

SHAREAFRICA

England & Wales · Charity number 1094198

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [04554704](#)

Registered 2002-10-16

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE TO SUPPORT CHRISTIANS LIVING IN IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES IN AFRICA BY CHANNELLING GOODS, FUNDS AND SERVICES THROUGH SHARE'S APPROVED NETWORK OF CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLIES AND MISSIONS. THE PRIMARY FOCUS IS TO BELIEVERS, WHILE ENDEAVOURING TO ASSIST OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS ("THE OBJECTS") AT THE DISCRETION OF SHARE.

Activities: To assist fellow Christians and others living in impoverished communities in Sub Saharan Africa by providing facilities, funds and services through SHARE's in-country organisations. The primary aim is to support initiatives that will reduce poverty through sustained economic growth.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** OVERSEAS.
- Malawi
- Zambia

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£598,753	£455,485	£464,577	0
2024-10-31	£417,446	£336,559	-	-
2023-10-31	£349,228	£302,534	-	-
2022-10-31	£450,693	£526,990	-	-
2021-10-31	£464,516	£385,369	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JAMES WINSTON MCPHAIL	Chair	
Alastair Stanley Rogers		2018-06-05
Edward James Morrow		2020-06-01
LEONARD DAVID CURRIE		
PAUL RICHARDSON		
Philip Cherrie		2020-12-29

Accounts



SHAREafrica

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements **For the year ended 31 October 2025**

Charity number: 1094198
Company number: 4554704

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTEES:	Mr J McPhail
COMPANY SECRETARY:	Mr P Richardson
TREASURER:	Mr A S Rogers
TRUSTEES:	Mr L Currie Mr J McPhail Mr P Richardson Mr A S Rogers Mr E Morrow Mr P Cherrie
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COMPANY NUMBER:	4554704
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st October 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective from 1st January 2015.

Aims, Objectives, Achievements and Performance

Purposes and Aims

The aims of the charity are to support fellow Christians and others living in impoverished conditions in Africa by donating, sponsoring, and investing in activities that will create opportunities for sustained improvement in livelihoods. Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the charity was set up to further.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

Our aims, objectives and activities are kept under constant review and discussed at each meeting of the trustees. The outcomes of these reviews are summarised in this report. Fundamental to the review process is the requirement for public benefit as set out in the Charity Commission's general guidance.

The focus of our work

Our objective for the year continued to be the reduction of poverty in Zambia. To meet this objective SHAREAfrica UK partners with SHAREAfrica Zambia (SAZ, a company registered in Zambia as a company 'limited by guarantee') to fulfil the objective of SHAREAfrica UK.

This objective is met through SHAREAfrica Zambia's (SAZ) business structure, which is set up to control the financial and operational activities of all aspects of the business. Presently, there are three business units plus an administration unit:

1. **SAZ Agri:** Provides support for rural smallholder farmers to improve farming yields. This is done through several programmes designed to meet the farming needs in the communities where we operate.
 - **Seed Growing:** Different varieties of legume seed are grown so that smallholder farmers have access to quality seed. The seed is bred at the SAZ farms in Chipata in conjunction with support from the Ministry of Agriculture's R&D Agency.
 - **Grain Growing:** SAZ supports a smallholder farming scheme by donating seed and fertiliser, then buying back the outputs and aggregating quantities to get a better price. It provides a guaranteed market for the farmers and improves farmers' income.
 - **Seed Trading:** The seed and grain produced by farmers is collected, sorted, bagged, and then stored in purpose-built grain storage sheds. The seed is then sold to Government agencies and agricultural dealers who then sell it to farmers across the country.
2. **SAZ Food:** Makes food using produce from SAZ-Agri, which is transferred at cost to the Orphan Programme and the Community Feeding Programmes. Breakfast cereals are also made for the consumer market.

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3. **SAZ Community Support:** This charitable division of SAZ is supported by grants and profits made from SAZ-Agri and SAZ-Food. There are four main programmes included in SAZ Community Support.
- **Orphan Support:** Children who have been left orphaned or vulnerable and are cared for by guardians are sponsored so they have financial resources to attend school. The guardian is also allocated a monthly food ration to help with the cost of caring for the child.
 - **Farmer Support:** Farmers who are struggling to provide a basic income from their small plots are given training, seed, and fertiliser, as well as help to market the grain they produce.
 - **Church Support:** Churches where the congregation have insufficient funds to complete a building or buy the materials needed to furnish it, are given financial help.
 - **Student Support:** Youths who have completed school but have no financial resources to pay for further education are given a term allowance to help them achieve their potential.

Key Challenges in 2024/25

- **Marketing Seed:** Since the return on investment occurs 1 year after the seed is produced, the selling price does not reflect the cost of capital tied up during that period. With high inflation, by the time the revenues are banked, the margins are insufficient to fund the business for the following farming year. With no pricing standards in place, the future of seed production in Zambia will remain challenging unless a cartel of seed growers sets prices at a level that provides a fair return.
- **Food Production:** Unreliable and unstable electricity supply severely disrupts production. This leads to waste and underutilisation of equipment. SAZ has appealed to the electricity provider for a dedicated supply, but so far without success. Alternatives such as solar and generators have been considered, and at present, a standby generator is the only viable option. We therefore plan to proceed with this option in 2026.
- **SAZ Support Programmes:** The Support Programmes are funded by sponsored donations. The need in a country that has lost much of the international aid provided in previous years means that some of the poorest are suffering the most. Our ability to expand support through sponsored donations is limited, and our goal to fund this work by using earnings from the seed and food business has been restricted by the challenges mentioned above. Although our income for the programmes continues to increase, the demand far exceeds our capacity to support it. Nevertheless, our programmes benefit thousands, and we will continue to do all we can with the resources we have.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025 (Continued)

Programme activities in 2024/5

- a. **Orphan Support Programme (OSP):** The programme is funded by private donors who sponsor a child and donate a monthly amount for the child's support. The children are either orphans or vulnerable, who are being cared for by relatives who cannot afford the additional expense. The programme is administered by SAZ employees using bespoke software to control and account for all donations. The children are visited regularly both at home and at school, with visit reports logged in the Orphan Administration System.
- b. **Farmer Support Programme (FSP):** Smallholder farmers still remain some of the poorest in the country. Our support programme has focused on around 60 farmers, providing inputs, training, and marketing support. This year has been better than 2024, and most have enjoyed a reasonable harvest. However, the impact of our programme on farmers' earnings was unclear due to insufficient data. This year, we have introduced a system to collect data that will enable us to measure performance and identify areas for improvement.
- c. **Church Support Programme (CSP):** Food supplies and practical help are given to churches in poor communities where widows and other vulnerable people need support. We also provide help with repairs to church buildings. Money donated for church support is clearly identified and recorded. Other emergencies have meant that the level of church support has reduced, but the plan is to increase it again in 2025/6.
- d. **Student Support Programme (SSP):** Some children on the OSP who complete their education and who have grades good enough to go on to further education are sponsored by SHAREAfrica. Due to cost, this is a small programme, but the need to offer support for further education is great and something SHAREAfrica wants to expand. Presently, there are 6 students being supported on the scheme.

4 Administration: Central administration covers all aspects of finance, planning, legal, human resources, and general management for all the above. A cloud-based business system (Palladium) is used for all financial and cost accounting. It covers all aspects of the business and allows authorised access from SHAREAfrica UK to check and trace the disbursement of allocated funds.

How our objectives deliver public benefit

All our objectives are delivered through SAZ activities mentioned above. Our approach involves developing skills and infrastructure that allow people to prosper through productivity. This improves earnings, which in turn improve the health and well-being of families, extended families, and the community at large.

Productivity and earnings are central to improving livelihoods.

Who used and benefited from our activities in 2024/5

1. **Farmers:**
 - a. Seed Growers: 200 farmers were given seed to grow as seed
 - b. Grain Growers: 157 farmers were given seed on loan
 - c. Grain Growers: 51 farmers were given seed as a donation
 - d. TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: Since there are, on average, 6 dependents in most households, the estimate is 2800.
2. **Food Relief:** 500 people receive an allocation of food each month
3. **Orphan Programme:** 230 Children receive funding each month.

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4. **Church Support:** 6 church buildings were supported by providing funds for roofs, floors, and infrastructure.
5. **Employees:**
 - a. Makeni (Food Factory and Admin): 28
 - b. Chipata (Farming and admin) 15
6. **Others**
 - a. Casual Workers in farming 500
 - b. Casual workers in factory 4
 - c. Special gifts given to the needy 24

Financial Review

Overall Income

Total Income for the year was £598,753. This is up from last year, which was £417,446

Balances

Overall opening funds were £358,086. Closing funds were up at £501,352, which includes £35,218 in loans to SAZ.

Funding Sources

Major donors, those giving £10,000 or more represent nearly 60% of total income. These included gifts from trust funds, bequests and halls closed in the UK. Monthly recurring payments from orphan and farmer support amount to less than 20% of total income. The remainder comes from ad-hoc donations. The spread in sources of income is similar to previous years.

Grants Given to SAZ

Grants given to SAZ amounted to £445,091, which is an increase of about 36% on last year's total of £326,597. Overall, loans have decreased by £57,780 to £35,218.

Grant funding was allocated as follows:-

Farming	£148,025
Orphans	£73,385
General	£153,037
Church	£39,722
Feeding	£27,107
Students	£3,815

Total	£445,091

The farming programmes have the greatest number of beneficiaries. They also contribute most to the overall growth of the sustainability programmes supported by SHAREAfrica; therefore, more money has been allocated to farming to build on proven success.

In the SAZ accounts, Admin is spread to the other business units to reflect the true cost of the programmes being supported by SHAREAfrica UK.

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Other SAZ Funding

SAZ generates income from its commercial activities and grants funding from other agencies. This is separate from the funding provided by SHAREAfrica UK.

Investment powers

The Charity's investment powers are conferred by the Trustee Act 2000.

Reserves Policy

The agreed target is to maintain cash reserves at between 3 and 6 months' expenditure. On 31st October 2025, reserves were relatively high, at £501,352. This is more than the current year's expenditure but includes recent large donations that have not yet been allocated.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts per the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102). Advantage has been taken of the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 to allow the format of the financial statement to be adapted to reflect the nature of the company's operation.

Plans for Future Periods

The charity plans to continue with and, as funding permits, support SAZ in expanding programmes in 2025. These include:

- Rebuilding the parent seed lost in 2024 and developing a new brand of maize, which should be a major help in recovering the losses in seed programmes
- Expanding the irrigation programmes to farmers to prevent crop loss due to drought. The extent to which we can grow the support will depend on donor support.
- Procuring more equipment to help with ploughing, planting, harvesting and transport.
- Providing a stable source of electricity to the factory by installing a generator with the power to drive all equipment. This will improve utilisation and volumes, which will allow the return to full support for the orphan and church feeding programmes.
- Expand the nutritious cereals to help make affordable food to meet the growing number of malnourished children and elderly as reported in recent Government stats.

