>	<u><u>-3,801</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>22,069</u></u>	<u><u>135,515</u></u>	<u><u>136,018</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>21,566</u></u>

RSVP TRUST**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022****BALANCE SHEET**

	Year Ending 31/12/2022	Year Ending 31/12/2021
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Bank accounts		
RSPV/Evangelism fellowship/petty cash/Paypal	25,139	27,723
Debtors		
Gift aid tax claim	1,404	2,268
Prepayments		471
Total assets	26,543	30,462
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Creditors and accruals	-4,977	-8,393
Total Liabilities	-4,977	-8,393
Total assets less liabilities	21,566	22,069
<u>REPRESENTED BY</u>		
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		
General fund	21,346	17,233
Rwanda womens freedom project	220	1,232
<u>Restricted Funds</u>		
Child sponsorships and scholarships - Rwanda	0	604
House of Mercy - Rwanda	0	3,000
	21,566	22,069

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 17, 10, 23 and signed on its behalf by

(PRINT NAME) R. A. MEACHAM (Chair)

(signature) 

RSVP TRUST

Accounts for year ended 31st December 2022

NOTES

1 Basis of Preparation

a) Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost and on an accruals basis

The accounts are in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)FRS 102

b) A basis other than a going concern

The trustees made a decision during 2022 to plan as though the trust is winding down. The accounts have therefore been prepared on a basis other than a going concern. For more information, see the Trustees Report on pages 1-6.

2 Accounting Policies

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the SoFA when

- . The charity becomes entitled to the resources
- . The trustees are certain they will receive the resources
- . The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and Donations

These are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on gifts and donations

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Redundancy payments

Redundancy payments are recognised immediately when the decision has been made and the Trust has committed to this action.

3 Details of Certain Items of Expenditure

Related party transactions

The trustees serve on a voluntary basis. No remuneration and no reimbursement of expenses were made to them. There were no other transactions between the charity and the trustees and/or any persons close to them.