These developments are aimed at increasing the number of beneficiaries while at the same time remaining true to the 'not-for-profit' and 'fair-share' principles of the organisation.

Management Reporting from SAZ

SAZ submits management reports each month to the SA Trustees. These are circulated for review and discussed at Trustees' meetings. Online calls with SAZ directors are held to discuss various aspects of the SAZ business.

SAZ accounts are audited by professional external auditors.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7 October 2002 and registered as a charity on 16 October 2002. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established its objects and powers, and is governed under its Articles of

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Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are given a thorough induction into the workings of the charity. Each trustee has a copy of the charity's memorandum and Articles of Association, which is explained by the Company Secretary, together with copies of the organisation's financial statements, policies and procedures.

Risk Management

The trustees, who have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error, confirm a risk management strategy has been implemented. Strategic risks are considered and, as appropriate, procedures are established to mitigate those identified. Economic conditions in Zambia and fundamental reliance on good rains for our farmers are major factors which are kept under review.

Bribery

The provisions of the Bribery Act 2010 have been noted by the trustees and a resolution agreed to maintain our long-established zero-tolerance approach both in the UK and Africa. Our agents in Zambia are aware of and in agreement with this policy. We will monitor the implementation of our policy in Zambia by requiring annual confirmation statements.

Fundraising and Safeguards

The charity does not employ or work with professional fundraisers or fundraising bodies. The charity takes its responsibility towards supporters who may be considered to be in vulnerable circumstances very seriously. The trustees respond sensitively and appropriately when they become aware of any individual whom they might consider to be in a vulnerable circumstance. The charity ensures that those individuals and bodies supporting the charity understand how their money will be used to assist the charity deliver its aims and objectives. In future impact statements will be sent out to all donors.

Organisation Structure

The trustees comprise the management of the charity. The trustees are all directors of the company and there are no directors who are not trustees. The trustees come from business, financial and administrative backgrounds appropriate to the activities of the charity. The trustees undertake most of the required administrative duties and no salaries or allowances are paid, other than legitimate expenses.

The charity's activities in Zambia are mainly carried out through a local organisation - SHAREAfrica Zambia (SAZ) – with which the charity has no financial link. When funds are transferred, these are for specific projects, programmes or services and we review to ensure they are used for the purpose they are requested for. Controls are in place to monitor and manage the status and impact of all activities.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025 (Continued)

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees should follow the best practices by:

- Selecting suitable accounting policies and then applying them consistently.
- Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis of accounting, unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees

The trustees are all directors and trustees for the purpose of charity and company law. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

Following company law the company's directors certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Mr J Allen has expressed his willingness to continue as the charity company's independent examiner again this year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23rd January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr J McPhail (Chairman)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHAREAFRICA

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2025, which are set out on pages 12 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principals of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015)

have not been met; or

- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr J Allen CA
Chartered Accountant

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM					
Charitable Activities					
General	2	444,513	151,195	595,708	415,661
Investment income		3,045	-	3,045	1,785
Total		<u>447,558</u>	<u>151,195</u>	<u>598,753</u>	<u>417,446</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General	3	<u>333,182</u>	<u>122,303</u>	<u>455,485</u>	<u>336,558</u>
Total		<u>333,182</u>	<u>122,303</u>	<u>455,485</u>	<u>336,558</u>
NET INCOME		114,376	28,892	143,268	80,888
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Brought Forward		<u>307,853</u>	<u>50,231</u>	<u>358,084</u>	<u>277,198</u>
Carried Forward	7	<u>422,229</u>	<u>79,123</u>	<u>501,352</u>	<u>358,084</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET					
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2025					
		Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
		Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	35,719	1,056	36,775	94,671
Cash at bank and in hand	5	386,510	78,067	464,577	263,413
		<u>422,229</u>	<u>79,123</u>	<u>501,352</u>	<u>358,084</u>
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year.	6	-	-	-	-
Net Assets		<u>422,229</u>	<u>79,123</u>	<u>501,352</u>	<u>358,084</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted general fund	7	422,229	-	422,229	307,853
Restricted funds	7	-	79,123	79,123	50,231
		<u>422,229</u>	<u>79,123</u>	<u>501,352</u>	<u>358,084</u>

In the directors' opinion the company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form an integral part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on its behalf by: _____ and were signed

Mr J. McPhail (Trustee)

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial reporting standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective from 1st January 2015), Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland the Companies Act 2016. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

Donations and legacies are accounted for when received by the Charity. All other income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributable to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with a charitable objective at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the note in the financial statements.

2 Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	437,224	137,850	575,074	393,091
Gift Aid	7,289	13,345	20,634	22,570
Interest	3,045	-	3,045	1,785
	<u>447,558</u>	<u>151,195</u>	<u>598,753</u>	<u>417,446</u>

3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
General Grants	153,037	-	153,037	123,648
Grants to Churches	35,922	3,800	39,722	12,193
Farmer Programme	100,845	47,180	148,025	122,434
Orphan Programme	15,286	58,099	73,385	54,302
Further Education	-	3,815	3,815	2,181
Feeding Programme	17,698	9,409	27,107	11,655
Water	-	-	-	184
Special Needs	-	-	-	-
	<u>322,788</u>	<u>122,303</u>	<u>445,091</u>	<u>326,597</u>
Support costs (see below)	<u>10,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,394</u>	<u>9,961</u>
	<u>333,182</u>	<u>122,303</u>	<u>455,485</u>	<u>336,558</u>
Support costs:				
Printing, postage and stationery	7,368	-	7,368	7,104
Software	108	-	108	-
Bank charges and interest	1,411	-	1,411	1,441
Accountancy costs	1,507	-	1,507	1,416
	<u>10,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,394</u>	<u>9,961</u>

4 STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

There were no employees during either this or the previous year.

5 CURRENT ASSETS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	Funds	Funds	£	£
	£	£		
Debtors				
Gift Aid	501	1,056	1,557	1,673
SAZ Loans	35,218	-	35,218	92,998
	<u>35,719</u>	<u>1,056</u>	<u>36,775</u>	<u>94,671</u>

5 CURRENT ASSETS (Continued)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank				
Barclays Current	98,174	58,191	156,365	59,196
Barclays Deposit	288,241	19,001	307,242	204,197
Stripe	95	130	225	-
GoCardless	-	145	145	-
Paypal	-	600	600	20
	<u>386,510</u>	<u>78,067</u>	<u>464,577</u>	<u>263,413</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>422,229</u>	<u>79,123</u>	<u>501,352</u>	<u>358,084</u>

6 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.11.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.10.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Reserve	<u>307,853</u>	<u>114,377</u>	<u>422,230</u>
Restricted funds			
Church	1,320	(1,157)	163
Farmers	1,548	16,539	18,087
Orphans	28,404	11,800	40,204
Further/Higher Education	9,664	771	10,435
Feeding	2,984	698	3,682
Water	-	-	-
Special Needs	<u>6,311</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>6,551</u>
	<u>50,231</u>	<u>28,891</u>	<u>79,122</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>358,084</u>	<u>143,268</u>	<u>501,352</u>

The General Reserve represents the “free funds” of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes

7 Movement in Funds (continued)

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:-

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Reserve	447,558	(333,181)	114,377
Restricted funds			
Church	2,643	(3,800)	(1,157)
Farmers	63,719	(47,180)	16,539
Orphans	69,899	(58,099)	11,800
Further/Higher Education	4,587	(3,816)	771
Feeding	10,107	(9,409)	698
Water	-	-	-
Special Needs	240	-	240
	151,195	(122,304)	28,891
TOTAL FUNDS	598,753	(455,485)	143,268

8. TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the trustees during this or the previous year.

9. GENERAL MATTERS

- a. SHAREAfrica is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England. Its registered office is at 43 Green Lane, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 9LP.
- b. The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company.
- c. The charitable activities undertaken focus on poverty relief in Zambia. The activities in Zambia are undertaken through a local organisation SHAREAfrica Zambia with which the charity has no financial link. Funds by way of aid are transferred to SHAREAfrica Zambia for specific projects and services, with controls being in place to monitor and manage the status and impact of the activities funded. Mr J McPhail is a controlling director of SHAREAfrica Zambia and has a casting vote in that company in order to protect the funding provided by the charity. It is the opinion of the trustees SHAREAfrica Zambia is a related party in view of the management control which can be exercised. Funds advanced to SHAREAfrica Zambia in fulfilment of charitable purposes during the financial year were £445,091 (2024: £326,597).

Accounts



SHAREAfrica

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements **For the year ended 31 October 2024**

Charity number: 1094198
Company number: 4554704

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTEES:	Mr J McPhail
COMPANY SECRETARY:	Mr P Richardson
TREASURER:	Mr A S Rogers
TRUSTEES:	Mr L Currie Mr J McPhail Mr P Richardson Mr A S Rogers Mr E Morrow Mr P Cherrie
CHARITY NUMBER:	1094198
COMPANY NUMBER:	4554704
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st October 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective from 1st January 2015.

Aims, Objectives, Achievements and Performance

Purposes and Aims

The aims of the charity are to support fellow Christians and others living in impoverished conditions in Africa by donating, sponsoring, and investing in activities that will create opportunities for sustained improvement in livelihoods. Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the charity was set up to further.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

Our aims, objectives and activities are kept under constant review and discussed at each meeting of the trustees. The outcomes of these reviews are summarised in this report. Fundamental to the review process is the requirement for public benefit as set out in the Charity Commission's general guidance.

The focus of our work

Our objective for the year continued to be the reduction of poverty in Zambia. To meet this objective SHAREAfrica UK partners with SHAREAfrica Zambia (SAZ, a company registered in Zambia as a company 'limited by guarantee') to fulfil the objective of SHAREAfrica UK.

This objective is met through SHAREAfrica Zambia's (SAZ) business structure which is set up to control the financial and operational activities of all aspects of the business. Presently there are three business units plus an administration unit:

1. **SAZ Agri:** Provides support for rural smallholder farmers to improve farming yields. This is done through several programmes designed to meet the farming needs in the communities where we operate.
 - **Seed Growing:** Different varieties of legume seed are grown so that smallholder farmers have access to quality seed. The seed is bred at the SAZ farms in Chipata in conjunction with support from the Ministry of Agriculture's R&D Agency.
 - **Grain Growing:** SAZ sells seed to smallholder farmers on credit. SAZ also provides loans for fertiliser, oxen, and small-scale implements. The loans are recovered when SAZ buys back the outputs.
 - **Seed and Grain Trading:** The seed and grain produced by farmers is collected, sorted, bagged, then stored in purpose-built grain storage sheds. The grain is then sold in bulk soon after it is collected. Seed, however, is kept in storage until the next planting season then distributed to the farmers on the programmes. Surplus seed is sold to seed agents at a considerable markup. The profits are used to expand the Farmer Support Scheme and to provide the tools, training and equipment needed improve farmer outputs in coming years.
2. **SAZ Food:** Makes food using produce from SAZ-Agri which is transferred at cost to the Orphan Programme and the Community Feeding Programmes. Breakfast cereals are also made for the consumer market.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (Continued)

3. **SAZ Community Support:** This charitable division of SAZ is supported by grants and profits made from SAZ-Agri and SAZ-Food. There are four main programmes included in SAZ Community Support
- **Orphan Support:** Children who have been left orphaned or vulnerable and are cared for by guardians are sponsored so they have financial resources to attend school. The guardian is also allocated a monthly food ration to help with the cost of caring for the child.
 - **Farmer Support:** Farmers who are struggling to provide a basic income from their small plots are given training, seed, and fertiliser, as well as help to market the grain they produce.
 - **Church Support:** Churches where the congregation have insufficient funds to complete a building or buy the materials needed to furnish it with chairs, are given financial help.
 - **Student Support:** Youths who have completed school but have no financial resources to pay for further education are given a term allowance to help them achieve their potential.

Key Challenges in 2024

- **Emergency Relief:** In January 2024, most of Zambia began experiencing an ongoing drought, considered to be the worst to hit the country in at least two decades, leading to severe food shortages, and water scarcity. The drought affected 84 of the 116 districts including the Eastern Province where SAZ operates its Seed Development and Farmer Support programmes. Seed and grain crops were lost resulting in hunger and poverty affecting some of the poorest communities in Zambia. SAZ intervened with monthly food relief for 200 farmers which will last until February 2025. SAZ also supplied seed to replace that lost to the drought so that farmers had seed to plant for the 2025 season
- **SAZ Food Processing:** In 2024 the water levels in Lake Kariba were so low that only one of the 5 turbines at the Kariba power station was operating. This decimated the power generating capacity causing the worst blackouts in living memory. This severely affected the SAZ-Food factory with power restrictions limiting production to four to five hours per day. The factory that produces breakfast cereal and nutritious food for Orphans, could not make the required volumes which meant supplementing the supply by buying pre-processed food from other suppliers. The factory normally operates at zero net cost, but SHAREAfrica intervened to provide temporary support to avoid laying off staff who relied heavily on their small income. A diesel Generator will be installed to provide the power needed for the factory to operate at its full potential.
- **SAZ Support Programmes:** The Farming and Food activities are intended to provide many with the opportunity to improve their livelihoods through work and earnings. However, there are many others living in acute poverty who cannot help themselves. These are mainly orphans, widows, and the elderly. The SAZ Support Programmes are fully funded with donations from SHAREAfrica UK.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (Continued)

Programme activities in 2024

- a. **Orphan Support Programme (OSP):** The programme is funded by private donors who sponsor a child and donate a monthly amount for the child's support. The children are either orphans or vulnerable, who are being cared for by relatives who cannot afford the additional expense. This year because of the electricity problems at the factory some of the food normally made for the children had to be purchased, nevertheless the programme continued with little change. The programme is administered by SAZ employees using bespoke software to control and account for all donations. The children are visited regularly both at home and at school with visit reports logged in the Orphan Administration System.
- b. **Farmer Support Programme (FSP):** Smallholder farmers suffered losses due to the 2024 drought. These are farmers who in a normal year struggle to get by so this year has been especially difficult. As well as the emergency relief mentioned above, all farmers are given quality seed along with training and in some cases irrigation systems. Further irrigation systems are being trialled to determine if they could provide an economic solution to prevent crop loss in the event of future droughts.
- c. **Church Support Programme (CSP):** Food supplies and practical help are given to churches in poor communities where widows and other vulnerable people need support. We also provide help with repairs to church buildings. Money donated for church support is clearly identified and recorded. Other emergencies have meant that the level of church support has reduced but the plan is to increase it again in 2025.
- d. **Student Support Programme (SSP):** Some children on the OSP who complete their education and who have grades good enough to go on to further education, are sponsored by SHAREAfrica. Due to cost this is a small programme, but the need to offer support for further education is great and something SHAREAfrica wants to expand. A few youths completed in 2024 and presently only three are being sponsored.

4 Administration: Central administration covers all aspects of finance, planning, legal, human resources, and general management for all the above. A cloud-based business system (Palladium) is used for all financial and cost accounting. It covers all aspects of the business and allows authorised access from SHAREAfrica UK to check and trace the disbursement of allocated funds.

How our objectives deliver public benefit

All our objectives are delivered through SAZ activities mentioned above. Our approach involves developing skills and infrastructure that allow people to prosper through productivity. This improves earnings, which in turn improve the health and well-being of families, extended families, and the community at large.

Productivity and earnings are central to improving livelihoods.

Who used and benefited from our activities in 2024

1. **Food Relief:** 162 farming households were given a monthly allocation of 50kg of maize meal
2. **Seed Relief:** 200 farmers were given seed for the 2024/25 season

3. **Seed Growing:** 150 Smallholder farmers have been trained to grow seed from a variety of parent seed developed at the SAZ farm.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (Continued)

4. **Food Factory:** 21 People are employed 15 of whom have been trained to operate food processing and packaging equipment. All factory workers are routinely tested by Ministry of Health inspectors. The Food Factory is certified by the Zambian Food Standards Board.
5. **The Orphan Programme:** 230 orphans and vulnerable children were supported during the year. The children are selected according to published criteria to ensure that those in greatest need have priority.
6. **Other Relief:**
 - a) Emergency food rations are distributed monthly to over 400 people.
 - b) Designated gifts were delivered to widows and farmers.
 - c) Churches were given Bibles, hymnbooks, and materials to assist with new buildings and building repairs.
7. **Direct and indirect beneficiaries**
 - a) In total 42 people are employed by SAZ. Each employee supports on average 6 dependents.
 - b) A further 200+ people are hired as casual workers during the harvest season.
 - c) 22 Lead farmers receive commissions for their work in training and overseeing other farmers.
 - d) 400+ farmers (with an average of 6 dependants) have improved their household incomes.
 - e) 230 orphans received allowances.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (Continued)

Financial Review

Overall Income

Total Income for the year was £417,446. This is up from last year, which was £349,228

Balances

Overall opening funds were £277,198. Closing funds were up at £358,085, which includes £92,998 in loans to SAZ.

Funding Sources

Major donors, those giving £10,000 or more represent about 30% of total income. Monthly recurring payments from orphan and farmer support amount to less than 20% of total income. The remainder comes from ad-hoc donations. The spread in sources of income is like previous years.

Grants Given to SAZ

Grants given to SAZ amounted to £326,597 which is an increase of about 10% on last year's total of £295,831. Overall loans have also decreased by £37,256 to £92,998.

Grant funding was allocated as follows:-

Farming	£122,434
Orphans	£54,302
General	£123,648
Church	£12,193
Feeding	£11,655
Students	£2,181
Water	£184

Total	£326,597

The farming programmes have the greatest number of beneficiaries. They also contribute most to the overall growth of the sustainability programmes supported by SHAREAfrica, therefore more money has been allocated to farming to build on proven success.

In the SAZ accounts, Admin is spread to the other business units to reflect the true cost of the programmes being supported by SHAREAfrica UK.

Other SAZ Funding

SAZ generates income from its commercial activities and grants funding from other agencies. This is separate from the funding provided by SHAREAfrica UK.

Investment powers

The Charity's investment powers are conferred by the Trustee Act 2000.

Reserves Policy

The agreed target is to maintain cash reserves at between 3 and 6 months' expenditure. On 31st October 2024 reserves were relatively high being equivalent to 9 months of the current year's expenditure.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (Continued)

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts per the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102). Advantage has been taken of the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 to allow the format of the financial statement to be adapted to reflect the nature of the company's operation.

Plans for Future Periods

The charity plans to continue with and, as funding permits, support SAZ in expanding programmes in 2025. These include:

- Rebuilding the parent seed lost in 2024 and developing a new brand of maize which should be a major help in recovering the losses in seed programmes
- Expanding the irrigation programmes to farmers to prevent crop loss due to drought. The extent to which we can grow the support will depend on donor support.
- Procuring more equipment to help with ploughing, planting, harvesting and transport.
- Providing a stable source of electricity to the factory by installing a generator with the power to drive all equipment. This will improve utilisation and volumes which will allow the return to full support for the orphan and church feeding programmes.
- Expand the nutritious cereals to help make affordable food to meet the growing number of malnourished children and elderly as reported in recent Government stats.

These developments are aimed at increasing the number of beneficiaries while at the same time remaining true to the 'not-for-profit' and 'fair-share' principles of the organisation.

Management Reporting from SAZ

SAZ submits management reports each month to the SA Trustees. These are circulated for review and discussed at Trustees meetings. On-line calls with SAZ directors are held to discuss various aspect of the SAZ business.

SAZ accounts are audited by professional external auditors.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7 October 2002 and registered as a charity on 16 October 2002. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established its objects and powers and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are given a thorough induction into the workings of the charity. Each trustee has a copy of the charity's memorandum and Articles of Association, which is explained by the Company Secretary, together with copies of the organisation's financial statements, policies and procedures.

Risk Management

The trustees, who have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error, confirm a risk management strategy has been implemented. Strategic risks are considered and, as appropriate, procedures are established to mitigate those identified. Economic conditions in Zambia and fundamental reliance on good rains for our farmers are major factors which are kept under review.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (Continued)

Bribery

The provisions of the Bribery Act 2010 have been noted by the trustees and a resolution agreed to maintain our long-established zero-tolerance approach both in the UK and Africa. Our agents in Zambia are aware of and in agreement with this policy. We will monitor the implementation of our policy in Zambia by requiring annual confirmation statements.

Fundraising and Safeguards

The charity does not employ or work with professional fundraisers or fundraising bodies. The charity takes its responsibility towards supporters who may be considered to be in vulnerable circumstances very seriously. The trustees respond sensitively and appropriately when they become aware of any individual whom they might consider to be in a vulnerable circumstance. The charity ensures that those individuals and bodies supporting the charity understand how their money will be used to assist the charity deliver its aims and objectives. In future impact statements will be sent out to all donors.

Organisation Structure

The trustees comprise the management of the charity. The trustees are all directors of the company and there are no directors who are not trustees. The trustees come from business, financial and administrative backgrounds appropriate to the activities of the charity. The trustees undertake most of the required administrative duties and no salaries or allowances are paid, other than legitimate expenses.

The charity's activities in Zambia are mainly carried out through a local organisation - SHAREAfrica Zambia (SAZ) – with which the charity has no financial link. When funds are transferred, these are for specific projects, programmes or services and we review to ensure they are used for the purpose they are requested for. Controls are in place to monitor and manage the status and impact of all activities.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (Continued)

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees should follow the best practices by:

- Selecting suitable accounting policies and then applying them consistently.
- Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis of accounting, unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees

The trustees are all directors and trustees for the purpose of charity and company law. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

Following company law the company's directors certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Mr J Allen has expressed his willingness to continue as the charity company's independent examiner again this year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr J McPhail (Chairman)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHAREAFRICA

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2024, which are set out on pages 12 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principals of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015)

have not been met; or

- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr J Allen CA
Chartered Accountant

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM					
Charitable Activities					
General	2	298,290	117,371	415,661	348,830
Investment income		1,785	-	1,785	398
Total		<u>300,075</u>	<u>117,371</u>	<u>417,446</u>	<u>349,228</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General	3	226,615	109,944	336,559	302,534
Total		<u>226,615</u>	<u>109,944</u>	<u>336,559</u>	<u>302,534</u>
NET INCOME		73,460	7,427	80,887	46,694
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Brought Forward		234,392	42,806	277,198	230,504
Carried Forward	7	<u>307,852</u>	<u>50,233</u>	<u>358,085</u>	<u>277,198</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
		Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	93,964	709	94,673	130,981
Cash at bank and in hand	5	213,890	49,523	263,413	146,217
		<u>307,854</u>	<u>50,232</u>	<u>358,086</u>	<u>277,198</u>
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year.	6	-	-	-	-
Net Assets		<u>307,854</u>	<u>50,232</u>	<u>358,086</u>	<u>277,198</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted general fund	7	307,855	-	307,855	234,392
Restricted funds	7	-	50,231	50,231	42,806
		<u>307,855</u>	<u>50,231</u>	<u>358,086</u>	<u>277,198</u>

In the directors' opinion the company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form an integral part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on
on its behalf by:

and were signed

Mr J. McPhail (Trustee)

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial reporting standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective from 1st January 2015), Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland the Companies Act 2016. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

Donations and legacies are accounted for when received by the Charity. All other income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributable to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with a charitable objective at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the note in the financial statements.

2 Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	289,672	103,419	393,091	332,246
Gift Aid	8,618	13,952	22,570	16,584
Interest	1,785	-	1,785	398
	<u>300,075</u>	<u>117,371</u>	<u>417,446</u>	<u>349,228</u>

3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
General Grants	123,648	-	123,648	112,758
Grants to Churches	5,679	6,514	12,193	41,195
Farmer Programme	84,915	37,519	122,434	47,200
Orphan Programme	-	54,302	54,302	60,093
Further Education	577	1,604	2,181	710
Feeding Programme	1,834	9,821	11,655	33,629
Water	-	184	184	-
Special Needs	-	-	-	246
	<u>216,653</u>	<u>109,944</u>	<u>326,597</u>	<u>295,831</u>
Support costs (see below)	<u>9,961</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,961</u>	<u>6,703</u>
	<u>226,614</u>	<u>109,944</u>	<u>336,557</u>	<u>302,534</u>
Support costs:				
Printing, postage and stationery	7,104	-	7,104	4,318
Bank charges and interest	1,441	-	1,441	1,017
Accountancy costs	1,416	-	1,416	1,368
	<u>9,961</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,961</u>	<u>6,703</u>

4 STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

There were no employees during either this or the previous year.

5 CURRENT ASSETS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Debtors				
Gift Aid	966	709	1,675	727
SAZ Loans	92,998	-	92,998	130,254
	<u>93,964</u>	<u>709</u>	<u>94,673</u>	<u>130,981</u>

5 CURRENT ASSETS (Continued)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank				
Barclays Current	28,693	30,503	59,196	43,806
Barclays Deposit	185,197	19,000	204,197	102,411
Paypal	-	20	20	-
	<u>213,890</u>	<u>49,523</u>	<u>263,413</u>	<u>146,217</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>307,854</u>	<u>50,232</u>	<u>358,086</u>	<u>277,198</u>

6 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.11.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.10.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Reserve	<u>234,392</u>	<u>73,461</u>	<u>307,853</u>
Restricted funds			
Church	5,348	(4,026)	1,322
Farmers	2,207	(659)	1,548
Orphans	18,352	10,052	28,404
Further/Higher Education	10,318	(655)	9,664
Feeding	326	2,658	2,984
Water	184	(184)	-
Special Needs	<u>6,071</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>6,311</u>
	<u>42,806</u>	<u>7,427</u>	<u>50,233</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>277,198</u>	<u>80,888</u>	<u>358,086</u>

The General Reserve represents the “free funds” of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes

7 Movement in Funds (continued)

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:-

	Incoming resources		Resources expended		Movement in funds
	£		£		£
Unrestricted funds					
General Reserve	300,075	-	(226,614)	-	73,461
Restricted funds					
Church	2,488	-	(6,514)	-	(4,026)
Farmers	36,860	-	(37,519)	-	(659)
Orphans	64,354		(54,302)		10,052
Further/Higher Education	950		(1,604)		(654)
Feeding	12,479		(9,821)		2,658
Water	-		(184)		(184)
Special Needs	240	-	-	-	240
	117,371		(109,944)		7,427
TOTAL FUNDS	417,446		(336,558)		80,888

8. TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the trustees during this or the previous year.

9. GENERAL MATTERS

- a. SHAREAfrica is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England. Its registered office is at 43 Green Lane, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 9LP.
- b. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is a functional currency of the company.
- c. The charitable activities undertaken focus on poverty relief in Zambia. The activities in Zambia are undertaken through a local organisation SHAREAfrica Zambia with which the charity has no financial link. Funds by way of aid are transferred to SHAREAfrica Zambia for specific projects and services with controls being in place to monitor and manage the status and impact of the activities funded. Mr J McPhail is a controlling director of SHAREAfrica Zambia and has a casting vote in that company in order to protect the funding provided by the charity. It is the opinion of the trustees SHAREAfrica Zambia is a related party in view of the management control which can be exercised. Funds advanced to SHAREAfrica Zambia in fulfilment of charitable purposes during the financial year were £326,597 (2023: £295,831)

Accounts



SHAREAfrica

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 October 2023

Charity number: 1094198

Company number: 4554704

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTEES:	Mr J McPhail
COMPANY SECRETARY:	Mr P Richardson
TREASURER:	Mr A S Rogers
TRUSTEES:	Mr L Currie Mr J McPhail Mr P Richardson Mr A S Rogers Mr E Morrow Mr P Cherrie
CHARITY NUMBER:	1094198
COMPANY NUMBER:	4554704
REGISTERED OFFICE:	43 Green Lane Harrogate North Yorkshire HG2 9LP
PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS:	PO Box 401 Harrogate North Yorkshire HG2 9LP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Mr J Allen North Muir Muir of Kinellar Aberdeenshire AB21 0SD
BANKERS:	Barclays Bank plc 1 St Andrews Square Edinburgh EH2 2BD

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st October 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective from 1st January 2015.

Aims, Objectives, Achievements and Performance

Purposes and Aims

The aims of the charity are to support fellow Christians and others living in impoverished conditions in Africa by donating, sponsoring, and investing in activities that will create opportunities for sustained improvement in livelihoods. Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the charity was set up to further.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

Our aims, objectives and activities are kept under constant review and discussed at each meeting of the trustees. The outcomes of these reviews are summarised in this report. Fundamental to the review process is the requirement for public benefit as set out in the Charity Commission's general guidance.

The focus of our work

Our objective for the year continued to be the reduction of poverty in Zambia. To meet this objective SHAREAfrica UK partners with SHAREAfrica Zambia (SAZ, a company registered in Zambia as a company 'limited by guarantee') to fulfil the objective of SHAREAfrica UK.

This objective is met through SHAREAfrica Zambia's business structure which is set up to control the financial and operational activities of all aspects of the business. Presently there are three business units:

- **SAZ Agri:** Provides support for rural smallholder farmers to improve farming yields. This is done through several programmes designed to meet the farming needs in the communities where we operate.
 - **Seed Growing:** Different varieties of legume seed are grown so that smallholder farmers have access to quality seed. The seed is bred at the SAZ farms in Chipata in conjunction with support from the Ministry of Agriculture's R&D Agency.
 - **Grain Growing:** SAZ sells seed to smallholder farmers on credit. SAZ also provides loans for fertiliser, oxen, and small-scale implements. The loans are recovered when SAZ buys back the outputs.
 - **Seed and Grain Trading:** The seed and grain produced by farmers is collected, sorted, bagged, then stored in purpose-built grain storage sheds. The grain is then sold in bulk soon after it is collected. Seed, however, is kept in storage until the next planting season then distributed to the farmers on the programmes. Surplus seed is sold to seed agents at a considerable markup. The profits are used to expand the Farmer Support Scheme and to provide the tools, training and equipment needed improve farmer outputs in coming years.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (Continued)

- **SAZ Food Processing:** Produces affordable nutritious food. This meets the growing demand for locally produced food that can compete with the well-known imported brands. Profits made from selling to supermarkets are used to expand capacity and to produce a highly nutritious breakfast porridge for children on the SAZ Orphan Programme. The factory meets all food and safety standards required by Zambian law. Capital for investment comes from grants or loans from SHAREAfrica UK and international aid agencies.
- **SAZ Support Programmes:** The Farming and Food activities provide many with the opportunity to improve their livelihoods through work and earnings, however, many others living in acute poverty cannot help themselves. These are mainly orphans, widows, and the elderly. The SAZ Support Programmes use profits from the commercial activities along with donations from SHAREAfrica UK, to undertake several charitable activities.
 - **Orphan Support Programme (OSP):** The project is funded by private donors who sponsor a child and donate a monthly amount for the child's support. The children are either orphans or vulnerable, who are being cared for by relatives who cannot afford the additional expense. Food and other provisions are delivered to each household monthly. The programme, administered by SAZ employees, bespoke software to control and account for all donations. The children are visited regularly both at home and at school with visit reports logged in the Orphan Administration System.
 - **Farmer Support Programme (FSP)** Smallholder farmers are selected based on predefined criteria aimed at giving those in greatest need the opportunity to become more successful. All farmers are given quality seed at the beginning of the planting season along with training, and in some cases transport. SAZ may buy back their grain to help market it along with the produce from other farms, but this is subject to SAZ resources. The farmers on the FSP are monitored to measure the performance impact of the programme.
 - **Church Support Programme (CSP):** Food supplies and practical help is given to churches in poor communities where widows and other vulnerable people need support. We also provide help with repairs to church buildings. Money donated for church support is clearly identified and corresponding expenses recorded.
 - **Student Support Programme (SSP):** Some children on the OSP who complete their education and who have grades good enough to go on to further education, are sponsored by SHAREAfrica. Due to cost this a small programme, but the need to offer support for further education is great therefore something SHAREAfrica wants to expand.
- **Administration:** Central administration covers all aspects of finance, planning, legal, human resource, and general management for all the above. A cloud-based business system (Palladium) is used for all financial and cost accounting. It covers all aspects of the business and allows authorised access from SHAREAfrica UK to check and trace the disbursement of allocated funds.

How our objectives deliver public benefit

All our objectives are delivered through SAZ activities mentioned above. Our approach involves developing skills and infrastructure that allows people to prosper through productivity. This improves earnings which in turn improves the health and wellbeing of families, extended families, and the community at large.

Productivity and earnings are central to improving livelihoods.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (Continued)

Who used and benefitted from our activities in 2023

1. **Seed Growing:** 150 Smallholder farmers have been trained to grow seed from a variety of parent seed developed at the SAZ farm.
2. **Grain Growing:** 200 farmers were loaned seed, cash advances, and equipment. Some were given oxen and other were helped with early season ploughing and planting. The money is recovered at the end of the season.
3. **Farmer Support:** 51 Farmers were given seed, training and help with transport.
4. **Food Factory:** 15 people have been trained to operate food processing and packaging equipment. All factory workers are routinely tested by Ministry of Health inspectors. The Food Factory is certified by the Zambian food standards board.
5. **The Orphan Programme:** 222 orphans and vulnerable children were supported during the year. The children are selected according to published criteria to ensure that those in greatest need have priority.
6. **Administration and Charitable Activities:**
 - a) Emergency food rations were distributed to people in need.
 - b) Hospital costs were paid for children suffering with a with chronic illness.
 - c) Designated gifts were delivered to widows and farmers.
 - d) Churches were given Bibles, hymnbooks, and materials to assist with new buildings and building repairs.
7. **Direct and indirect beneficiaries**
 - a) In total 33 people are employed by SAZ. Each employee supports on average 6 dependents.
 - b) A further 200+ people are hired as casual workers during the harvest season.
 - c) 18 Lead farmers receive commissions for their work in training and overseeing other farmers.
 - d) 400+ farmers (with an average of 6 dependants) have improved their household incomes.
 - e) 222 orphans received allowances.

Financial Review

Overall Income

Total Income for the year has fallen by over 20% to £349,228 (21/22 £450,693).

Balances

Overall opening funds were £230,504. Closing funds were £277,198, which includes £130,254 in loan receivable.

Funding Sources

Major donors, those giving £10,000 or more represents about 30% of total income. Monthly recurring payments from orphan and farmer support amount to less than 20% of total income. The remainder comes from ad-hoc donations. The spread in sources of income is similar to previous years.

Grants Given to SAZ

Grants given to SAZ amounted to £295,831. This is 57% less than last year. Overall loan receivable is up slightly at £130,254.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (Continued)
Financial Review (continued)

Grant funding was allocated as follows:-

Farming	£47,200
Orphans	£60,093
General	£112,758
Church	£41,195
Feeding	£33,629
Students	£710
Sp. Needs	£246

Total	£295,831

The farming programmes have the greatest number of beneficiaries. They also contribute most to the overall growth of the sustainability programmes supported by SHAREAfrica, therefore more money has been allocated to farming to build on proven success.

In the SAZ accounts, Admin is spread to the other business units to reflect the true cost of the programmes being supported by SHAREAfrica UK.

Other SAZ Funding

SAZ generates income from their commercial activities and grant funding from other agencies. This is separate from the funding provided by SHAREAfrica UK.

Investment powers

The Charity's investment powers are conferred by the Trustee Act 2000.

Reserves Policy

The agreed target is to maintain cash reserves at between 3 and 6 month's expenditure. At 31st October 2023 reserves were within that range equivalent to just less than 6 months of the current year's expenditure.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102). Advantage has been taken of the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 to allow the format of the financial statement to be adapted to reflect the nature of the company's operation.

Plans for Future Periods

The charity plans to continue with and, as funding permits, support SAZ in expanding programmes in 2024. These include:

- Expanding the seed programme by 10% by introducing new varieties and getting more farmers to grow seed.
- Expanding the Outgrowers scheme by 15% by including new farmers from different areas within the Chipata province.
- Procuring more equipment to help with ploughing, planting, harvesting and transport.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (Continued)

- Increase factory output by selling to more Supermarkets and to Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).
- Expand the nutritious food programmes to support the growing needs of the poor.

These developments are aimed at increasing the number of beneficiaries while at the same time remaining true to the 'not-for-profit' and 'fair-share' principles of the organisation.

Management Reporting from SAZ

SAZ submits management reports each month to the SA Trustees. These are circulated for review and discussed at Trustees meetings. On-line calls with SAZ directors are held to discuss various aspects of the SAZ business.

SAZ accounts are audited by professional external auditors.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7 October 2002 and registered as a charity on 16 October 2002. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established its objects and powers and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are given a thorough induction into the workings of the charity. Each trustee has a copy of the charity's memorandum and Articles of Association which is explained by the Company Secretary, together with copies of the organisation's financial statements, policies and procedures.

Risk Management

The trustees, who have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error, confirm a risk management strategy has been implemented. Strategic risks are considered and, as appropriate, procedures are established to mitigate those identified. Economic conditions in Zambia and fundamental reliance on good rains for our farmers are major factors which are kept under review.

Bribery

The provisions of the Bribery Act 2010 have been noted by the trustees and a resolution agreed to maintain our long established zero tolerance approach both in the UK and Africa. Our agents in Zambia are aware of and in agreement with this policy. We will monitor implementation of our policy in Zambia by requiring annual confirmation statements.

Fundraising and Safeguards

The charity does not employ or work with professional fund raisers or fundraising bodies. The charity takes its responsibility towards supporters who may be considered to be in vulnerable circumstances very seriously. The trustees respond sensitively and appropriately when they become aware of any individual whom they might consider to be in a vulnerable circumstance. The charity ensures that those individuals and bodies supporting the charity understand how their money will be used to assist the charity deliver its aims and objectives. In future impact statements will be sent out to all donors.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (Continued)

Organisation Structure

The trustees comprise the management of the charity. The trustees are all directors of the company and there are no directors who are not trustees. The trustees come from business, financial and administrative backgrounds appropriate to the activities of the charity. The trustees undertake most of the required administrative duties and no salaries or allowances are paid, other than legitimate expenses.

The charity's activities in Zambia are mainly carried out through a local organisation - SHAREAfrica Zambia (SAZ) – with which the charity has no financial link. When funds are transferred, these are for specific projects, programmes or services and we review to ensure they are used for the purpose they are requested for. Controls are in place to monitor and manage the status and impact of all activities.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (Continued)

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice by:

- Selecting suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis of accounting, unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees

The trustees are all directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

In accordance with company law the company's directors certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Mr J Allen has expressed his willingness to continue as the charity company's independent examiner again this year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12th July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr J McPhail (Chairman)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHAREAFRICA

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principals of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015)have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr J Allen CA
Chartered Accountant

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM					
Charitable Activities					
General	2	232,888	115,942	348,830	450,685
Investment income		398	-	398	8
Total		<u>233,286</u>	<u>115,942</u>	<u>349,228</u>	<u>450,693</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General	3	<u>194,707</u>	<u>107,827</u>	<u>302,534</u>	<u>526,990</u>
Total		<u>194,707</u>	<u>107,827</u>	<u>302,534</u>	<u>526,990</u>
NET INCOME		38,579	8,115	46,694	(76,297)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Brought Forward		<u>195,813</u>	<u>34,691</u>	<u>230,504</u>	<u>306,801</u>
Carried Forward	7	<u><u>234,392</u></u>	<u><u>42,806</u></u>	<u><u>277,198</u></u>	<u><u>230,504</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
		Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	130,535	446	130,981	128,361
Cash at bank and in hand	5	103,857	42,360	146,217	102,143
		<u>234,392</u>	<u>42,806</u>	<u>277,198</u>	<u>230,504</u>
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year.	6	-	-	-	-
Net Assets		<u>234,392</u>	<u>42,806</u>	<u>277,198</u>	<u>230,504</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted general fund	7	234,392	-	234,392	195,813
Restricted funds	7	-	42,806	42,806	34,691
		<u>234,392</u>	<u>42,806</u>	<u>277,198</u>	<u>230,504</u>

In the directors' opinion the company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form an integral part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 12th July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr J. McPhail (Trustee)

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial reporting standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective from 1st January 2015), Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland the Companies Act 2016. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

Donations and legacies are accounted for when received by the Charity. All other income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributable to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with a charitable objective at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the note in the financial statements.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
2 ANALYSIS OF INCOME				
Donations	229,042	103,204	332,246	430,400
Gift Aid	3,846	12,738	16,584	20,285
Interest	398	-	398	8
	<u>233,286</u>	<u>115,942</u>	<u>349,228</u>	<u>450,693</u>
3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
General Grants	112,758	-	112,758	148,288
Grants to Churches	31,667	9,528	41,195	51,798
Farmer Programme	22,746	24,454	47,200	218,060
Orphan Programme	-	60,093	60,093	87,914
Further Education	-	710	710	1,677
Feeding Programme	20,833	12,796	33,629	12,668
Special Needs	-	246	246	-
	<u>188,004</u>	<u>107,827</u>	<u>295,831</u>	<u>520,405</u>
Support costs (see below)	<u>6,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,703</u>	<u>6,585</u>
	<u>194,707</u>	<u>107,827</u>	<u>302,534</u>	<u>526,990</u>
Support costs:				
Printing, postage and stationery	4,318	-	4,318	4,213
Bank charges and interest	1,017	-	1,017	1,004
Accountancy costs	1,368	-	1,368	1,368
	<u>6,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,703</u>	<u>6,585</u>
4 STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS				
There were no employees during either this or the previous year.				
5 CURRENT ASSETS				
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Debtors				
Gift Aid	281	446	727	887
SAZ Loans	130,254	-	130,254	127,474
	<u>130,535</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>130,981</u>	<u>128,361</u>

5 CURRENT ASSETS (Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank				
Barclays Current	20,446	23,360	43,806	73,991
Barclays Deposit	83,411	19,000	102,411	27,013
Paypal	-	-		1,139
	<u>103,857</u>	<u>42,360</u>	<u>146,217</u>	<u>102,143</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>234,392</u>	<u>42,806</u>	<u>277,198</u>	<u>230,504</u>

6 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within a year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.11.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.10.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	<u>195,813</u>	<u>38,579</u>	<u>234,392</u>
General Reserve			
Restricted funds			
Church	-	5,348	5,348
Farmers	943	1,264	2,207
Orphans	11,478	6,874	18,352
Further/Higher Education	11,028	(710)	10,318
Feeding	4,981	(4,655)	326
Water	184	-	184
Special Needs	6,077	(6)	6,071
	<u>34,691</u>	<u>8,115</u>	<u>42,806</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>230,504</u>	<u>46,694</u>	<u>277,198</u>

The General Reserve represents the “free funds” of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:-

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Reserve	233,286	(194,707)	38,579
Restricted funds			
Church	14,876	(9,528)	5,348
Farmers	25,718	(24,454)	1,264
Orphans	66,967	(60,093)	6,874
Further/Higher Education	-	(710)	(710)
Feeding	8,141	(12,796)	(4,655)
Water	-	-	-
Special Needs	240	(246)	(6)
	115,942	(107,827)	8,115
TOTAL FUNDS	349,228	(302,534)	46,694

8. TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the trustees during this or the previous year.

9. GENERAL MATTERS

- SHAREAfrica is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England. Its registered office is at 43 Green Lane, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 9LP.
- The financial statements are presented in sterling which is a functional currency of the company.
- The charitable activities undertaken focus on poverty relief in Zambia. The activities in Zambia are undertaken through a local organisation SHAREAfrica Zambia with which the charity has no financial link. Funds by way of aid are transferred to SHAREAfrica Zambia for specific projects and services with controls being in place to monitor and manage the status and impact of the activities funded. Mr J McPhail is a controlling director of SHAREAfrica Zambia and has a casting vote in that company in order to protect the funding provided by the charity. It is the opinion of the trustees SHAREAfrica Zambia is a related party in view of the management control which can be exercised. Funds advanced to SHAREAfrica Zambia in fulfilment of charitable purposes during the financial year were £295,831 (2022 £520,405).

Accounts



SHAREAfrica

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 October 2022

Charity number: 1094198

Company number: 4554704

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COMPANY SECRETARY:	Mr P Richardson
TREASURER:	Mr A S Rogers
TRUSTEES:	Mr L Currie Mr J McPhail Mr P Richardson Mr A S Rogers Mr E Morrow Mr P Cherrie
CHARITY NUMBER:	1094198
COMPANY NUMBER:	4554704
REGISTERED OFFICE:	43 Green Lane Harrogate North Yorkshire HG2 9LP
PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS:	PO Box 401 Harrogate North Yorkshire HG2 9LP
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st October 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective from 1st January 2015.

Aims, Objectives, Achievements and Performance

Purposes and Aims

The aims of the charity are to support fellow Christians and others living in impoverished conditions in Africa by donating, sponsoring, and investing in activities that will create opportunities for sustained improvement in livelihoods. Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the charity was set up to further.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

Our aims, objectives and activities are kept under constant review and discussed at each meeting of the trustees. The outcomes of these reviews are summarised in this report. Fundamental to the review process is the requirement for public benefit as set out in the Charity Commission's general guidance.

The focus of our work

Our objective for the year continued to be the reduction of poverty in Zambia. To meet this objective SHAREAfrica UK partners with SHAREAfrica Zambia (SAZ, a company registered in Zambia as a company 'limited by guarantee') to fulfil the objective of SHAREAfrica UK.

This objective is met through SHAREAfrica Zambia's business structure which is set up to control the financial and operational activities of all aspects of the business. Presently there are three business units:

- **SAZ Agri:** Provides support for rural smallholder farmers to improve farming yields. This is done through several programmes designed to meet the farming needs in the communities where we operate.
 - **Seed Growing:** Different varieties of legume seed are grown so that smallholder farmers have access to quality seed. The seed is bred at the SAZ farms in Chipata in conjunction with support from the Ministry of Agriculture's R&D Agency.
 - **Farmer Support Programmes:** Smallholder farmers are selected based on predefined criteria aimed at giving those in greatest need the opportunity to become more successful. All farmers are given quality seed at the beginning of the planting season along with training, fertiliser, cash loans, and in some cases oxen and small-scale equipment. SAZ also buys back the farming outputs at a price above the market price at the time of purchase.
 - **Seed and Grain Trading:** The seed and grain produced by farmers is collected, sorted, bagged, then stored in purpose-built grain storage sheds. The grain is then sold in bulk soon after it is collected. Seed, however, is kept in storage until the next planting season then distributed to the farmers on the programmes. Surplus seed is sold to seed agents at a considerable markup. The profits are used to expand the Farmer Support Schemes and to provide the tools, training and equipment needed improve farmer outputs in coming years.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022 (Continued)

- **SAZ Food Processing:** Produces affordable nutritious food. This meets the growing demand for locally produced food that can compete with the well-known imported brands. Profits made from selling to supermarkets are used to expand capacity and to produce a highly nutritious breakfast porridge for children on the SAZ Orphan Programme. The factory meets all food and safety standards required by Zambian law. Capital for investment comes from grants or loans from SHAREAfrica UK and international aid agencies.
- **SAZ Support Programmes:** The Farming and Food activities provide many with the opportunity to improve their livelihoods through work and earnings, however, many others living in acute poverty cannot help themselves. These are mainly orphans, widows, and the elderly. The SAZ Support Programmes use profits from the commercial activities along with donations from SHAREAfrica UK, to undertake several charitable activities.
 - **Orphan Support Programme:** The project is funded by private donors who sponsor a child and donate a monthly amount for the child's support. The children are either orphans or vulnerable, who are being cared for by relatives who cannot afford the additional expense. Food and other provisions are delivered to each household monthly. The programme, administered by SAZ employees, bespoke software to control and account for all donations. The children are visited regularly both at home and at school with visit reports logged in the Orphan Administration System.
 - **Church Support:** Food supplies and practical help is given to churches in poor communities where widows and other vulnerable people need support. We also provide help with repairs to church buildings. Money donated for church support is clearly identified and corresponding expenses recorded.
- **Administration:** Central administration covers all aspects of finance, planning, legal, human resource, and general management for all the above. A cloud-based business system (Palladium) is used for all financial and cost accounting. It covers all aspects of the business and allows authorised access from SHAREAfrica UK to check and trace the disbursement of allocated funds.

How our objectives deliver public benefit

All our objectives are delivered through SAZ activities mentioned above. Our approach involves developing skills and infrastructure that allows people to prosper through productivity. This improves earnings which in turn improves the health and wellbeing of families, extended families, and the community at large.

Productivity and earnings are central to improving livelihoods.

Who used and benefitted from our activities in 2022

1. **Seed Growing:** 110 Smallholder farmers have been trained to grow seed from a variety of parent seed developed at the SAZ farm.
2. **Farmer Support Programme:** 150 farmers were given seed, training, cash advances, and equipment. Some were given oxen and other were helped with early season ploughing and planting.
3. **Food Factory:** 15 people have been trained to operate food processing and packaging equipment. All factory workers are routinely tested by Ministry of Health inspectors. The Food Factory is certified by the Zambian food standards board.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022 (Continued)

4. **The Orphan Programme:** 219 orphans and vulnerable children were supported during the year. The children are selected according to published criteria to ensure that those in greatest need have priority.
5. **Administration and Charitable Activities:**
 - a) Emergency food rations were distributed to people in need.
 - b) Hospital costs were paid for children suffering with a with chronic illness.
 - c) Designated gifts were delivered to widows and farmers.
 - d) Churches were given Bibles, hymnbooks, and materials to assist with new buildings and building repairs.
6. **Direct and indirect beneficiaries**
 - a) In total 35 people are employed by SAZ. Each employee supports on average 6 dependents.
 - b) A further 150+ people are hired as casual workers during the harvest season.
 - c) 15 Lead farmers receive commissions for their work in training and overseeing other farmers.
 - d) 475 farmers (with an average of 6 dependants) have improved their household incomes.
 - e) 219 orphans received allowances.

Financial Review

Overall Income

Total Income for the year has fallen slightly by 3% to £450,693 (20/21 £464,516).

Balances

Overall opening funds were £306,801. Closing funds were £230,504, which includes £127,474 in loans recoverable.

Funding Sources

Major donors, those giving £10,000 or more represents about 30% of total income. Monthly recurring payments from orphan and farmer support amount to less than 20% of total income. The remainder comes from ad-hoc donations. The spread in sources of income is similar to previous years.

Grants Given to SAZ

Grants given to SAZ amounted to £520,405 to SAZ. In addition, overall loans were increased by £20,338 during the year to SAZ.

Grant funding was allocated as follows:-

Farming	£218,060
Orphans	£87,914
General	£148,288
Church	£51,798
Feeding	£12,668
Students	£1,677

Total	£520,405

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022 (Continued)

Financial Review (continued)

The farming programmes have the greatest number of beneficiaries. They also contribute most to the overall growth of the sustainability programmes supported by SHAREAfrica, therefore more money has been allocated to farming to build on proven success.

In the SAZ accounts, Admin is spread to the other business units to reflect the true cost of the programmes being supported by SHAREAfrica UK.

Other SAZ Funding

SAZ generates income from their commercial activities and grant funding from other agencies. This is separate from the funding provided by SHAREAfrica UK.

Investment powers

The Charity's investment powers are conferred by the Trustee Act 2000.

Reserves Policy

The agreed target is to maintain cash reserves at between 3 and 6 month's expenditure. At 31st October 2022 reserves amounted to just over 5 months of the year's expenditure.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102). Advantage has been taken of the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 to allow the format of the financial statement to be adapted to reflect the nature of the company's operation.

Plans for Future Periods

The charity plans to continue with and, as funding permits, support SAZ in expanding programmes in 2023. These include:

- Expanding the seed programme by 15% by introducing new varieties and getting more farmers to grow seed.
- Expanding the Outgrowers scheme by 20% by including new farmers from different areas within the Chipata province.
- Procuring more equipment to help with ploughing, planting, and harvesting.
- Increase factory output by selling to more Supermarkets.
- Expand the nutritious food programmes to support the growing needs of the poor.

These developments are aimed at increasing the number of beneficiaries while at the same time remaining true to the 'not-for-profit' and 'fair-share' principles of the organisation.

Management Reporting from SAZ

SAZ submits management reports each month to the SA Trustees. These are circulated for review and discussed at Trustees meetings. On-line calls with SAZ directors are held to discuss various aspect of the SAZ business.

SAZ accounts are audited by professional external auditors.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022 (Continued)

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7 October 2002 and registered as a charity on 16 October 2002. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established its objects and powers and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are given a thorough induction into the workings of the charity. Each trustee has a copy of the charity's memorandum and Articles of Association which is explained by the Company Secretary, together with copies of the organisation's financial statements, policies and procedures.

Risk Management

The trustees, who have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error, confirm a risk management strategy has been implemented. Strategic risks are considered and, as appropriate, procedures are established to mitigate those identified. Economic conditions in Zambia and fundamental reliance on good rains for our farmers are major factors which are kept under review.

Bribery

The provisions of the Bribery Act 2010 have been noted by the trustees and a resolution agreed to maintain our long established zero tolerance approach both in the UK and Africa. Our agents in Zambia are aware of and in agreement with this policy. We will monitor implementation of our policy in Zambia by requiring annual confirmation statements.

Fundraising and Safeguards

The charity does not employ or work with professional fund raisers or fundraising bodies. The charity takes its responsibility towards supporters who may be considered to be in vulnerable circumstances very seriously. The trustees respond sensitively and appropriately when they become aware of any individual whom they might consider to be in a vulnerable circumstance. The charity ensures that those individuals and bodies supporting the charity understand how their money will be used to assist the charity deliver its aims and objectives. In future impact statements will be sent out to all donors.

Organisation Structure

The trustees comprise the management of the charity. The trustees are all directors of the company and there are no directors who are not trustees. The trustees come from business, financial and administrative backgrounds appropriate to the activities of the charity. The trustees undertake most of the required administrative duties and no salaries or allowances are paid, other than legitimate expenses.

The charity's activities in Zambia are mainly carried out through a local organisation - SHAREAfrica Zambia (SAZ) – with which the charity has no financial link. When funds are transferred, these are for specific projects, programmes or services and we review to ensure they are used for the purpose they are requested for. Controls are in place to monitor and manage the status and impact of all activities.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022 (Continued)

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice by:

- Selecting suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis of accounting, unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees

The trustees are all directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

In accordance with company law the company's directors certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Mr J Allen has expressed his willingness to continue as the charity company's independent examiner again this year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14th July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr J McPhail (Chairman)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHAREAFRICA

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2022, which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principals of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015)have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr J Allen CA
Chartered Accountant

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM					
Charitable Activities					
General	2	276,529	174,156	450,685	464,505
Investment income		8	-	8	11
Total		<u>276,537</u>	<u>174,156</u>	<u>450,693</u>	<u>464,516</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General	3	<u>342,462</u>	<u>184,528</u>	<u>526,990</u>	<u>385,369</u>
Total		<u>342,462</u>	<u>184,528</u>	<u>526,990</u>	<u>385,369</u>
NET INCOME		(65,925)	(10,372)	(76,297)	79,147
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Brought Forward		<u>261,738</u>	<u>45,063</u>	<u>306,801</u>	<u>227,654</u>
Carried Forward	7	<u><u>195,813</u></u>	<u><u>34,691</u></u>	<u><u>230,504</u></u>	<u><u>306,801</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2022**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
		Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	127,877	484	128,361	109,552
Cash at bank and in hand	5	67,936	34,207	102,143	199,018
		<u>195,813</u>	<u>34,691</u>	<u>230,504</u>	<u>308,570</u>
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year.	6	-	-	-	(1,769)
Net Assets		<u>195,813</u>	<u>34,691</u>	<u>230,504</u>	<u>306,801</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted general fund	7	195,813	-	195,813	261,738
Restricted funds	7	-	34,691	34,691	45,063
		<u>195,813</u>	<u>34,691</u>	<u>230,504</u>	<u>306,801</u>

In the directors' opinion the company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 14th July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr J. McPhail (Trustee)

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial reporting standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective from 1st January 2015), Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland the Companies Act 2016. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

Donations and legacies are accounted for when received by the Charity. All other income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributable to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with a charitable objective at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the note in the financial statements.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
2 ANALYSIS OF INCOME				
Donations	269,615	160,785	430,400	438,090
Gift Aid	6,914	13,371	20,285	26,415
Interest	8	-	8	11
	<u>276,537</u>	<u>174,156</u>	<u>450,693</u>	<u>464,516</u>
3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
General Grants	148,288	-	148,288	53,870
Grants to Churches	8,652	43,146	51,798	22,429
Farmer Programme	172,456	45,604	218,060	214,122
Orphan Programme	-	87,914	87,914	66,061
Further Education	-	1,677	1,677	2,138
Feeding Programme	6,481	6,187	12,668	18,828
	<u>335,877</u>	<u>184,528</u>	<u>520,405</u>	<u>377,448</u>
Support costs (see below)	6,585	-	6,585	7,921
	<u>342,462</u>	<u>184,528</u>	<u>526,990</u>	<u>385,369</u>
Support costs:				
Printing, postage and stationery	4,213	-	4,213	5,405
Bank charges and interest	1,004	-	1,004	1,148
Accountancy costs	1,368	-	1,368	1,368
	<u>6,585</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,585</u>	<u>7,921</u>

4 STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

There were no employees during either this or the previous year.

5 CURRENT ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Debtors				
Gift Aid	403	484	887	2,416
SAZ Loan	127,474	-	127,474	107,136
	<u>127,877</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>128,361</u>	<u>109,552</u>

5 CURRENT ASSETS (Continued)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank				
Barclays Current	54,446	19,545	73,991	71,469
Barclays Deposit	13,013	14,000	27,013	127,004
Paypal	477	662	1,139	545
	<u>67,936</u>	<u>34,207</u>	<u>102,143</u>	<u>199,018</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>195,813</u>	<u>34,691</u>	<u>230,504</u>	<u>308,570</u>

6 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	-	-	-	1,769
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,769</u>

7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.11.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.10.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	<u>261,738</u>	<u>(65,925)</u>	<u>195,813</u>
General Reserve			
Restricted funds			
Church	-	-	-
Farmers	2,036	(1,093)	943
Orphans	29,301	(17,823)	11,478
Further/Higher Education	12,705	(1,677)	11,028
Feeding	-	4,981	4,981
Water	184	-	184
Special Needs	837	5,240	6,077
	<u>45,063</u>	<u>(10,372)</u>	<u>34,691</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>306,801</u>	<u>(76,297)</u>	<u>230,504</u>

7 Movement in Funds (continued)

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:-

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Reserve	276,537	(342,462)	(65,925)
Restricted funds			
Church	43,146	(43,146)	-
Farmers	44,511	(45,604)	(1,093)
Orphans	70,091	(87,914)	(17,823)
Further/Higher Education	-	(1,677)	(1,677)
Feeding	11,168	(6,187)	4,981
Water	-	-	-
Special Needs	5,240	-	5,240
	174,156	(184,528)	(10,372)

The General Reserve represents the “free funds” of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

8. TRUSTEES’ EXPENSES

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TRUSTEES:	Mr L Currie Mr J McPhail Mr P Richardson Mr A S Rogers Mr E Morrow Mr P Cherrie
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COMPANY NUMBER:	4554704
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st October 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective from 1st January 2015.

Aims, Objectives, Achievements and Performance

Purposes and Aims

The aims of the charity are to support fellow Christians and others living in impoverished conditions in Africa by donating, sponsoring, and investing in activities that will create opportunities for sustained improvement in livelihoods. Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the charity was set up to further.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

Our aims, objectives and activities are kept under constant review and discussed at each meeting of the trustees. The outcomes of these reviews are summarised in this report. Fundamental to the review process is the requirement for public benefit as set out in the Charity Commission's general guidance.

The focus of our work

Our objective for the year continued to be the reduction of poverty in Zambia. To meet this objective SHAREAfrica UK partners with SHAREAfrica Zambia (SAZ, a company registered in Zambia as a company 'limited by guarantee') to fulfil the objective of SHAREAfrica UK.

This objective is met through SHAREAfrica Zambia's business structure which is set up to control the financial and operational activities of all aspects of the business. Presently there are three business units:

- **SAZ Agri:** Provides support for rural smallholder farmers to improve farming yields. This is done through several programmes designed to meet the farming needs in the communities where we operate.
 - **Seed Growing:** Different varieties of legume seed are grown so that smallholder farmers have access to quality seed. The seed is bred at the SAZ farms in Chipata in conjunction with support from the Ministry of Agriculture's R&D Agency.
 - **Farmer Support Programmes:** Smallholder farmers are selected based on predefined criteria aimed at giving those in greatest need the opportunity to become more successful. All farmers are given quality seed at the beginning of the planting season along with training, fertiliser, cash loans, and in some cases oxen and small-scale equipment. SAZ also buys back the farming outputs at a price above the market price at the time of purchase.
 - **Seed and Grain Trading:** The seed and grain produced by farmers is collected, sorted, bagged, then stored in purpose-built grain storage sheds. The grain is then sold in bulk soon after it is collected. Seed, however, is kept in storage until the next planting season then distributed to the farmers on the programmes. Surplus seed is sold to seed agents at a considerable markup. The profits are used to expand the Farmer Support Schemes and to provide the tools, training and equipment needed improve farmer outputs in coming years.
- **SAZ Food Processing:** Focuses on using farming outputs to make affordable nutritious food. This meets the growing demand for locally produced food that can compete with the well-

known imported brands. Profits made from selling to supermarkets are used to expand capacity and to produce a highly nutritious breakfast porridge for children on the SAZ Orphan Programme. The breakfast porridge is a Corn Soya Blend made according to the World Food Organisation's recipe for malnourished children. The factory meets all food and safety standards required by Zambian law. Capital for investment comes from grants (SHAREAfrica UK and international aid agencies) or from loans which are repaid in accordance with the loan conditions.

- **SAZ Support Programmes:** The Farming and Food activities provide many with the opportunity to improve their livelihoods through work and earnings, however, many others living in acute poverty cannot help themselves. These are mainly orphans, widows, and the elderly. The SAZ Support Programmes use profits from the commercial activities along with donations from SHAREAfrica UK, to undertake several charitable activities.
 - **Orphan Support Programme:** We support orphans and vulnerable children by providing the means for them to attend school. We also provide a monthly ration of CSB (breakfast porridge) for them and their families. The project is funded by private donors who sponsor a child and donate a monthly amount for the child's support. The programme is administered by SAZ employees uses a bespoke software to control and account for all donations. The children are visited regularly both at home and at school with visit reports logged in the Orphan Administration System.
 - **Church Support:** Food supplies and practical help is given to churches in poor communities where widows and other vulnerable people need support. We also provide help with building repairs such as roofs and extensions, but we do not build churches, we only provide materials so local congregations can take responsibility for the work. Money donated for church support is clearly identified with appropriate tracking on how the money is spent. We do not own church premises nor do we pay pastors or evangelists.
- **Administration:** Central administration covers all aspects of finance, planning, legal, human resource, and general management for all the above. A cloud-based business system (Palladium) is used for all financial and cost accounting. It covers all aspects of the business and allows authorised access from SHAREAfrica UK to check and trace the disbursement of allocated funds.

How our objectives deliver public benefit

All our objectives are delivered through SAZ activities mentioned above. Our approach involves developing skills and infrastructure that allows people to prosper through productivity. This improves earnings which in turn improves the health and wellbeing of families, extended families, and the community at large.

Productivity and earnings are central to improving livelihoods.

Who used and benefitted from our activities in 2021?

1. **Seed Growing:** 110 Farmers have been trained to grow seed from a variety of parent seed developed at the SAZ farm. The Ministry of Agriculture and the Zambian Agricultural Research Agency provide staff to oversee the growing process. The choice of seed is based on advice from the research agency who breed varieties suitable to the soil and climatic conditions in the area. New higher yielding and disease resistant varieties continue to be tested.
2. **Farmer Support Programme:** 370 farmers were given seed, training, loans and transport. Some were also given oxen to enable them to cultivate more land. In the end of season survey,

it was reported that most farmers had increased their earnings, and all were keen to participate in the programme the following year. Capital investment in equipment and grain storage facilities has improved yields and profit margins. Recognition by local government of the good work done by SAZ has been very positive.

3. **Food Factory:** 14 people have been trained to operate specialised equipment. All factory workers are routinely tested by Ministry of Health inspectors. The food recipes and production processes have been developed by SAZ. A special blend of precooked food has been produced using the World Health Organisations specification which is recommended to treat the undernourished.
4. **The Orphan Programme:** 214 orphans and vulnerable children were supported during the year. The children are selected according to published criteria to ensure that those in greatest need have priority. Although the government now pays for children's education, some children attend private school because there is no suitable alternative in their area. Each child on the programme receives a monthly food ration, and a personal allowance to assist with their education.
5. **Administration and Charitable Activities:**
 - a) Emergency food rations were distributed to people in need.
 - b) Hospital costs were paid for children suffering with a chronic illness
 - c) Designated gifts were delivered to widows and farmers
 - d) Churches were given Bibles, hymnbooks, and materials to assist with new buildings and building repairs.
6. **Direct and indirect beneficiaries**
 - a) In total 33 people are employed by SAZ. Each employee supports on average 6 dependents
 - b) A further 150+ people are hired as casual workers during the harvest season.
 - c) 15 Lead farmers receive commissions for their work in training and overseeing other farmers.
 - d) 480 farmers with an average of 6 dependants are helped improve their food security and increase household incomes.
 - e) 214 orphans received allowances.

Zambian Economy

Covid: The number of infections reported by the Zambian Government are low compared to many countries in Europe, nevertheless the lockdown restrictions have affected many businesses. The SAZ factory was affected by a drop in supermarket sales, but the farming and other charitable activities were unaffected.

Inflation: inflation for the year remained high at around 20%. Food prices increased significantly which has affected the cost of the weekly food basket, especially for the poor. The high inflation has not been matched with an equivalent increase in wages which means people are worse off overall.

Currency: Recently, the value of the Kwacha has improved against the US Dollar and other major currencies which should eventually see a drop in the price of imported goods, however this may not be seen until the middle of next year.

Financial Review

1 Overall Income

Total Income for the year increased by 12% to £464,517 compared with 2019/20 (£415,270)

2 Balances

Overall opening funds were £227,654. Closing funds were £306,801, which includes £107,136 loans recoverable.

3. Funding Sources

Major donors, those giving more than £10,000, represents 40% of total income. Monthly recurring payments from orphan and farmer support amount to less than 20% of total income. The remainder comes from ad-hoc donations. The spread in sources of income is similar to previous years.

4. Grants Given to SAZ

Grants given to SAZ amounted to £377,448 to SAZ. In addition, loans of £107,136 were extended during the year to SAZ.

Grant funding was allocated as follows:-

Farming	£214,122
Orphans	£66,061
General	£53,870
Church	£22,429
Feeding	£18,828
Students	£2,138

Total	£377,448

The farming programmes have the greatest number of beneficiaries. They also contribute most to the overall growth of the sustainability programmes supported by SHAREAfrica, therefore more money has been allocated to farming to build on proven success.

In the SAZ accounts, Admin is spread to the other business units to reflect the true cost of the programmes being supported by SHAREAfrica UK.

Other SAZ Funding

SAZ generates income from their commercial activities and grant funding from other agencies. This is separate from the funding provided by SHAREAfrica UK.

Investment powers

The Charity's investment powers are conferred by the Trustee Act 2000.

Reserves Policy

The agreed target is to maintain cash reserves at between 3 and 6 month's expenditure. At 31st October 2021 reserves amounted to just over 6 months of the year's expenditure.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102). Advantage has been taken of the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 to allow the format of the financial statement to be adapted to reflect the nature of the company's operation.

Plans for Future Periods

The charity plans to continue with and, as funding permits, support SAZ in expanding programmes in 2022. These include:

- Expanding the seed programme by 25% by introducing new varieties and getting more farmers to grow seed.
- Expanding the Outgrowers scheme by 20% by including new farmers from different areas within the Chipata province.
- Building an Office and additional storage sheds in Chipata to support the expanding programmes.
- Grow the factory sales to justify new investments and return a surplus before tax of 25%
- Expand the food programmes to support the growing needs of the poor.

These developments are aimed at increasing the number of beneficiaries while at the same time remaining true to the 'not-for-profit' and 'fair-share' principles of the organisation.

Management Reporting from SAZ

SAZ is responsible for controlling projects in line with approvals given by SA.

Each month SAZ provided reports to SA which include a monthly income and expenditure statement for each business activity including an explanation of any variances are necessary. Activity and status reports covering all aspects of the business are also issued.

SAZ accounts are audited by professional external auditors.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7 October 2002 and registered as a charity on 16 October 2002. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established its objects and powers and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are given a thorough induction into the workings of the charity. Each trustee has a copy of the charity's memorandum and Articles of Association which is explained by the Company Secretary, together with copies of the organisation's financial statements, policies and procedures.

Risk Management

The trustees, who have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error, confirm a risk management strategy has been implemented. Strategic risks are considered and, as appropriate, procedures are established to mitigate those identified. Economic conditions in Zambia and fundamental reliance on good rains for our farmers are major factors which are kept under review.

Bribery

The provisions of the Bribery Act 2010 have been noted by the trustees and a resolution agreed to maintain our long established zero tolerance approach both in the UK and Africa. Our agents in Zambia are aware of and in agreement with this policy. We will monitor implementation of our policy in Zambia by requiring annual confirmation statements.

Fundraising and Safeguards

The charity does not employ or work with professional fund raisers or fundraising bodies. The charity takes its responsibility towards supporters who may be considered to be in vulnerable circumstances very seriously. The trustees respond sensitively and appropriately when they become aware of any individual whom they might consider to be in a vulnerable circumstance. The charity ensures that those individuals and bodies supporting the charity understand how their money will be used to assist the charity deliver its aims and objectives. In future impact statements will be sent out to all donors.

Organisation Structure

The trustees comprise the management of the charity. The trustees are all directors of the company and there are no directors who are not trustees. The trustees come from business, financial and administrative backgrounds appropriate to the activities of the charity. The trustees undertake most of the required administrative duties and no salaries or allowances are paid, other than legitimate expenses.

The charity's activities in Zambia are mainly carried out through a local organisation - SHAREAfrica Zambia (SAZ) – with which the charity has no financial link. When funds are transferred, these are for specific projects, programmes or services and we review to ensure they are used for the purpose they are requested for. Controls are in place to monitor and manage the status and impact of all activities.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice by:

- Selecting suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis of accounting, unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees

The trustees are all directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

In accordance with company law the company's directors certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Mr J Allen has expressed his willingness to continue as the charity company's independent examiner again this year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr J McPhail', with a small dot at the end.

Mr J McPhail (Chairman)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHAREAFRICA

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2021, which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principals of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015)have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr J Allen CA
Chartered Accountant

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
INCOME FROM					
Charitable Activities					
General	2	318,257	146,248	464,505	414,773
Investment income		11	-	11	497
Total		<u>318,268</u>	<u>146,248</u>	<u>464,516</u>	<u>415,270</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General	3	244,089	141,280	385,369	382,014
Total		<u>244,089</u>	<u>141,280</u>	<u>385,369</u>	<u>382,014</u>
NET INCOME		74,179	4,968	79,147	33,256
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		187,559	40,095	227,654	194,398
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	7	<u>261,738</u>	<u>45,063</u>	<u>306,801</u>	<u>227,654</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing operations.

The notes form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	107,262	2,835	110,097	424
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>156,245</u>	<u>42,228</u>	<u>198,473</u>	<u>227,230</u>
		263,507	45,063	308,570	227,654
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year.	6	<u>(1,769)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,769)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets		<u>261,738</u>	<u>45,063</u>	<u>306,801</u>	<u>227,654</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted general fund	7	261,738	-	261,738	187,559
Restricted funds	7	<u>-</u>	<u>45,063</u>	<u>45,063</u>	<u>40,095</u>
		<u>261,738</u>	<u>45,063</u>	<u>306,801</u>	<u>227,654</u>

In the Directors' opinion the company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form an integral part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 29 July 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr J. McPhail (Trustee)

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial reporting standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective from 1st January 2015), Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland the Companies Act 2016. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

Donations and legacies are accounted for when received by the Charity. All other income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributable to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with a charitable objective at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the note in the financial statements.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME				
Donations	308,026	130,064	438,090	392,800
Tangible gifts in kind	-	-	-	18
Gift Aid	10,231	16,184	26,415	21,955
Interest	11		11	497
	<u>318,268</u>	<u>146,248</u>	<u>464,516</u>	<u>415,270</u>

3. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
General Grants				
Grants to Churches	19,216	3,213	22,429	15,514
Farmer Programme	162,025	52,097	214,122	48,226
Orphan Programme	-	66,061	66,061	77,099
Further Education	-	2,138	2,138	2,848
Feeding Programme	1,057	17,771	18,828	-
Special Needs	-	-	-	560
Support costs (see below)	7,921	-	7,921	12,559
	<u>244,089</u>	<u>141,280</u>	<u>385,369</u>	<u>382,014</u>
Support costs:				
Printing, postage and stationery	5,405	-	5,405	7,063
Travel and subsistence	-	-	-	1,978
Bank charges and interest	1,148	-	1,148	890
Accountancy costs	1,368	-	1,368	2,628
	<u>7,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,921</u>	<u>12,559</u>

4. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

There were no employees during either this or the previous year.

5. DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid	126	2,290	2,416	229
SAZ Loan	107,136	-	107,136	-
Paypal	-	545	545	195
	<u>107,262</u>	<u>2,835</u>	<u>110,097</u>	<u>424</u>

6.

CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	1,769	-	1,769	-
	<u>1,769</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,769</u>	<u>-</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.11.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.10.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Reserve	187,559	74,179	261,738
Restricted funds			
Church	-	-	-
Farmers	1,006	1,030	2,036
Orphans	23,297	6,004	29,301
Further/Higher Education	14,844	(2,139)	12,705
Feeding	166	(166)	0
Water	184	-	184
Special Needs	598	239	837
	40,095	4,968	45,063
TOTAL FUNDS	227,654	79,147	306,801

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:-

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Reserve	318,268	244,089	74,179
Restricted funds			
Church	3,213	3,213	-
Farmers	53,127	52,097	1,030
Orphans	72,063	66,061	6,002
Further/Higher Education	-	2,138	(2,138)
Feeding	17,605	17,771	(166)
Water	-	-	-
Special Needs	240	-	240
	146,248	141,280	4,968
TOTAL FUNDS	464,516	385,369	79,147

The General Reserve represents the “free funds” of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

8. TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

	2021	2020
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Nature of expenses:		
Travel	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,978</u>

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the trustees during this year. (Expenses of £1,978 were paid to one trustee in 2020)

9. GENERAL MATTERS

- a. SHAREAfrica is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England. Its registered office is at 43 Green Lane, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 9LP.
- b. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is a functional currency of the company.
- c. The charitable activities undertaken focus on poverty relief in Zambia. The activities in Zambia are undertaken through a local organisation SHAREAfrica Zambia with which the charity has no financial link. Funds by way of aid are transferred to SHAREAfrica Zambia for specific projects and services with controls being in place to monitor and manage the status and impact of the activities funded. Mr J McPhail is a controlling director of SHAREAfrica Zambia and has a casting vote in that company in order to protect the funding provided by the charity. It is the opinion of the trustees that SHAREAfrica Zambia is a related party in view of the management control which can be exercised. Funds advanced to SHAREAfrica Zambia in fulfilment of charitable purposes during the financial year were £377,448 (2020: £364,455). In addition, loans totalling £107,136 were advanced during the financial year.